

Webbers Falls Public School

COVID-19 Return to Learn

2021-2022

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Webbers Falls Public School will be offering two educational pathways for you to choose from for your children (Traditional Brick and Mortar/ Blended and Home Based Virtual). Traditional instruction curriculum will consist of both face to face and technology based distance learning instruction using the Google Classroom platform. Instruction will follow the Oklahoma Academic Standards taught by Webbers Falls Teachers. Grades and credits will be based off of the same criteria as if the student was in the regular classroom. Each student will be provided with a personal device (Chrome Books or iPad), Hot Spots will be provided to students who do not have connectivity options at their residence. This pathway will allow us to use distance learning in the event of a COVID-19 related school stoppage or any weather or emergency events that may require students to not attend school that day. In the event that our traditional school is forced to move to the distance learning approach, student attendance will be required and classes will be held at their normal class time daily. Attendance will be taken as if the students were in the desks in the classroom. Students that do not attend will be subject to same disciplinary action of the school attendance policy. Students that request to attend WFPS Virtual Home Based option will only be allowed to do so after meeting with the principals and demonstrating a need that would be considered health, social emotional or other extenuating circumstances that would not allow them to attend school during the normal school day this may include documentation from a Physician, Mental Health expert or Court. Attendance for the Virtual program would be calculated on 80% weekly completion of all assigned work or completing 80% of the recommended participation time equals 100% weekly attendance. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be made to accommodate the students need or Individual Education Plan in all of our Return to Learn Plan.

The Virtual Home Based option is for students who chose to receive their educational service away from the Webbers Falls campus. Students who qualify this option will be provided all educational supplies including an electronic device (Chromebook or iPad) and if needed an internet hotspot (one per household). For those students that are approved for extenuating circumstances that qualify them for the Virtual Home Based approach. Students PK -12th grade will be divided into two different programs.

The 6th - 12th Virtual Home Based program will utilize the E2020 programs, which follow Oklahoma Academic Standards and allow for students to receive high school credit in the traditional core classes as well as high school credits in many different elective classes. Credits for virtual classes will be awarded based off of successful completion of the course with at least a 60% success rate for the entire course. The Virtual grading policy is described in more detail in the **VIRTUAL (ONLINE) POLICY**.

1. Due to trying to limit student exposure on our campus, students enrolled in Virtual will not be allowed to participate in athletics or extracurricular activities that require students to attend onsite campuses.
2. If you are accepted into the Virtual approach and begin, then you will be required to finish the semester before coming back to traditional school.
3. If start in the Traditional school setting but for whatever reason you want to transfer to the virtual program you can, but you would not be allowed to participate in athletics.
4. Virtual students and parents will both be required to sign a contract before enrolling in the program.

Connectivity / Internet access

Students who have limited or no Internet access will be assigned a T-Mobile hot spot that will give them connectivity for the most part in any location of our district free of charge. All school policies will be in effect in regards to the use of computer and hotspot devices and students will be required to only use the device for educational services directly related to Webbers Falls Public School. The hotspot device is equipped with content filtering apps that will notify the proper authorities if used in an inappropriate manner.

COVID-19

COVID – 19 stands for “coronavirus disease 2019.” It is caused by a virus called SARS – CoV2. This is the virus that has spread and continues to spread around the world. This virus caused closures of our district during the 2020-2021 school year. It is important that we review the following with you as we discuss our districts plans for re-opening: 1) How the virus is known to spread, 2) What are the signs and symptoms, 3) Prevention of the spread of COVID – 19.

It is essential for Webbers Falls School and the community to work together to prevent the re-introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment and in the community while still providing a quality education program.

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or who are liable to transmit the disease after having been exposed to it. See OAC 310:520-1-3.

In addition, the local health department and tribal authorities have the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine. OAC 310:520-1-3. Webbers Falls School will work closely with State, local, territorial, and Tribal health departments.

When determining the events that may lead up to a short-term or long-term school stoppage because of COVID-19, the Administration of Webbers Falls Public School will conduct all school activities consistent with and informed by applicable health orders, protocols and guidelines. These include the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening Up American Again guidelines, school decision guidance from the CDC, Governor Stitt's Executive Orders and Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Return to Learn Oklahoma framework.

The Oklahoma Department of Health's COVID-19 Alert System provides daily and weekly data for current active case rates for not only the State but Muskogee County and the city of Webbers Falls. The COVID-19 Alert System reflects a multitier risk measurement tool approach to reopening schools as safely as possible using a set of color codes that graduate in recommended protocols and safeguards – from Green to Yellow, Orange and Red – corresponding with the level of community spread of coronavirus in each of Oklahoma's 77 counties. To find the most current active case rate for Muskogee County and the City of Webbers Falls visit <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/covid-19-alert-system>

Diagnostic and Screening Testing:

Exclusion from School

Furthermore, OSDH rules authorize schools to exclude from school any child exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms:

- fever at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit;
- sore throat or tonsillitis;
- any nasal discharge accompanied by fever;
- a severe cough producing phlegm; or
- any inflammation of the eyes or lids.

See OAC 310:520-1-4.

Screening

- Parent/Guardian should take a child's temperature before school and then certifies that the child did not have a temperature at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Using the Oklahoma Department of Health's COVID-19 Alert System School as a guide if Muskogee County reaches red status then staff will take the student's temperature upon arrival or boarding a bus. If the student has a temperature at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit the student will be sent home.

Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 may not visit a school facility until the following criteria are met:

- At least 1 day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); **and**
- The individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**
- At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If a staff member or student has ***known close contact*** with an individual who has tested positive (e.g., someone in their household), they should stay home, self-monitor for symptoms and be tested.

If a staff member or student ***tests positive***, schools should follow these steps:

- Immediately isolate the individual if they are at school. Send the ill member home and call families to pick up sick children as quickly as possible. If they cannot immediately leave the premises an isolated room/area will be provided.
- School nurses/staff will use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people.

POSITIVE CASES: STUDENTS

- Any student who tests positive OR has symptoms and exposed to a positive COVID case may return to school after:
 - No fever for 24 hours AND
 - Respiratory symptoms have improved AND
 - 5 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared
- Any student who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after:
 - 5 days have passed since the test.
- Students are encouraged to wear a mask (if possible) for the remainder of the 5 days in the event symptoms appear.
- Recommend for individuals who are unable to wear a mask to isolate for 10 days or be exempt from the situation that prevent mask wearing (e.g., Sports, Choir, Band, Etc.)
- Students who have a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 may request Homebased Distance Learning from their school for the length of the quarantine period.

CONTACT TRACING

- Parents will be notified via email or phone if it is confirmed their student has been in contact at school with someone who tests positive with COVID-19.
- Students are not required to quarantine/stay home and will be expected to continue to attend classes unless they become symptomatic or they are able to provide a note from a medical professional, as we do with other health-related absences.

ATHLETICS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- All school-sponsored activities and athletic teams will continue to adhere to guidelines put in place by the district and recommendations from state and local health agencies. Please reach out to your child's coach or club sponsor with any questions or concerns.

MEALS

- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021-22 school year.
- Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy can go to the front office of their nearest school site from noon to 1 p.m. to be directed to the cafeteria.

PARENTS & VISITORS

- Parents and visitors are encouraged to screen for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) before visiting a school site or district office.
- Parents and visitors will be allowed in building lobbies or main offices for scheduled appointments.
- School sites and administration will have the flexibility to approve volunteer activities.

VACCINATIONS

- In accordance with Oklahoma law, Webbers Falls Public Schools is not requiring COVID-19 vaccines for faculty, staff or students.

QUESTIONS

- Questions and concerns can be directed to the appropriate departments or principals.

ALL PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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COVID – 19 Symptoms

Usually start within 4 – 5 days after a person is infected with the virus. But in some cases up to 14 days for the symptoms to appear. Some possible symptoms.

- Fever
- Cough
- Trouble Breathing
- Shaking Chills
- Muscle Aches
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Problems with sense of smell or taste

The big question is how do we prevent the infection? Without a vaccine to prevent COVID – 19, there are things we can do to slow the spread or avoid exposure to the virus. Those things include:

- 1) Practicing social distancing (as possible)
- 2) Washing hands often
- 3) Avoid touching face
- 4) Wear face masks

Student/Staff Wellbeing Protocol:

Know that we are sensitive to the feelings and emotional effects of some of the procedures we must implement to ensure we are doing all things possible to keep our school community safe. Please understand we will always do our best to ensure a healthy safe environment. All of our procedures have been developed as a result of the latest guidance available. WFPS will work closely with State, local and Tribal Mental Health services that will address the Social and Emotional needs of our students, staff and community will be available.

Cleaning Protocol:

Custodian and other maintenance staff members will have a procedure to clean desks frequently. That include Foggers that spray disinfectant for the building, gym, ag room and buses. Immediate response to sick students and clean needs.