

HYDRO-EAKLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BACK TO SCHOOL

2020-2021



BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

The goal of this plan is to provide a safe and healthy environment in which Hydro-Eakly Public Schools may reopen classrooms for teaching and learning. This plan is to remain in effect as long as the District determines that such policies and procedures are required to support the health and safety of students and staff.



HEALTH AND SAFETY



DAILY PROCEDURES



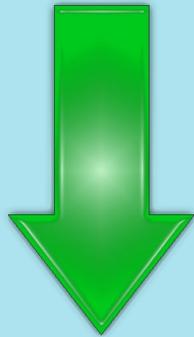
Protective facemasks are allowed, but are not required to be worn by students in school buildings. Due to close seating for prolonged periods and lack of air circulation, protective masks are required to be worn on school buses.



A thermometer will be provided to every classroom teacher. Any student who appears to be ill will have his or her temperature checked by the classroom teacher or assistant. Any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be provided with a mask and placed in a separate waiting area until a parent arrives to take the child home. The child must be picked up from school within 30 minutes of contact with a parent.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

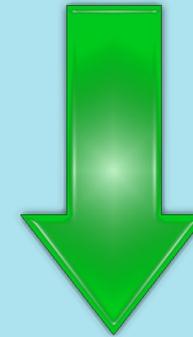
Employee or student suspected or known to have contracted COVID-19 *and has exhibited symptoms*



Return to school when all of the following conditions have been met:

- 3 days with no fever
- Symptoms are no longer present
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

An employee or student has known close contact (closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19



Return to school when a 14-day quarantine or other action as determined by the school administrators through consultation with the Department of Health is completed



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Parents are asked to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms at home.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills

- Cough

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches

- Headache

- New loss of taste or smell

- Sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose

- Nausea or vomiting

- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>



MITIGATION STRATEGIES



Cleaning and disinfecting frequency will increase. Commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned frequently. Cleaners and disinfectants that are EPA-approved for use against COVID-19 will be used.



Visitors will be allowed in the building on a very limited basis as approved by the building principal. Visitors will be required to wear a facemask in school buildings during the normal school hours. Depending upon the level of community spread within the school district, buildings and facilities may be closed to outside groups and activities to reduce potential spread.



Students will be taught and reminded about coughing/sneezing etiquette, keeping hands away from the face, and effectively washing hands. Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be promoted and reinforced.



THE SCHOOL DAY



Lunch periods will be adjusted to ensure that fewer students are in the cafeteria at one time. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned before another group of students is allowed to sit down.



For Pre-K through 5th grade, daily schedules will be adjusted so that students will be limited to interactions with their classroom cohort as much as possible. Only one elementary class at a time will be in the serving line.

Desks will be spaced as much as possible in the classroom. For 6th- 12th grade classrooms, desks should be disinfected during each passing period. Sharing of high-touch materials will be minimized.



TRANSPORTATION



Facemasks will be worn by the bus driver, bus monitor, and students while on the bus. When possible, students are to be spaced at a maximum allowable distance in assigned seats. Buses will be disinfected after each bus route.



Parents are strongly encouraged to transport children to school when possible. If there is a shortage of bus drivers due to COVID-19, bus routes may need to be adjusted or reduced.

LEARNING



TWO LEARNING PATHWAY OPTIONS

Hydro-Eakly offers two learning pathway options, which are the Traditional Learning and Virtual Academy.

OPTION 1

TRADITIONAL LEARNING
PATHWAY

OPTION 2

VIRTUAL LEARNING
PATHWAY

All students, regardless of learning option, will be assigned an iPad or Chromebook for educational use.

Parents who desire to apply for Option 2 (Virtual Learning) must contact the respective building principal:

Jeremy Tharp, Pre-K – 5th Grade Principal, jtharp@hydroeakly.k12.ok.us

Lora Burch, 6th – 12th Grade Principal, lburch@hydroeakly.k12.ok.us



TRADITIONAL LEARNING PATHWAY - OPTION 1

Traditional Learning Pathway

All classes are taken at the school site.

In-person instruction is provided by Hydro-Eakly teachers.

Instruction is provided during the traditional school day.

Transition to remote learning days will be implemented when necessary.



Remote Learning Pathway (as necessary)

Traditional Learning students will transition to Remote Learning in the event of disease outbreak or individual quarantine.

Each remote learning day counts as a school day for the district and a day of attendance for the student. Remote learning will include coursework through Google Classroom and other digital curriculum platforms that are normally used in the traditional classroom setting.

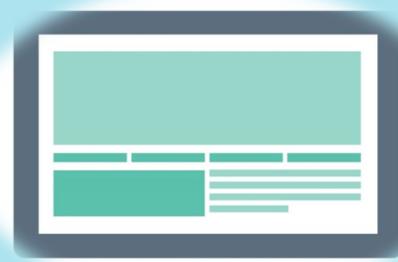


STUDENT DIGITAL DEVICES

A device for all students:



Pre-K - 1st Grade



2nd - 12th Grade

Reduces potential for the spread of germs through cross-contamination in common computer labs.

Provides a device for each student at home during possible remote learning days.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are students not required to wear a facemask at all times?

At this time, students are only asked to wear a mask in the areas where distancing for long periods of time is not possible. An area where distancing might not be possible is the school bus. In addition, there may be staff members that have particular health vulnerabilities. Facemasks may be required in certain classrooms or school buildings in certain situations such as this.

Why do we not check each student's temperature daily?

A fever is not necessarily the first indicator of COVID-19. The process of checking each student's temperature may introduce an unnecessary means of transmitting the virus from the person or instrument used to take the student's temperature. Our school continues to ask that a student remain at home if he or she has a fever or is taking medication to reduce his or her temperature. Parents must perform at-home symptom checks before sending children to school each day.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I help as a parent?

- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and additional school supplies would be helpful.
- Please take your child's temperature at home each morning.
- Keep your child at home if he or she exhibits symptoms of any illness.
- Let your child's principal know if you need assistance with internet access during remote learning.
- Please have a mask available for buses or any necessary changes in our policy and practice.
- Communication is especially key during this time. Please openly communicate with your child's teachers and principal.
- Please be patient through changes in school procedures such as visitor access to school buildings.
- Cooperate with the Department of Health if COVID-19 contact tracing is necessary.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will we use Remote Learning?

Remote Learning includes lessons taught and assignments provided by classroom teachers. This learning pathway will be utilized for an individual student when undergoing quarantine, or by a larger group of students when on-site instruction is temporarily suspended. This may include COVID-related building closures or other building closures, such as inclement weather.

Will classes be canceled or will school buildings be closed again?

Communication from state authorities indicates that any closures will be determined on a scale smaller than what we experienced last March. These decisions will most likely be made by local school districts. We will work with Department of Health officials when making such decisions.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Google Classroom?

This is the learning management system that students and teachers have been using for several years. Students who have attended Hydro-Eakly in the past should be familiar with this platform. Teachers will teach lessons and share and collect assignments through this online system.

What is Edgenuity?

This online learning tool will be used by students in the Virtual Learning pathway. All lessons and assignments will be completed online. Students are required to commit to this pathway for the entire semester. Full-time Virtual Learning students may not participate in extra-curricular activities.

