

Maries R-1 Back-to-School Plan Overview

It is the belief of this district that our students learn best when in our classrooms with our amazing teachers. We believe that with safety precautions our students will be best served with on campus instruction. We will continue to monitor our community's health status and changes may need to be made on our school plan based on recommendations from the Health Department as the school year progresses.

We will return to school as scheduled on August 24.

- Existing state/school immunization requirements should be maintained and NOT differed due to the current pandemic. Flu vaccines are highly recommended for students and staff for the 2020-21 school year.
- Buses will run as normal, but students will be seated in assigned seats on the bus. Buses will be sanitized after each route to include seats and handrails.
- School will run as normal with additional sanitizing precautions such as: frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizers, using social distancing procedures when possible, frequent cleaning in the classrooms and heavy traffic/usage areas (desks, bathrooms, handrails).
- The use of water fountains will be discouraged. We would like students to bring a water bottle with them daily.
- Masks are not required to be worn at all times throughout the day. We do ask that all students (grades 6-12) have a mask at school in case the school health situation changes and masks are required. Teachers will wear masks at their discretion.
- All persons entering the school buildings will have temperature checks. Temperature checks will be done upon arrival and those with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be required to go to the nurse's office so an additional health assessment can be done.



We will need your HELP:

1. Please monitor your child's health each day before sending them to school. If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them at home.
2. If your child has a temperature (above 100 degrees), you will be required to keep your child home for 3 days after the temperature is normal with no medication.
3. If your child has a "new" shortness of breath, loss of sense smell/taste and cough, you will be required to keep them home and are encouraged to contact your health care provider.
4. Now more than ever, it will be very important that parents contact the school any time your child is absent from school.

We will do everything within our means to keep all students and staff safe while at school. You will receive more detailed information prior to school starting. If you are not sending your child back to in-seat classes, please contact your building principal about virtual options for your child.

Mr. Mark Parker, Superintendent

Thanks
for your
help!