

Moving Forward

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you're doing the impossible." —Francis of Assisi

Reopening Marion County Schools | 2020-2021

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PRACTICING PREVENTION

▶ To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of prevention practices. Some of which may include:

- ▶ Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing and covering coughs.
- ▶ Require/Encourage face coverings (required on buses, encouraged at other times).
- ▶ Provide hand soap and/or hand sanitizer.
- ▶ Allow and encourage students and staff to bring personal hand sanitizer and Kleenex supply as well as face masks/coverings from home.
- ▶ Allow and encourage students and staff to bring water bottles from home. Discourage use of water fountains.
- ▶ Conduct temperature checks of students and staff based on community spread.
- ▶ Maximize social distancing to the extent possible in classrooms and other rooms within the school.
- ▶ Clean/disinfect frequently using Ecovasive Infection Control System and other COVID-19 approved disinfectants. Conduct deep cleaning of schools, playground equipment, and HVAC system prior to students/staff returning; schedule additional cleanings during weekends and/or school holidays and breaks.



LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS



- ▶ Schedule recess/break so as to reduce the number of students at one time in one location.
- ▶ Limit gatherings of a large number of people such as grade level programs, Grandparents' Breakfast, Open House, etc.
- ▶ Follow GHSA guidelines for sporting events. Encourage social distancing and face coverings.

VISITORS

- ▶ To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of restrictions to visitors on campus. Some of which may include:
 - Limit visitors in the building with the exception of those providing contracted services. Those allowed into the building will be screened prior to entering.





TRANSPORTATION
COVID-19
QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS



▶ **Transportation is certainly our biggest challenge. To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of safety measures on buses. Some of which may include:**

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as covering coughs and face coverings (**required on buses**).
- Load the bus from back to front and unload front to back to limit the amount of interaction between students.
- Seat students from the same household together. This will help to maximize space in order to social distance as much as possible.
- Eliminate trips as possible.
- Increase the number of elementary school bus monitors.
- Clean/disinfect frequently using COVID-19 approved disinfectants. Conduct cleaning of buses prior to students/staff returning and between morning and afternoon routes; schedule additional cleanings during weekends or school holidays/breaks and maintain daily cleaning as well.

SERVING MEALS



- ▶ To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of safety measures. Some of which may include school food and custodial personnel:
 - Following the guidelines set forth by USDA.
 - Wearing a mask and gloves when in the preparation and serving areas.
 - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
 - Cleaning cafeterias and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
 - Using alternative serving models as needed.
 - *Serving meals in cafeteria with spaced serving lines (marked on floors) and spaced seating.*
 - *Allowing students to go through lunch line and then eat meals in classrooms with spaced serving lines (marked on floors) and spaced seating.*
 - *Serving and eating meals in classrooms with spaced seating.*

TEACHING & LEARNING



INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

Traditional—face-to-face instruction inside the school building

Distance—remote instruction when traditional is no longer an option due to community spread.

Virtual—fully online instruction using Edgenuity

- ▶ To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of safety measures. Some of which may include:
 - Restrict use of lockers.
 - Limit use of locker rooms (*as deemed necessary based on community spread*). Therefore, dress appropriately for school on PE days.
 - Remove unnecessary desks and furniture to create maximum space to social distance to the extent possible.
 - Avoid group or partner work.
 - Place desks in rows with seats all facing the same direction. When at a table setting, maximize social distancing capacity.
 - Discourage sharing materials.
 - Disinfect materials frequently.
 - Provide hand sanitizer and encourage age-appropriate students to bring their own personal supply.
 - Provide parents with instructional options: traditional or virtual.

INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS

To the extent feasible and as warranted by community spread, the district may implement any number of safety measures. Some of which may include:

TRADITIONAL

- ▶ Maximize social distancing to extent possible in classrooms and other rooms within the school.
- ▶ Limit physical interaction by eliminating partner or group work
- ▶ Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff
- ▶ Allow students and staff to wear face coverings/masks
- ▶ Conduct regular cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces
- ▶ Transition to Distance Instruction from Traditional Instruction for short periods of time due to increased health concerns and reopen as soon as community health conditions allow.

VIRTUAL

- ▶ Deliver all instruction through the district's online learning platform. A staff member would communicate student progress and upcoming grading period deadlines.*
- ▶ **Registration for virtual instruction is due JULY 21, 2020.** The form is now available on the district website.

**Once enrolled in the online program, a student cannot change to traditional until the end of the current nine weeks for students in grades K-8 and the current semester for students in grades 9-12 (or if enrolled in a high school course).*

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

- ▶ **Our parents/guardians are our first responders in regard to slowing the spread and being able to keep our schools open. To that end, we ask that parents/guardians:**
 - ▶ **Check for Symptoms**
 - ▶ *Take temperature daily before school. If the temp is greater than 100.4, stay home.*
 - ▶ *The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever of >100.4F, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.*
 - ▶ *Other symptoms may include chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell.*
 - ▶ **Keep the child home if he or she is sick or experiencing symptoms.**
 - ▶ **Notify the school of student's status as well as any household COVID-19 concerns**
- ▶ **Parents/guardians of virtual learning students should:**
 - ▶ *Set weekly goals, encourage your child(ren) and celebrate accomplishments.*
 - ▶ *Establish a supportive learning environment at home.*
 - ▶ *Ensure daily interaction with the virtual learning platform (school days).*

Response to Spread and/or Exposure

- ▶ Marion County Schools will collaborate with Marion County Health Department and Board of Health to establish best practices and procedures/protocols as we respond to incidents of experiencing symptoms/general illness, possible exposure to COVID-19, and confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.



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