

Pemiscot County R-3 School District



Re-entry/Reopening Plan

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Dear Bulldog Family,

The Pemiscot County R-3 School District is working toward a safe reopening/re-entry plan for the 2021-2022. We have read and studied many documents and worked closely with local and state health officials, DESE, and other agencies to help develop this plan. The safety of our students and staff is our primary concern. Therefore, we are implementing all recommended practices to the best of our ability, while still focusing on delivering quality instruction.

Mitigation Strategy	R-3 School District Policy
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks are allowed• Required on buses, per CDC order
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with CDC guidelines
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with CDC guidelines<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught and reinforced• Sanitizer and tissue provided
Maintaining Healthy Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with CDC guidelines• Increased cleaning of high-touch areas• Frequent disinfection of classrooms, common areas and buses.
Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact tracing performed by Pemiscot County Health Department
Diagnostic & Screening Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing available at area clinics
Vaccination Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School participated in vaccination events for staff in Spring of 2021
Disabled Children Accommodations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan.

These mitigation strategies will be reviewed in December of 2021 and June of 2022 and will include consultation with stake holders via survey, and revisions will be made as deemed necessary.

Level 1 - Low Community Spread- Under this plan the district will implement protocols for student/staff safety for the following:

Classroom
Bus
Food Service
Recess Visitor
Athletic Events

Level 2 - Moderate Community Spread- Under this plan all district protocols for Level 1 will remain and additional precautions taken. A hybrid model of instruction will be implemented. This type of instruction will involve a blended approach of In-person and virtual instruction.

Level 3 - Severe Community Spread - Should the district be notified by local and state health officials of high community spread and closure is recommended, the district will cease face to face instruction and during this time virtual instruction and/or packets of work will be provided. Teachers will track completion of assignments on a daily basis and provide feedback to students via email or phone.

Level I - Low Community Spread

- **Regular School Calendar** - School will start on August 23rd with in person classes.
- **Wellness checks** - will be taken on every student, staff, and guest who enters the building.
- **Sickness** - If a student is sick, the school nurse will screen the child and check the temperature. If the temp is above the Missouri Department of Health guidance, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free 24 hours without medication before returning to school. When the child returns to school, he/she will check in with the school nurse before returning to the classroom.
- **Special Considerations** -Accommodations may be considered for students that are considered to be severely at risk or have special, extenuating circumstances. Please contact the school if you believe your child requires a modified learning environment.
- **Positive Test Result** - If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the district will follow Missouri Department of Health guidance.
- **Masks** - Not required but will be allowed
- **Classroom Protocols**

- Classroom seating will be structured so that all students are facing the same direction
- Student desks will be spread apart with as much distance as possible
- Assigned seating will be required in classrooms
- Administration/Health Services will provide orientation regarding COVID-19 to students and staff
- Teachers will encourage and allow time for students to practice good hygiene
- Hand sanitizers are placed throughout the hallways and classrooms on all campuses and frequent use will be encouraged.
- All students will report to their homerooms after entering the buildings in the morning.
- Heightened emphasis will be placed on cleaning/sanitizing classrooms. This includes the frequent wiping down of desks, keyboards, fogging of rooms, etc. throughout the day.
- Signage will be placed throughout buildings to emphasize safe practices.
- The following Physical Accommodations will be practiced - social distancing as practical, class transitions minimized, minimal sharing of school supplies, classroom modifications (i.e., desks facing the same
- direction, spacing as much as possible)

- **Bus Protocols**
- Parents will be expected to screen their children prior to the children getting on the bus.
- Parents will be encouraged not to send a child to school who is sick or not feeling well.
- Busses will be sanitized after each route using a fogging machine.
- Social distancing may not be practical and may not be expected on a school bus; however, students will be spaced as far apart as possible.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Siblings will be seated together.
- Bus will be loaded from back to front.
- It is **highly recommended** that students wear masks on the school bus.

- **Food Service Protocol**
- District will serve breakfast in the classrooms.
- Meal service at school may look a bit different. Spacing considerations will be taken into account given the guidelines that are in place. Some students may be physically distanced in the cafeteria.
- Meal times may be adjusted to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing between student groups. Procedures will not allow students to pick up utensils, self-serve, or share food.
- Students will receive their own personal water bottle that will be required to be taken home and sanitized each day. Water fountains will not be available.

- Before the start of the fall semester the district will install contactless water bottle filler stations on each campus.
- Hand sanitizer are installed in the cafeterias
- The number of students in the cafeteria for each lunch shift will be reduced when possible
- Cafeteria will be sanitized between elementary and middle school lunch periods.

- **Recess Protocol**

- Elementary students will have outdoor playtime with restrictions. Our goal is for students to have positive social interactions in a safe environment. Therefore, the amount of recess time and the number of students allowed on the playground may be modified.
- Students wash/sanitize hands upon reentry to the building after recess.

- **Visitor Protocol**

- Parents should handle all communication by email, or by phone in order to reduce the number of people entering the building.
- Visitors will not be allowed into the building unless the office has been notified and arrangements have been made.
- **Elementary** - If a student is checking out, parents may call the office and the student will be escorted to the car.
- **Middle School** - If a student is checking out, parents may call the office and the student will be dismissed to the car.
- Parents that are dropping off items (books, lunches, chromebook, etc.) must park in designated parking spots in the front drive of the school, stay in their vehicles, and contact the office by phone. Someone will then come outside and get the items from the parent.

- **Athletic Events and Extra Curricular Activities**

- All Coaches will receive an orientation outlining preventive measures required by MSHSAA that will be implemented for practices and events, i.e., sanitizing equipment, social distancing etc.
- MSHSAA schools will have contests for the Fall if in person classes are held by schools. Play for all Fall sports will begin with the first allowable practice on August 10, 2020.
- Additional information regarding athletic events will be released at a later date.

- **Instruction Protocol**
- On the first day of in-person school, students will be assigned their own device (chrome book, ipad) for their personal use only.
- Devices will only be sent home should school be closed and we move to level II.
- For students who are sick/quarantined during level I, teachers will provide learning packets of materials taught in-person/video lessons via flash/google drive.
- Teachers will be available during their prep periods for one-on-one communication with sick/quarantined students (google meet, e-mail, phone, facetime).

Level II - Moderate Community Spread

- **Regular School Calendar** - School calendar days will remain the same but the method of instruction will change to a hybrid plan (see below for details).
- **Wellness checks** - temperature will be taken on every student, staff, guest who enters the building.
- **Sickness** - If a student is sick, the school nurse will screen the child and recheck the temperature. If the temp is above the Missouri Department of Health guidance, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free 24 hours without medication before returning to school. When the child returns to school, he/she will check in with the school nurse before returning to the classroom.
- **Special Considerations** -Accommodations may be considered for students that are considered to be severely at risk or have special, extenuating circumstances. Please contact the school if you believe your child requires a modified learning environment.
- **Positive Tests** - If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the district will follow Missouri Department of Health guidance.
- **Masks** - Strongly recommend masks for all staff and grades 6-8.

Hybrid Plan

- **Blended Instruction-** Will go to a School Color Day Calendar.
- When on this calendar, half of students will be in person Monday, Wednesday with virtual instruction on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. The other half of students will be in person on Tuesday, Thursday and virtual instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- **School Color Day (Red and White)**
- District will go to an alternating, “Red and White” day calendar
- Teachers will deliver a blended instructional program, with students receiving face-to-face instruction, alternating with virtual instruction.
- Students will take Chromebooks home and teachers will assign curriculum related lessons via Google Classroom or they will receive take home packets.
- Teachers will track completion of assignments on a daily basis and provide timely feedback to the student.
- Online assignments will be required and graded.
- Internet hotspots will be provided throughout the community to maximize internet availability to all students.
- **Classroom Protocols**
- Level 1 protocols will stay in place with possible enhancements made when needed.
- Classrooms will be at half capacity and social distancing will be maximized. The goal will be to maintain a 3 to 6 feet separation.
- Whenever possible, students will be assigned to cohorts and exposure between cohort groups will be limited within the building.
- Staff will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask throughout the work day. Masks will be strongly encouraged for 6th through 8th grades and for those students who are considered to be at high risk.
- **Bus Protocol**
- Level 1 protocols will still be in place.
- Buses will be at half capacity and social distancing maximized.
- Encouraging the use of face masks during transport.
- Families that are able will be asked to transport their students to and from school or arrange for carpools, when possible, to reduce the number of students riding buses in the upcoming school year.

- **Food Service Protocol**
- Level 1 protocols will still be in place.
- Keep students in cohorts during meal times and, when possible, have students eat in their classrooms rather than moving through the school building.
- Schools may consider bringing meals directly to classrooms but should make efforts to ensure nutritional value and appealing menu choices are not sacrificed.
- For older students, multiple separate lunch periods may be created and alternate locations, such as an outdoor environment or large indoor spaces (e.g. gymnasium), may be used for lunches with proper supervision.

- **Recess Protocol**
- Multiple cohorts may have recess at the same time, as long as they are playing in separate areas of the playground.
- If possible, individual equipment used during recess and physical education (e.g. balls, jump ropes) will be separated by cohort to reduce the need for disinfecting between uses. If this is not possible, individual equipment will be cleaned between uses.
- Students will be required to practice proper hand hygiene before and after recess and physical education.

- **Visitor Protocol**
- Level 1 protocols will still be in place.

- **Athletic Events and Extra Curricular Activities** - Level 1 protocols will still be in place.

Level III - Severe Community Spread

- Should the district be notified by local and state health officials of high community spread and closure is recommended, the district will cease face to face instruction and during this time virtual instruction and/or packets of work will be provided.
- Teachers will track completion of assignments on a daily basis and provide feedback to students via email or phone.
- Teachers will provide instruction and be available for feedback during normal school hours.