

Morgan County R-1 School District

Re-opening Game Plan

Commentary regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols

- The Morgan County R-1 School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines, to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- Caregivers with questions or concerns are asked to call the Morgan County R-1 School District at 573-377-2217 to discuss and address those concerns.
- The Morgan County R-1 School District will operate under three categories. They are:
 - Category 1**- Little to No **School Spread or Community Factors**
 - Category 2**- Moderate **School Transmission or Community Factors**
 - Category 3**- Widespread **School Transmission or Community Factors**

(The category that MCR-1 operates under will be determined by Morgan County Health Center)

General information for students and faculty/staff (Category 1)

- Students have the option of wearing protective masks(As of July 30) This is subject to change! **Staff are requested to wear masks when they are not social distanced.**
 - If a student or faculty/staff member is unable to obtain masks, the district will provide masks. Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.
 - Student requests for masks are subject to approval from parents/guardians.
 - Availability of district-provided masks is subject to the district's ability to procure masks (shortages of masks may limit availability).
 - Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition.
 - Students may not share masks.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the school.
- Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling capabilities.
 - Students should bring personal water bottles from home. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.
- Daily sanitizing and disinfecting will be a priority at all district facilities.
- Attendance incentives for students will cease. Staff and/or students who are sick need to stay home.

Understanding and recognizing COVID-19

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but will not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council. The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Headache
 - Sore throat

- Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

General health information for students and faculty/staff

- Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Anyone with symptoms of illness should stay home.
- Students or staff at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the nurse. If evaluation by the nurse suggests potential for COVID-19 infection, the student will be masked (if the student does not have one) until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- A student or staff member sent home or excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school with a note from a doctor or hospital.

Confirmed Case in School

Please understand that guidelines may change over time. At the time of this publication, the guidelines are as follows:

- Initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school. This allows the local health officials to help the school determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.
- Local health officials' recommendations for the scope and duration of school dismissals will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- **During Covid19 school dismissals, all extracurricular group activities, school-based afterschool programs, and large events WILL NOT be held without at the permission of the Superintendent and the Morgan County Health Center.**
- During school dismissals, school facilities will be closed for disinfecting
- Other scenarios regarding student health will be handled according to guidance from and consultation with the Morgan County Health Center.

Nurse or those assisting: will be required to wear KN-95 respirators. Additionally, protective eyewear will be provided to nurses. The health staff will regularly keep 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 Morgan County Health Center, as appropriate.

PPE Strategies

- **Normal and Category 1- Student Optional Masks. Staff Requested to wear mask**
- **Category 2 & 3-** Masks required for students 5-12 and teachers in hallway during class transitions
 - Wear mask when working in groups and when physical distancing is not possible
- Any person exhibiting mild symptoms must wear a mask until leaving campus
- Establish and maintain hand hygiene stations at key locations in the building.
- Students and staff use hand washing and sanitation stations located around the building.
- Use of sneeze guards at appropriate locations.
- Have a plan for when a student, staff member, or visitor becomes sick.
- Identify an isolation/screening room in the school.

Classroom

- Staff and students trained in the areas of physical distancing, hand washing, respiratory etiquette and mask use to mitigate exposure.
- Sanitize desks, keyboards, and screens
 - Schedule desk sanitation during school day at appropriate transitions.
 - Custodial staff routinely clean highly touched surfaces in evenings.
- Desks- arrange to account for physical distancing as best as possible
- Integrate good hygiene practices into instruction and classroom expectations
- Limit the use of shared materials and spaces
 - Keep student belongings separate.
 - Avoid sharing supplies.
 - Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids.
- Avoid outside food in the classroom.
- Students and staff use personal water bottles and water bottle filling stations vs. hallway/classroom drinking fountains.

Office Strategies And Other Non-Instructional Spaces

- Maintain 6 ft. distance when possible
- Sanitize surface areas regularly and frequently.
- Hand sanitizer at each workstation.

Teacher Work Rooms- No seating, custodians routinely sanitize surface areas.

Cafeteria

- offering regular hot menu served in the cafeteria;
- students eat in cafeteria and H.S. Gym : We will do our best stagger lunch times & increase serve times;
- Weather permitting we will offer options to eat outside;
- use of touch less hand sanitizer at start of all serving lines;
- prepackaged silverware(HS Only)
- Grab and Go breakfast and lunch. No Outside meal deliveries.(Category 2 only)
- Students eat in classroom if a student, staff member, or visitor becomes sick while in cafeteria

Visitors

- Post *Covid19 precautionary* signs at entry points to school and in highly visible areas.
- No irregular/unscheduled visitors.(All Levels)
- Limit visitors to parents, by appointment, and critically important visitors on campus.(Level 2)
- Doors locked during school hours.(All levels)
- Develop a visitation procedure for appointments. Example: call the office upon arrival from car vs. walking into the main office.(Level 2)
- Develop parent pick-up & drop-off procedure.

Gatherings

- Implement strategies that discourage gathering for areas such as the bus lane, restrooms, recess, hallways, lunch, before & after school.
- Cancel field trips, assemblies, and other large gatherings if physical distancing cannot be achieved. (Level 2 only)
- Restrict mixing groups.
- Avoid personal contact such as touching, hugs, high fives, etc.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Event

- Kaysinger Conference plan
- Student choosing remote learning WILL NOT be allowed to participate in or attend extra-curricular or co-curricular activities without permission of the Board of Education.

Transportation

- Encourage Parent transportation
- Assign seats- Sit with family units if possible
- Leave seats in between if possible.
- Masks recommended but not required.
- Disinfect bus after each trip.

Communication Strategies to students, staff, parents

- Educate staff and families about good hygiene, physical distancing, symptoms of Covid-19 and when to stay home due to illness.
- Regular communication with parents, students, and staff

Category 2-3 Protocols

PPE:

Teachers: Wear mask when working in groups and when physical distancing is not possible (All Levels)

Nurse or anyone in isolation room: Required to wear N95 and face protection

Students: 5-12 must wear mask while transitioning in halls

Arrival at school

- K-6 students will go directly to classrooms upon arrival. Breakfast will be grab and go to be eaten in the classroom.
- 7-12 students will get grab and go breakfast. Grades 7-8 will report to elementary gym, Grades 9-10 will report to H.S. gym and Grades 11-12 will report Dome. While in those locations students will try to maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Parents/visitors will be permitted to visit the school office, but will not have access to any other areas in the building.

During the school day

- K-6 students will remain with their class all day.
- K-6 students will remain with their class in designated areas during recess. Classes will not co-mingle during recess, where feasible.
- Technology devices (Chromebooks) will be assigned to students on a 1:1 basis.
- Sharing of supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated.
- Equipment used by more than one student will be sanitized between uses.

At lunch

- Elementary will eat bagged or family style in classroom
- 7-12 lunch shifts will be staggered as possible to minimize the number of students in cafeteria.
- Students will sit with their classes.
- All tables will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between uses

Consider accommodations for needs of those at risk for serious illness from COVID-19.

- Possible enrollment in Remote Learning
- For employees that do not feel like they can return to work due to being immune-compromised or due to concerns for their health, we will follow current District policies, procedures, and protocols for requesting leave or ADA accommodations.

Category 3: Widespread Community Transmission

