

Paris Union School District No. 95 School Reopening Plan

Paris Union School District No. 95 has sought public input into the development of this plan through surveys, hosting public hearings, meetings with the hospital, local health department, City, first responders, and teachers. Our goal was to provide all stakeholders an opportunity to share their thoughts, and provide options for families to ensure their child is safe and receiving a quality education.

What protective measures is the school district going to take?

- **Temperature Checks** - Wall mounted thermometers have been placed in the entry ways for a quick read of student temperatures. Any student with a fever will be sent home to ensure the safety of their classmates.
- **Face Coverings** - Students will be required to wear face masks. The school will provide a reusable face mask for all students. Parents should purchase reusable face masks for their children.
- **Social Distancing** - ISBE recognizes that school facilities will not allow for all students to be six feet apart at all times. Schools will do our best to space students out within our capacity. Students will not be spaced out six feet at all times.
- **School-Wide Cleaning & Disinfecting** - The school district has purchased disinfectant sprayers to spray classrooms, cafeterias, playgrounds, and other rooms down with disinfectant. Rooms and surfaces will be regularly cleaned.
- **Hand Sanitizing Stations** - The school district has purchased stations to place around the school and in classrooms to provide frequent access to hand sanitizer.
- **Water Fountains** - All water fountains have been replaced with bottle dispensers, so students may fill their water bottles without touching the fountain.
- **Visitors** - No visitors will be allowed into the schools during the school day. This includes parents, PERK mentors, and other outside groups.

How will this impact group settings?

- **Bussing** - Bussing will still be provided to students. Students will be required to wear a face mask on the bus. The school district encourages parents to transport students to school or encourage children to walk.
- **Playgrounds** - Playgrounds will be opened to students and regularly disinfected. Students will use hand sanitizer before and after use of the playgrounds, and they will be encouraged to keep six feet of distance.
- **Cafeterias** - Students will have assigned tables in the cafeteria. Groups of 50 students will be spaced out.
- **Field Trips** - No field trips will be taken during phase 4.
- **Extracurricular Activities** - Extracurricular activities will follow the association guidelines. If an activity is not part of an association (IESA/IHSA), they will follow school guidelines.

What happens if a student tests positive for COVID-19?

- **COVID-19 Positive Test Result** - The student that tests positive will be quarantined for two weeks.
- **Contact Tracing** - The school district will work with the Edgar County Health Department on contact tracing within the school.

What are my options for schooling this upcoming school year?

- **Options** - Parents may elect to send children back to school full-time or do online remote learning. Parents may make this decision quarter-by-quarter. Remote learning will include online lessons from Edgenuity, and students will receive a letter grade based upon their performance. Teachers will send instructional material home with students, and an instructional support personnel will be present to meet with any struggling students.

What will remote learning look like?

- **5 Hours** - ISBE requires remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year to be 5 clock hours of instruction per a day. Parents that commit to this plan should be expected to keep their child on remote learning for 5 hours each school day.
- **Online Learning** - The district has purchased Edgenuity. Edgenuity is an online learning program that includes all subject areas. Teachers will assign lessons and homework to students through the platform, and students should logon each day to complete these activities. Students will receive a letter grade for their performance.
- **Paper-Based Learning** - If you do not have internet access nor a computer, paper-based lessons from Edgenuity are available that are the same as the lesson. Students will still be required to the same amount of work for the same amount of time. Parents will be expected to come to the school to pick up the assignments and turn them in.
- **Support Personnel** - Support personnel will be available to meet with students one-on-one that are struggling with their lessons or need extra support. Parents will be expected to schedule this service. Hours will be available from 8 AM to 3 PM.
- **Quality of Education** - The district recognizes that remote learning is not the same quality of education as in-person instruction. When a parent commits to this type of learning for their child, they are recognizing the quality is not the same as in-person instruction.
- **Quarterly Decision** - A parent that selects remote learning for their child is committing their child to this type of learning for a quarter at a time. A child may not come back to school until the end of the quarter for in-person instruction if they chose this method.

What will in-person learning look like?

- **Schedule** - Buildings will not allow students in until 8 AM. Parents should not drop students off early. Dismissals will run the same time schedule as last school year.
- **Classroom** - Classrooms will be regularly disinfected. Students will not work in groups to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The district recognizes that at the early childhood levels it will be more challenging to space children out than at the secondary levels. Students will be expected to wear their face masks in class.
- **Art** - Students will use the art room. Between classes, the room will be disinfected to prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Band/Choir** - Choir students will be expected to spread out and sing with face masks per ISBE guidelines. The band students will receive lessons and perform in small groups. Proper protective equipment will be provided by the school and required in these classrooms.
- **Physical Education** - PE courses will be outside as much as possible. Students will not be required to wear face masks while social distancing and physical activity.
- **Moving from Classroom-to-Classroom** - Students will still move from classroom-to-classroom and classrooms will be disinfected on a schedule to keep the classrooms clean.
- **Half-Day Preschool** - Half-day preschool programs will have rooms disinfected daily during the lunch hour to ensure the safety of the next group of students.
- **Lockers** - Lockers will not be spaced out six feet apart since the school does not have the capacity to provide for this. Students will still be expected to use a locker. Due to the safety of students and staff, backpacks and coats may not be carried around due to drug abuse and weapons.
- **COVID-19** - The school does not guarantee anyone's safety from COVID-19. We will do our best to promote a safe and clean environment; however, a parent that commits to this plan understands their child has the risk of contracting COVID-19 or coming in contact with someone that has COVID-19. The school will work with the health department to share information, and students and staff will be quarantined based on health guidelines.

When should I keep my child home from school based on COVID-19 symptoms?

- If a student is experiencing a cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, they should remain home for ten days per health guidelines from the State of Illinois.

**The school district reopening plan is subject to change due to the evolving status of the COVID-19 pandemic.*