



Camdenton R-III School District

Everyone Learning Every Day

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy. A few weeks ago, a survey link was sent to parents to get their input regarding school reopening. Overwhelmingly, parents stated that they want their children to come back to school for in-person learning. Currently, the State of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have stated that re-entry for schools is a local decision. Camdenton R-III will begin school as scheduled on August 24, 2020. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and our schools will adjust accordingly. We will rely on the guidance and direction of our local health authorities to make adjustments if necessary. At this time we feel school reopening is safe and it is highly requested by most of our parents. Please find below steps we are taking to make our re-entry as safe as possible while we are also attempting to open as we should in order to appropriately serve our children.

Health Care

Students and staff should stay home if sick and daily monitor themselves for common symptoms including:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fever <i>(Over 100 degrees without fever reducing medication.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Taste
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Upset Stomach

Parents are asked to screen children every morning before school for symptoms of illness. Staff members will also screen themselves for symptoms. Additional precautions during school are as follows:

- Nurses will provide instruction to staff and students regarding health precautions, proper hand washing techniques, and other health/safety reminders.
- Nurses on duty will determine if parents need to be contacted due to student illness.
- If a nurse determines a student is ill and needs to go home, the student will be asked to put on a mask. Parents will be contacted. The student will remain at school until the parent picks up the student. The school district will not provide transportation home for an ill student in order to safeguard students who are utilizing district transportation.
- The student will not be allowed to return to school until the student is fever free for three days without fever reducing medication.
- Nurses on duty will wear a mask and protective eyewear at all times when assisting an ill student.

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- Sanitizing supplies will be available in the nurse’s office and used following each student visit.
- Deep sanitization of the nurse’s office will be completed daily.
- If at any time the school district is notified that a student or employee has tested positive for COVID-19, the district will consult with local public health officials to determine what steps, including the possibility of closing school, should be taken.
- If notified by the county health department or your medical provider that your student should be quarantined please notify your student’s school as soon as possible.

Transportation

If possible, please transport your student(s) to and from school. While this is not possible for all, if you can, it will assist the district in trying to provide appropriate distancing on the district’s buses.

Buses will be provided with the following precautions taken:

- Children from the same household will be asked to sit together; otherwise, one student per seat when possible.
- Buses will be sanitized after every route is completed, morning and afternoon.
- Masks for drivers and students are strongly encouraged when social distancing is not possible.
- While precautions for safety will be implemented, social distancing is not guaranteed.
- Food and drinks should not be consumed while on the bus. The district will continue to provide breakfast at each school.

Supplies

- Students and staff are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home daily. Water fountains will be turned off.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own supplies in a Ziploc bag labeled with their name. No sharing of supplies will be permitted.
- Students are encouraged to bring a mask for situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Drop Off/Pick Up

- In order to protect the health of students and staff, parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter buildings with their students.
- When dropping off students after school has started, parents/guardians should contact the building to notify the office that the student has arrived. A school employee will meet the student at the main entrance.
- When arriving at school prior to dismissal, the parent/guardian should call the building to notify staff that he/she is there. After verifying the identity of the adult through proper documentation, the student will be escorted outside to the waiting parent/guardian.

While in School

Social distancing is not guaranteed during school. Additional precautions in place include:

- Social distancing will be considered when scheduling and assigning classrooms.
- Students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.
- Staff members are expected to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.
- While in the classroom, every attempt will be made to ensure that all students will face the same direction.
- Meal distribution will be designed to assist in practicing social distancing where possible.
- Efforts to reduce congestion in hallways, cafeterias, etc. will be implemented where possible.
- Dismissal times will be adjusted to avoid congestion.
- Playground activities will be closely monitored and social distancing encouraged.
- Classrooms and foyers will be sanitized frequently.

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A letter dated July 27th, 2020, was sent to our families outlining various instructional options for your child. Those options include seated learning, distance learning, and virtual learning. At this time we are asking parents to indicate the type of learning they wish their child to participate in during the fall semester. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. We are asking families to complete the survey by August 7th.

Finally, you will also find attached to your email a document that will provide guidance for the district and our community depending on the level of COVID-19 spread in our community.

Sincerely,



Tim Hadfield, Superintendent

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