



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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GOALS OF BULLDOG NATION SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- To continue in-person learning as a district

The importance of in-person learning is well-documented and is the primary goal of MPS. Beyond the educational impact, there has been substantial impact on social interactions, mental health, food security, and physical activity for some children and families. Our goal is to keep students as close to a traditional educational setting as possible while also having safeguards in place for their health and safety.

- To maintain and promote the health and safety of our staff and students

As a district, we will utilize information and guidance from the Audrain County Health Department, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to evaluate and adjust our Safe Return Plan as needed in order to provide

OUR SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON IS BUILT AROUND THE FOLLOWING:

- CONTINUED SANITATION
- PARENT EXPECTATIONS
- PHYSICAL DISTANCING
- BUS SAFETY
- STAFF AND STUDENT SCREENING MEASURES
- PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS
- CONTACT TRACING
- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



INTRODUCTION

The top priority for the Mexico School District remains the education of our students. Additionally, we recognize the importance of implementing reasonable precautions to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students, employees, and community members.

Our Safe Return to In-Person Plan is a fluid document, changing as the circumstances dictate and based on guidance we receive from national, state, and local health experts. Please check the district's website at mexicoschools.net for the latest information.

This document highlights reasonable precautions the district intends to implement and is designed to assist parents and families in making the best decision on behalf of their child.

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CLEANING & MAINTAINING FACILITIES

- Nightly, targeted cleaning of high-touch surfaces and all classrooms
- Nightly, the Hydrostatic guns will be used to spray school buses and used, as needed, in classrooms
- Daily, desks and high-touch areas will be cleaned
- As needed, the playground equipment will be cleaned



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.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

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HANDWASHING & RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Mexico 59 staff will be intentional and dedicated to teaching proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette and maintaining heightened protocols for symptomatic individuals.

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends washing hands for at least 20 seconds to stop the spread of COVID-19.*



Hand sanitizer will be placed in every classroom and in communal areas.



Students and staff will have times throughout the day to wash/sanitize hands.



Masks will be available to students and staff, as needed.



Bus drivers will undergo sanitation training, and all school buses will be thoroughly sanitized after each route.



SONGS FOR A 20-SECOND* SCRUB



Song: "Happy Birthday"

"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear (insert name)
Happy birthday to you"
(Sing twice)

Chorus: "Let It Go" from Frozen

"Let it go, let it go
Can't hold it back anymore
Let it go, let it go
Turn away and slam the door!
I don't care what they're going to say
Let the storm rage on
The cold never bothered me anyway!"

Chorus: "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars

"When I see your face
There's not a thing that I would change
'cause you're amazing
Just the way you are
And when you smile
The whole world stops and
stares for a while
'Cause you're amazing
Just the way you are"



Mexico 59 will strive to create an environment that supports health guidelines without interrupting the education of our students.

MASKING

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.
- Masks are still required on school buses. (per federal requirement)

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Return to typical standards
- Encourage physical distancing when possible
- Increase physical distancing when possible during an increase in cases

VISITORS

- Visitors are allowed but are highly encouraged to wear masks.

VACCINATION EFFORTS

- MPS will continue to collaborate with ACHD to bring awareness to and publish vaccination events for staff and students.

DIAGNOSTIC & SCREENING TESTING

- Testing for Covid-19 is provided in Mexico, MO and with health care providers
- MPS will continue to collaborate with ACHD to host testing events in the events of an increase in cases.

DAILY SELF-SCREENING CHECKLIST

- ☒ No fever or chills
- ☒ No cough
- ☒ No shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ☒ No sore throat
- ☒ No headache
- ☒ No muscle aches
- ☒ No nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- ☒ No new loss of taste or smell
- ☒ No new runny nose or congestion
- ☒ No close contact with a person with Covid-19 in the last 14 days

**FEELING SICK?
STAY HOME!**



**CONNECT WITH
YOUR SCHOOL**



**TAKE TIME TO
FULLY RECOVER**



PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS-- CONTACT TRACING, ISOLATION, & QUARANTINE

What is contact tracing?

- Contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.
- Students or staff who display symptoms of Covid-19 while at school will be moved to a designated area within the school building to minimize contact with others until they go home.
- If your child is found to be at sufficient risk for exposure through contact tracing, you will be contacted.
- Students and staff may be contacted to assist with contact tracing efforts, review assigned seating charts, and determine which individuals the positive case had contact with while contagious.

Exposed

- Exposure is defined as close contact for more than 15 minutes, within 3 feet of a person positive for Covid-19.
- If you are exposed and show symptoms, testing is recommended.
- If you test negative, you are able to return after 14 days.
- If you test positive, you will need to quarantine for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.
- If you are exposed and show no symptoms, you are able to return after 10 days.
- After the 10 days, you will be monitored through Day 14, you must wear a mask through Day 14, and if symptoms develop, you will be required to quarantine through Day 14 & testing is recommended.

Guidelines following a positive Covid-19 test & have symptoms:

- Must be fever free a minimum of 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
- AND have an improvement in symptoms
- AND be at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Guidelines following a positive Covid-19 test & show NO symptoms:

- May return 10 days after the date of their positive test



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

- MPS will create and follow accommodations, as needed, for students with Individualized Education Plans, 504 Plans, or Health Plans

Social, Emotional, Behavioral Considerations

- In addition to school counselors, MPS has a full-time Social, Emotional, Behavioral staff member who will monitor and work with students and staff who exhibit social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Periodic Revision

- This SRCSP will be reviewed at a stakeholders meeting on November 1st, 2021 with updates and revisions to be finalized by December 17th, 2021. The plan will be reviewed again in the spring, and updates and revisions will be finalized by June 17th, 2022. Periodic revision will continue for the life of the plan dependent on current public health needs.

DOCUMENTS & ONLINE RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Mexico School District Website](#)

[CDC: Checklist for Parents & Teachers](#)

[CDC: Coronavirus Symptoms](#)

[CDC: How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)

[CDC: When & how to wash your hands](#)

[CDC: Social Distancing](#)



**The Mexico Public School's plan is
subject to change if local
conditions warrant a tightening
or loosening of any of the
proposed guidelines.**