

Cole R-V School District 2020-2021 District Reopening Plans

The Cole R-V School District has developed three alternate methods of instruction (AMI) plans based on health and safety restrictions. Each plan outlines for staff, parents, and community stakeholders. With guidance from the Cole County Health Department, the Cole R-V School District may move between, or adjust any of these plans as needed for the safety of our staff and students.

The 2020-2021 school year will start as scheduled on August 24, 2020 with PLAN A

NORMAL SCHOOL	All classes will take place in school buildings. Staff and students will maintain normal routines and school/safety/security procedures. Parents, visitors and guests will follow all normal school security protocols.	
PLAN A Seated Instruction, with modifications	All classes will take place in school buildings. Extra cleaning and safety protocols for staff and students will be followed. There will be no parents, visitors, and volunteers allowed in the building.	
PLAN B Seated instruction / remote learning hybrid	 Students will attend limited classes in seat, with subsequent classes taking place remotely, utilizing online options and/or paper packets. All students are home with remote learning on Mondays PreK - Grade 2 and special education students will attend all four days, Tuesday through Friday, due to the smaller class sizes which will allow for social distancing. Half of students in Grades 3-12 will attend Tuesdays and Thursdays The other half of students in Grades 3-12 will attend Wednesdays and Fridays Information will be sent to families regarding which days their children will attend. 	
PLAN C Remote learning from home	 Students will receive a combination of instructional methods, based on electronic access. This includes utilizing paper packets and online tools such as Google Classroom. Teachers will use email, Zoom, Class Dojo and Remind to communicate with students and families. All buildings will be closed to students. Each teacher will communicate their exact method of instruction to the parents. 	

Cole County's Guidance for K-12 Schools



Cole R-V School District has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness and safety of all students and staff as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

Information listed on the subsequent pages outlines general guidelines and expectations as recommended by the Cole County Health Department and CDC..

Decisions will be made in coordination with local and state guidelines. Information may change continuously based on safety.

Contingency Plans for Parents, Students & Staff

We cannot predict all possible scenarios, but please be thinking ahead. All parents, students and staff should make plans for ANY type of school closing or prolonged absence. Any of the following could occur:

- Closing a specific building
- Closing the entire district
- Specific classes or groups of students may be kept from school
- Symptom free or otherwise healthy students/staff may be required to stay home if they are considered a close contact through contact tracing
- Canceling specific class/grades due to lack of substitute teachers or other staff

Keeping Your Child & Family Safe at Home

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Screening

Children should be visually inspected by parents/guardians for signs and symptoms of illness **BEFORE loading on a school bus or coming to school, including a temperature check**. Here is a checklist that includes the symptoms of COVID-19.

- □ Fever over 100.0
- Chills
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches

- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 day

If your child develops any of the above symptoms *with a fever* while they are at school, the student, plus any immediate family members, will be sent home for:

- 72 hours with no fever, OR
- a doctor's note clearing the child to return, OR
- a negative COVID-19 test is obtained

If your child has any of the following potential exposures in addition to the symptoms listed above, please consider visiting your healthcare provider for possible testing.

- □ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person *confirmed* COVID-19; or
- □ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person *under quarantine* for possible exposure to COVID-19; OR
- Traveled to or lived in an area where local, tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-12 cases; OR
- Live in an area of high community transmission while school remains open.

When a Child or Staff Member Becomes Sick at School

- The school nurse will use *Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions* when caring for sick people.
- Parents should establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick home or to a healthcare facility.
- If a student is sent home with symptoms listed above, all members of the immediate family will go home as well.
- The nurse will notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of a positive case while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 case, affected school buildings will be closed for the remainder of the day to allow the local public health department to perform contact tracing. Students and staff not identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case will return to school after contact tracing is completed by the local public health department.
- The school will close off areas used by a sick person for cleaning and disinfection before subsequent use.
- The school will advise positive COVID-19 staff members and children not to return until they have been released by their local public health department.
- The school will inform staff, students, and families that they will be contacted by their local public health department if they are identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case. The local public health department will educate on monitoring for symptoms, isolating at home, and protocols for returning to school.

Guidance for Returning to School

Upon a student or staff member's return to school, Cole R-V personnel will ask additional screening & entry questions regarding symptoms to confirm whether COVID-19 is a factor. Perfect attendance will not be incentivized, as our preference is for anyone who is sick to stay home. Learning opportunities will be provided for all students who stay home due to illness, upon parent request.

Untested, with no doctor's visit

Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms <u>may return when</u>:

- No fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of fever reducing medicine such as Tylenol, acetaminophen, Motrin, ibuprofen, etc.)
- Other symptoms have improved, such as cough or shortness of breath, etc.

Untested, with confirmed doctor's diagnosis other than COVID-19

Persons who have not received a COVID-19 test, but who are under the care of a doctor who has confirmed an illness other than COVID-19, such as strep throat, influenza, sinus infection, etc. <u>may return if all the following conditions are met:</u>

- No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine such as Tylenol, acetaminophen, Motrin, ibuprofen, etc.
- Other symptoms have improved, such as cough or shortness of breath have improved, etc.
- A doctor's note is provided to the appropriate office as documentation of the diagnosis.

Tested Positive - Symptomatic

Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 <u>may return to school if ALL the</u> <u>following conditions are met</u>:

- At least 14 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or the individual has received two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.
- No longer has a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved).

Tested Positive - Asymptomatic

Persons who have not had symptoms, but test positive for COVID-19, may return when they have gone 14 calendar days past their test date without symptoms and have been released by a healthcare provider. Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student's health care provider.

Preventative Measures Taken by the District

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and face coverings
- Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas
- Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread, COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use
- Allow students and staff to bring hand sanitizer and face masks/coverings to use from home
- Allow staff to wear face masks/covering as desired
- Take steps to ensure all water systems and features are safe. Drinking fountains will be turned off, but refillable water bottle stations can be used to fill clean containers brought from home. Bottles must be taken home for cleaning daily.

🕷 Social Distancing

- Parents who can transport their students to/from school are encouraged to do so to help minimize the number of students riding the bus and allow for minimized contact. Please see attached map for pickup and drop off locations.
- Desks in classrooms will be spaced as far apart as possible.

- Seating charts will be required in classrooms and on the bus to limit exposure and allow for contact tracing.
- Social distancing will be strongly encouraged during transition time, in hallways, bathrooms, etc.
- Non-essential school gatherings such as assemblies, rallies, school parties, dances, etc. will not be held unless social distance can be maintained, and will be based on local health department guidelines.

🕷 Face Masks

- If you can maintain safe social distancing, a face mask is not necessary, but students and staff can choose to wear them if they wish, and are encouraged to do so.
- If students in grades 7-12 cannot maintain social distancing, wearing a mask is recommended.
- We understand that not all staff and students will be able to wear masks for long periods of time.
- Existing student and staff dress codes will apply to face coverings that are worn.
- It is possible Cole R-V will consider implementing stricter requirements related to face coverings.

Community Use of Cole R-V Facilities

Facility usage of any Cole R-V facilities is suspended at this time, until further notice. This includes:

- Cafeteria
- Gymnasiums
- Ballfields
- Meetings held by any external organizations, such as PTO, Booster Clubs, etc.

The track facility is available for public use: Monday-Friday, after 6:00pm until dusk, and weekends: daylight to dusk. *Please DO NOT use the track during the school day, as we will be utilizing it for social distancing activities.*

If you have questions about any of the information listed, please contact the appropriate school office:

Central Office:	(573) 498-4007 or (573) 498-4099
Junior High/High School:	(573) 498-4001
Elementary:	(573) 498-4002
Special Education:	(573) 498-4004
Health Services:	(573) 498-4006
Technology:	(573) 498-4005

#Helpful Resources

- Missouri's COVID-19 Hotline: Call: 877-435-8411
- Crisis Contacts
 - → Call Missouri Department of Mental Health Disaster Distress Helpline: 800-985-5990
 - → Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746

This document serves as a summary of the three Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) plans approved by the Cole R-V School District Board of Education on July 21, 2020.

HEALTH SERVICES

PLAN A

- Screening for symptoms will be continuous by all staff members.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to screen children at home using the checklist on page 2.
- Staff working with medically fragile students may be required to wear a mask
- Require staff self-screening every day
- Each classroom will have additional hand sanitizer and disinfecting equipment.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed strategically throughout the building.
- Conducting cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
- Install social distancing spots in hallways, to assist students in staying separated to the extent practicable.

PLAN B

• Same as plan A

PLAN C

Nurses/counselors are available online and by phone during school hours for support and guidance.

TRANSPORTATION

PLAN A

Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:

- ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DISCIPLINE ISSUES ON BUS.
- Students must ride one consistent bus for AM, and one consistent bus for PM. The AM/PM buses can be different.
- Student guests will not be allowed on the bus.
- Utilize spaced and family seating (to the extent practicable)
- Providing hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers.
- Strongly encouraging bus drivers and students to wear face masks/coverings while the route is in progress.
- Eliminating field trips and other non-essential travel.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces on the bus at least daily.

PLAN B

• Same as Plan A

PLAN C

Transportation will not be needed during Plan C.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSALS

PLAN A

- PreK-12 students will report to homerooms upon arrival, with physical distancing.
- Congregation of students in parking lots and common areas will be eliminated (gym, cafeteria, etc.)
- Students will use wash in/wash out procedures protocols when possible
- No one other than students and staff will be allowed to enter the building.
- Common areas will be restricted when possible.

PLAN B

• Same as Plan A

PLAN C

Students will not be on campus during Plan C.

FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

PLAN A

- Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
- Allow vulnerable students and staff to wear face masks/coverings as appropriate
- Allow an early transition for vulnerable students to go to classes
- Limit large group gatherings/ interactions for vulnerable students and staff

PLAN B

 Provide remote/distance learning opportunities for vulnerable student populations in consultation with parents and public health officials.

PLAN C

Vulnerable students and staff will employ remote learning strategies and will not be in the building.

BREAKFAST

PLAN A

- Preschool breakfast will be served and eaten in the cafeteria as usual, with social distancing.
- K-6 Breakfast available for pickup up arrival at stations throughout the building and taken to the classroom to eat.
- 7-12 Breakfast served and eaten in the HS cafeteria with social distancing.
- 7-12 2nd Chance Breakfast
 will be served in the HS cafeteria with social distancing..

PLAN B

• Same as Plan A

PLAN C

No breakfast will be served.

LUNCH

PLAN A

Preschool - lunch will be served and eaten in the cafeteria as usual, with social distancing.

K-5 - lunch will be picked up in the elementary cafeteria, and taken back to the classroom to eat.

6th Grade - will be picked up in the HS cafeteria, and taken back to the classroom to eat.

7-12 - lunch will be served and eaten in the cafeteria as usual, with social distancing.

Microwaves will be available in each cafeteria, and disinfected between users.

PLAN B

Same protocol as Plan A, but served only to students in the building for in-person learning. No lunches delivered for students at home on remote learning days.

Families may sign up for lunch delivery by bus. Delivery details will be released later.

TRANSITIONS

PLAN A

- Upon arrival at the school building, go directly to the classroom
- Encourage masks for staff and students to wear during transitions.
- Limit mixing between groups (to the extent practicable).
- Have the same group of students stay with the same staff (all day for young children and as much as feasible for older children).

PLAN B

Same as Plan A

PLAN C

Students will not be on campus during Plan C

ATHLETICS/CLUBS

PLAN A

Follow Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) guidelines for sporting events and practices.

This includes:

- Mandatory for athletes and staff to wear face masks/coverings when not actively practicing or competing.
- Temperature checks before practices, home games or loading bus for away contests.
- Strongly encourage spectators to socially distance and mandatory wearing of masks.
- Potentially limiting spectators, per Cole County Health Department and CDC guidelines.

PLAN B

In the event of blended learning, participation in athletics/clubs will be contingent on recommendations of the Cole County Health Department and CDD guidelines.

PLAN C

If school buildings are closed, all school activities will be cancelled or rescheduled.

VISITORS

PLAN A

 Visitors will be allowed in the building during emergencies or by appointment only.

• Deliveries will be left outside, and retrieved by staff.

PLAN B

• Same as Plan A

PLAN C

- Buildings will be closed.
- No visitors
- No deliveries.