

Parent Contract- COVID-19 Return to School

Please read and sign the following prior to the first day of school (8/31/2020). Students will not be permitted to enter the building without a signed contract on file. Remote learning is available for those who do not wish to complete the contract.

Choosing to send your child to school comes with an inherent risk, as we are unable to guarantee their health during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are doing our best to adhere to the CDC guidelines to create and maintain a safe environment, this requires your help AND compliance. If you do not wish to assume the risk, remote learning is available.

I have read and understand the safety protocols in place.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the expectations of myself and my child.

I have a plan in place to pick up my child from school within 30 minutes on any given day/time should the need arise.

I understand that school closure could occur at any given time, resulting in 100% remote learning.

I agree to complete the daily symptom checklist honestly and to report absences related to these symptoms to the school nurse.

I agree to follow the guidance and recommendations of the school nurse related to COVID-19 symptoms and the return to school.

Parent Signature

Date

CDC GUIDELINES (link to be added when updated)

Safety

- Symptom checklists are completed by both staff and students prior to arriving at school each day. Staff and students exhibiting signs and symptoms (s/s) of COVID-19 or those potentially exposed to someone displaying these s/s will not be permitted in the building. Those staff and students who travel out of state will be expected to follow the current return to state Maine CDC guidelines.
- No carpet/rugs, bean bags, couches, cloth chairs, or other items that cannot be easily cleaned each day.
- Hand sanitizer containing 65% or more alcohol on all buses, entrance, each classroom, main office, gym, & library. Students and staff should sanitize or wash hands with soap and water upon entering and exiting the bus, at the entrance upon arrival and dismissal, and before and after each class.
- Soap dispensers and sanitizer dispensers are filled and checked frequently
- Student workspaces are spaced 6 ft apart in the classrooms.
- Classes are conducted outside when feasible.
- All students and staff wear cloth face coverings over BOTH nose and mouth 100% of the time (other than while eating).

- Staff members are responsible for donning gloves and wiping down work surfaces, door knobs, and any other high touch surfaces between each class.
- Students follow directional traffic flow arrows in hallways to allow for proper distancing.
- Lockers will not be in use. Students carry all necessary supplies with them.
- Plexiglass barrier for high traffic workspaces (main office)
- Limited passes for travel outside of the classroom (bathroom, nurse, etc)
- Ensure proper ventilation in classroom workspaces including potential additional workspaces (gym, cafeteria, music room, band room). Open windows when possible. Fans placed in windows blowing air outside may be used.
- Staff, student, and parent training on safety protocols and expectations.
- No large gathering greater than ____ people.
- No off-campus field trips

Recess

- Recess will be in large outdoor spaces when feasible.
- No use of playground equipment

Food Services

Custodial Staff

Transportation

- Drivers, aides, and students wear masks properly, 100% of the time while on the bus.
- Students sit in every other row, next to the window.
- Students sanitize hands, then locate the first available seat closest to the back of the bus to ensure minimal contact as students continue to load the bus. Bus seats are loaded back to front, unloaded front to back.
- For handicap accessible bus, the seat in the very back of the bus is reserved for WC use.
- Bus windows/vents are open when feasible.
- An aide is on each bus to ensure protocols are followed.
- Each bus is sanitized after the morning and afternoon services
- Upon arrival to school, buses will release students one bus at a time in the order they arrived. Students will enter the building in a designated bus arrival door.

Drop Off/ Pick Up Circle Traffic Flow

- Students being dropped off or picked up will utilize the designated entrance/exit for the traffic
- Students should allow 6ft spacing when approaching and entering the building
- Parents should allow extra time for increase traffic flow

Nurse

- Positive COVID-19 cases within the schools will be reported by the nurse to the CDC or vice versa. The CDC will conduct contact tracing and provide guidance regarding school closure, isolation, or quarantine orders on a case-by-case basis.
- Implement safety training for staff, students, and families.
- Communicate expectations and protocols related to COVID-19.
- Provide guidance for positive symptom checklists.

- Nurses will have 2 separate offices in each building; well (first aid, diabetes care, medications, etc) and sick offices.
- These office spaces will have limits to the number of students who may be in the space at any given time.
- Non urgent visits are discouraged.
- Students presenting to the health office for evaluation should be unaccompanied (no friends). If a staff member is concerned about a student's well being and does not feel as though they can arrive at the health office safely, they should call the main office or the nurse's office to request an in class evaluation.
- Parents should have plans in place to pick up their child from school within 30 minutes on any given day or time if needed.
- Staff and students exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or those potentially exposed to someone displaying these s/s will not be permitted in the building. Should these s/s develop while at school, they will be sent home following nursing evaluation. Remote learning is an option for staff and students who are unable to attend school in the classroom setting but well enough to engage in learning.

Visitors

- Visitors and volunteers will not be permitted in the building.
- Parents should refrain from dismissing their children from school unless pick up is advised by school staff. Efforts should be made to schedule appts during remote learning days.
- Mail and deliveries should be left in a designated bin at the main entrance of each building.
- For emergency situations, if a visitor or parent is needed in the building, they must wear a cloth face covering over BOTH their mouth and nose.