

Harrisburg R-VIII 2020-2021 Re-entry Plan

As we approach the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, we have developed an alternative plan that we will use in the event that we are not able to begin school under regular circumstances. This plan intends to encourage good hygiene practices, quality education, and keeping our kids academically challenged. This plan is subject to change in order to best meet the needs of our students, staff, and community.

Harrisburg School District will make reasonable best efforts to minimize risk; *however, attending our schools in-person will introduce a greater risk for exposure.*

In the case of high-risk health factors, please contact the building level principal to inquire about alternative learning opportunities.

Plan Introduction:

This plan will outline three pathways for instruction during the 2020-2021 school year based on the level of risk present in our community and school district:

Low/No Spread: No confirmed cases with students or staff within the district.

Minimal/Moderate Spread: At least one staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19.

Substantial Spread: In-person attendance rate is below 80%. Multiple confirmed cases among students and staff within the district.

Harrisburg's Pathway due to Level of Exposure

Low/No Spread	Minimal/Moderate Spread	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Traditional School● In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In-person<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some buildings, classrooms, and areas closed. Some classes taught as distance learning due to COVID exposure○ The district-wide, in-person attendance rate is below 80%. The school district is preparing for possible closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All buildings closed● All classes taught via distance learning platforms due to COVID-19 exposure

The following plan will be implemented if we are in a Low/No Spread or a Minimum/Moderate exposure level.

Preventative Measures	<p>Wash Your Hands and Practice Good Health Etiquette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● While every building will have additional hand sanitizer stations and every classroom will have hand sanitizers, there will be an expectation of students following these healthy practices:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clean your hands (consider regular “hand washing” breaks) and disinfect frequently touched items○ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth○ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; or use the inside of your elbow, not your hands○ Clean your hands (wash them or use hand sanitizer) after coughing, sneezing, eating/handling food or touching things in “common” areas in your building (kitchen, mailroom, copier, lobby, etc.)○ Wipes and/or cleaning solutions will be provided in every classroom● Post signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19 (including staying at home when sick)● Students will be screened for temperature upon entry of the building<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Upon entry to the building, temperature screenings will be completed. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be placed in a holding area so parents can be contacted to make arrangements for pick-up○ Students and staff will need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school (without the use of fever reducing medications)● Clean and disinfect school buildings, classrooms and especially water and sanitation facilities at least once a day, particularly surfaces that are touched by many people (railings, lunch tables, sports equipment, door and window handles, toys, teaching and learning aids etc.)
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- Custodial staff will disinfect and clean high touch areas within the classrooms when teachers and students are not present throughout the day
- Teachers will be provided with cleaning and disinfecting materials to clean and disinfect high touch areas within the classroom
- Students will be required to bring their own materials (pencils, notebooks, paper, crayons, markers, etc). Shared items will not be allowed
- Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottle. Students will be able refill their bottle at refilling stations with the help of an adult
- All classrooms will modify their layout to ensure appropriate social distancing:
 - Desks 6 feet apart (3 feet when 6' is not attainable)
 - Students facing the same direction
 - Seating Charts
- We will limit the mixing of classroom cohorts:
 - All students will report to a classroom upon arrival at school
 - Elementary teachers will rotate from classroom to classroom. Students will stay in the same room
 - Elementary Art, Music, Library, and Keyboarding will be taught in the homeroom
 - Secondary Band & Choir
 - All Band and Choir classes will continue with enrolled students and practice social distancing
 - Students will use their own equipment and will not share. When this is not possible appropriate cleaning and sanitizing will take place
 - Students will not play recorders in school until the results of the COVID-19 aerosol study is complete
 - Students will not share music sheets and music stands
 - Physical Education/Recess
 - Classes will engage in outdoor activities as much as possible

- Social distancing will be managed as much as possible
- Students will be provided with their own equipment for class, when possible, and equipment will be regularly disinfected
- Handwashing before and after physical activity will be expected
- Activities will be used which limit close contact with others
- Secondary Art
 - All art classes will continue with enrolled students
 - We will utilize all available digital tools and classroom resources to maximize student learning
 - Students will use their own equipment to avoid sharing. When this is not possible items will be disinfected in between each use
 - Teachers will demonstrate proper hand washing and cleaning of tools, equipment, and media so that students can properly clean shared items when appropriate. Students will follow teacher demonstration and expectations
- Library Media Services
 - Limited access to Harrisburg School District media centers will be available for individual and small groups of students. Social distancing rules will be followed
 - Safety measures will be enacted to clean and sanitize circulated materials
 - Returned materials will be cleaned, sanitized and set for 72 hours before returning to the shelf
 - All students will sanitize before entering the library
 - Small groups, stable, groups will be allowed
- Bulldog Food Services
 - Elementary lunch and breakfast will be served in the classroom
 - Secondary students will eat “grab and go” breakfast
 - Secondary lunch will be eaten in multiple rotating shifts

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only staff-served food will be available. No buffet ● Microwaves will not be available for use ○ Restrooms and Hallways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elementary will have scheduled restroom times that will limit the number of students allowed in at a time ■ Secondary will limit the amount of students in the restroom at a time ■ Restrooms at each building will be disinfected throughout the day ○ Visitors and Guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The district will not allow visitors inside the building at this time. There is a video intercom system at each building for pickup and dropoff purposes. ■ All communication will be handled through phone, email, Zoom, or other communication platforms. ● Large gatherings such as assemblies and field trips will not take place at this time
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>While bus-transportation is available, families will need to request service for the year so that we can plan effectively for ridership. Before boarding, the bus drivers will communicate to parents and students information on new processes. They will instruct parents to not allow students to attend a school or take the bus if sick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus drivers will watch for continued coughing and may request a student sit in a designated area on the bus and wear a mask. If a child refuses to wear a mask, the driver will not force the child to wear a mask, but will socially distance the child from others. Bus drivers will immediately alert the school administration upon arrival ● Bus drivers will sanitize the rail frequently with an EPA approved disinfectant ● Bus drivers will sanitize seats between use with an EPA approved disinfectant ● Bus drivers will not work if they are sick ● Bus drivers will be required to wear masks ● Bus driver will assign seats for all riders with back to front loading

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each bus's list of assigned seating will be maintained so it can be provided to the Health Department for contact tracing, if needed ● If applicable, students within the same household will be assigned seats together or in seats across from, in front of, or behind each other <p>Unloading: Avoid congestion as the students unload buses. Stagger when buses unload to the extent possible, or if possible, create multiple points of entry for buses</p>
Custodial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harrisburg School District will maintain adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and tissues throughout each school. Blakemore Cleaning will ensure the maintenance of stock ● Harrisburg School District will clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, water fountains, and doorknobs) with district-supplied cleaning and disinfectant products. Computer safe disinfectant methods will be used for computers and keyboards
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular updates to the Board of Education, community members, and parents/guardians will be provided, as determined by the Superintendent and the administration team ● Here is a list of resources teachers and families may use to learn about Harrisburg School District updates and school closures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>School Messenger</i> ● School Facebook page ● School website
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school nurse regularly keeps a log of health room visits. The name and phone/number/address of all persons seen with fever and new cough will be recorded. Due to student privacy, these records are not public, however, information may be shared with the Boone County Health Department, as appropriate ● The Boone County Health Department will provide guidance on students and staff who have had contact with people who are suspected COVID-19 positive

In the event of a Suspected Case of COVID-19

In the event of a suspected case of COVID-19, the following protocols will be followed:

SCENARIO

- An employee or student doesn't feel well and visits the school nurse
- The nurse determines symptoms may be COVID related

EMPLOYEE

- The employee will be temporarily separated from others and required to wear a mask
- The employee will contact their primary healthcare provider and the provider will arrange for testing. If it is determined testing is necessary, employee will quarantine until they receive the results
- If the employee tests positive for COVID, the provider that ordered the test will call the employee with the positive result
- The Health Department will also contact the employee and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing). If the employee resides in a county other than Boone, then that county's Health Department will contact the employee
- The Health Department will ask the employee about all close contacts the employee had from the 48 hours prior to symptoms up to and including the day the employee began isolation measures
- They will direct the individual and any other person at possible risk of being infected with what to do

STUDENT

- The student will be temporarily separated from others and required to wear a mask
- The school nurse will contact the parent. When the parent arrives, the nurse will encourage the parent to have the child tested. The nurse will offer to assist the parent with making phone calls to the healthcare provider. The student will be quarantined until they receive test results.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The healthcare provider will arrange for the student to be tested. If the student tests positive for COVID, the healthcare provider will contact the parent ● The Health Department will then contact the parent and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing) ● The parent will be asked about any close contacts the student may have had from the 48 hours prior to symptoms up to and including the day the employee began isolation measures ● They will direct the parent on what the student and any other person at possible risk of being infected with what to do <p>1. If the employee has been told to self-isolate, they should contact his/her/their direct supervisor/principal. If the student has been told to self-isolate, the family will be requested to call the school. The school will check to see if there are siblings or other family members in the Harrisburg School District</p> <p>2. Superintendent will consider initiating the following Harrisburg School District Positive COVID-19 Protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superintendent will consider closing the building for 24-48 hours ● Superintendent will contact the Health Department for additional guidance ● Official communication to the Board of Education, faculty, staff, and families will come from the Central Office ● The building principal will follow up with the staff member or family of the student
<p>Extracurricular Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large gatherings will be limited. This may result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited attendance and/or guidelines at sporting or other events ○ Concerts and performances in small groups ○ Cancellation or modification of school dances or parties
<p>Special Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All special education students will be provided instruction relative to their IEP goals ● A child’s case manager will work with families to ensure a child’s IEP is being met

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students' services will be provided during the students' special education classes, in a pull-out and/or in a push-in model to ensure the student's IEP goals are being addressed● If the Harrisburg School District has to close a school or the district due to health concerns, students will continue to receive their services from their special education teacher
Teachers Lounge/Common Gathering Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In common areas such as the teachers lounge, copy machines, work rooms, etc. teachers will practice social distancing● Sanitize equipment in between each use● Wear a mask when within 6 feet or less