

Grandview

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2020-21 Re-Opening Plan

For the Grandview Community,

As we move into the second half of summer, there can be a strong argument made for having in-person school. As of July 6, 2020 there have been 24 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported in the children age 0-19 in Jefferson County. Of the 56 confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases reported in the children age 0-19, there have been **zero** hospitalizations and **zero** deaths (data as of 7/17/2020 per the health department).

In a speech given during a congressional hearing it was pointed out that 22 countries across the world that have already opened their schools, and have not seen a surge in cases after doing so. To this point, contact tracing has not been able to confirm a single child to adult transfer of the virus. Brown University did a study of 25,000 children who attended daycares across the U.S. during the pandemic and found that only .16% got COVID-19 and only 1%, of more than 9,000 daycare workers contracted the virus. John Hopkins reports that the virus does not transmit in children like the flu, that there is a much lower risk of transmission. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends students go back to school, citing students are less likely to get the virus.

Although we are in unsure times, our recent school survey confirms what the experts are saying at this time. It's time to go back to school. With this in mind, the district has been working in collaboration with the Jefferson County Health Department to put systems in place to have in-person instruction in August. While school will be largely "normal" there will be some changes to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We know that some parents will want to keep their children home and not send them to school. We support those making that decision. The district plans on offering virtual instruction to students in grades K-12. We will be sending out enrollment guidelines later in the summer. We are requiring any student that signs up for virtual instruction to continue virtual instruction for at least a semester.

For those planning on attending school in-person, this document is there to answer some of the questions most will have. Here are the answers we have at this point, but keep in mind this plan will probably change before the start of school.

I would like to conclude by saying this decision is based on the data and information we have right now, this plan has changed on almost a daily basis and I can guarantee that it will change several more times before the start of the school year. There is just too much unknown at this time. So as plans and guidance changes we will continue to update the plan.

Matt Zoph

Sincerely,
Matt Zoph
Superintendent

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General Guidance

- Large group gatherings will not be allowed during the school day.
- All student assemblies will not occur.
- We all need to be prepared to switch to a virtual or distance learning model if we see a spike in COVID-19 cases.
- An Isolation area will be set up to contain any student or staff who are showing signs of illness.
- Time will be given throughout the day for students to wash their hands.
- The High School Commons will be opened as a hotspot for students in all grade levels if another long term closure is mandated.

Social Distancing

- Since Social Distancing in the classroom is not achievable, the Grandview School District will be purchasing desk/tabletop barriers to protect students in the classroom.
- We will have assigned seating in classrooms, buses, and the cafeteria (in order to accommodate contact tracing if needed)
- Recess & playground areas will be limited to one grade level at a time to reduce the number of students in close proximity.
- Parents/Guardians will have to buzz in and wait to enter the office one at a time. If others are waiting they should wait outside (in their vehicle if necessary) so there is a limited number of individuals. Parents/Guardians should practice social distancing by staying 6ft apart while waiting outside.
- **NO** non-essential visitors will be allowed into the school.
- Military recruiters will be allowed on-campus visits, colleges must complete online informational sessions.
- Administer health screening questions if anyone is allowed into the school building.
 - a) Do you have a temperature higher than 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit?
 - b) Have you come in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
 - c) Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - d) Have you experienced any chills or repeated shaking with chills?
 - e) Have you experienced any muscle pain or headache (different than normal exercise-induced pain or seasonal allergies or other diagnosed condition)?
 - f) Have you experienced any sore throat (different than your seasonal allergies or other diagnosed condition)?
 - g) Have you experienced any recent loss of taste or smell?Face masks should be required for these individuals.
- All allowed guests will have to sign in and fill out contact information in case an outbreak occurs to assist with contact tracing efforts.

Health Screenings (Students/Staff)

- Student screenings will be the responsibility of the students' parents/guardian. Every student will be given a reminder refrigerator magnet of essential questions the parent/guardian should ask their child before sending them to school each day.
- Each staff member will be responsible for asking themselves the (7) essential questions:
 - Do you have a temperature higher than 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit?
 - Have you come in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
 - Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
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Face Coverings

Training will be provided to all staff and students on mask etiquette.

Face Coverings (or Face Shields) – Staff

- Staff members will be **encouraged** to wear a face covering or face shield when within 6 feet of another individual.
- Nurses will be provided medical grade face masks, eye protection and other PPE to use when working with students who become ill at school.

Face Coverings – Students

- Students in Middle School and High School may be required to wear face coverings if there are circumstances that put them in close areas. If at all possible, wearing face coverings when in a hallway during passing period is highly recommended, but **optional**.
- Younger students who are less able to comply will not be advised to wear face coverings, unless requested by a parent or guardian.
- Students that become ill will be isolated and provided with a face mask.
- Students who choose to wear a face covering will be required to wear them in the proper manner in which a face should be worn.

*Any mask with an inappropriate saying or display will be disciplined, in the same manner as an inappropriate t-shirt.

Signage

- Signs will be posted in highly visible areas (e.g., school entrances, restrooms) that promote everyday protective measures.
- Make regular announcements on the importance of handwashing, not touching your face, and social distancing.

Gloves

Gloves – Staff (gloves not necessary for students)

- Gloves will be provided to any staff member who is working with sick or suspected sick individuals. Staff will be required to wear a fresh pair of gloves when working with each new individual. Staff will be required to use hand sanitizer before putting on gloves and then once again after removing gloves.
- Custodians will be required to use gloves whenever cleaning.
- Gloves and hand sanitizer will be provided, and masks will be available to staff who do not have their own.

Handwashing

Hand Washing – Staff and Students

- Students and Staff will be **encouraged** to wash their hands or the use of hand sanitizer upon entering a building, before eating, after eating, after restroom usage, before any group activities and before boarding school buses.
- Hand washing/sanitizing will be recommended any time the face/mouth are touched (this may prove difficult with younger students).

Water Fountains

Water Fountains – Staff and Students

- Water fountains will be closed for student use. Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school each day. Bottles will be sent home each day for sanitizing and refilling.

Restrooms

Restrooms

- The number of students and staff allowed in the restroom at one time will be (3) individuals.
- Each restroom will have at least one deep cleaning a day and clean/wipe down high touch surfaces throughout the day. *High-touch surfaces can transmit the disease but it's not a high instance.
- The custodial staff will maintain a cleaning log to assist with contact tracing if necessary.

Transportation

- If possible, parents are encouraged to opt out of district provided transportation to aid in increased social distancing on the buses.
- Parents must commit to utilizing or NOT utilizing district transportation for a full semester. Changes to district transportation usage may be made at the end of first semester.
- Students will be assigned seats to reduce transmission and assist with contact tracing if necessary. Students will continue to be seated by building.
- Students are expected to remain in their assigned seat at all times. Strict consequences will occur for those students not remaining in their seat, including being suspended from using district transportation for the remainder of the year.
- Students will be required to go to their classroom immediately upon arrival.
- Buses will be wiped down and fogged between every route.
- Preschool students are required to ride in a 5 point harness on school buses. Parents/guardians of preschool students or any student in a restraint on the bus must get onto the bus to buckle and unbuckle their child. Whomever will be buckling/unbuckling the student is required to have an approved background check, and **must wear a face covering** while on the school bus.
- Bus Drivers will be required to wear face masks.
- Parents will be restricted to 2 drop off/pickup locations per child.

Outside Groups and Visitors

- No outside groups will be allowed to use indoor facilities.
- No unnecessary visitors will be allowed on campus.
- All visitors will be required to sign in with contact information.
- Outdoor Facilities may be used by outside groups with approval by building principal.
- Outside groups requesting to use outdoor facilities will be required to provide a COVID-19 safety plan.
- Visitors coming inside the building will be required to wear a mask, including parents/guardians.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Hand sanitizing stations will be located in all cafeterias.

Breakfast will be served in the Classroom:

- Students report to classroom instead of the cafeteria
- Kitchen Staff will deliver two coolers, one hot and one cold to each classroom.
- The teacher will then mark who is taking the breakfast on a class roster.
- The students have to take all components of breakfast for it to be reimbursable. A student can choose not to eat.
- Kitchen Staff will then return to pick up coolers when breakfast is over.

Lunch will be served in the cafeterias:

- All eating utensils will be wrapped and handed to the students with their tray.
- All condiments will be pre-packaged as well and handed to the students.
- The Fruit and Vegetable Bar will be pulled back into the service line. The students will still be able to choose what they would like.
- Point-of-sale will be done by class roster and the students will be checked as they come through the serving line and then entered by our cashier to make the process touchless for the students.
- The serving line will be cleaned and sanitized between classes or grade levels.
- All kitchen staff will be wearing masks and gloves during serving times.
- Water will be available to the students at lunch, but will be pre cupped and given out by the kitchen staff.
- All students will be encouraged to wash their hands before going to lunch.
- All students will have assigned seats in the lunchroom.

The Classroom

- Students will be required to go to their classroom immediately upon arrival.
- Seating charts will be required on the bus and in the classroom.
- Desk/Tabletop Barrier Shields will be used to provide a protective and sanitary barrier between classmates. Acting as a cough shield or sneeze guard, the barrier can greatly assist in the reduction of transmission of COVID-19.
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily and deep cleaned weekly.
- Elementary students will go to specials classes (e.g. PE, Music, Art).
- Elementary students will not share classroom supplies.
- Middle school and high school students will switch classes.
- Extracurricular athletics and activities will still occur at this time.
 - HS PE: Students will only be allowed in locker rooms 4 at a time to change. Due to this limitation, students are encouraged to come to school dressed for PE.
 - PE students will work in assigned activity areas with assigned student groups. As many activities as possible will be held out of doors.
 - PE Students will be allowed outside without masks if masks become mandated.

- HS Band: Students will be placed socially distant within the classroom or outside. Students will not share mouthpieces, reeds, etc. with other students.
- HS Choir: Students will be placed socially distant within the band classroom or gym on the bleachers. Students will not share music with other students.

Open House/Freshman Orientation/Parent Teacher Conferences

- Open house for PreK through 5th will be held in-person, scheduled by appointment only and limited to 3 families per classroom at a time on **Thursday, August 20th from 4:00-7:00pm**. Only the parents/guardians and child/siblings will be allowed into the building to limit the total number of people inside.
- **Masks will be required** for all attendees at the PK-4th elementary open house. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. For those that wish to not wear a mask, you may email your child's teacher to request a virtual or phone conference.
- *Sign-ups will be available once virtual enrollment numbers are verified and class lists are finalized.*

Middle school open house:

5th Grade: Sign up system by teacher on Aug. 17th from 4:30-7:00 PM

[Mrs. Snyder Sign-Up](#)

[Mrs. Dodd Sign-Up](#)

6th Grade: Sign up system with 7 families per 30 minute time block on Aug. 18th 4:30-7 PM (rest of staff)

[6th Grade Open House Sign-Up](#)

7th/8th Grade: Aug. 20th 5 families per 10 minute block 1 PM-4:00 PM and 4:30 PM-7 PM (just admin, counselor, and administrative assistant)

[7th/8th Grade Open House Sign-Up](#)

High School Open House:

12th Grade: 8am -12pm August 19th

11th Grade: 8am - 11am August 20th

10th Grade: 12pm - 3pm August 20th

9th Grade: 8am - 11am August 21st

New Enrollments or those that missed their time:

12pm - 3pm August 21st

- The district is also moving to online registration and e-signed forms to ease the burden of having in person meetings.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

General Cleaning

- Custodians will be required the use of disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting.
- There will be routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
- High-touch surfaces and objects (such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, desks, phones, keyboards, faucets, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- All buildings will have a deep cleaning once a week and all buildings and classrooms will be fogged at least once a week.

Cafeteria

- Establish a process for social distancing, not mixing different student groups, and sanitizing between groups when students are eating within a cafeteria.
- Elementary: The lunch times have been spread out so that only two grade levels are present at once in the cafeteria. There is at least ten minutes after one grade level leaves and another grade sits at the same table to allow for sanitizing. Each class will have an assigned table, and each student will have an assigned seat.
- Middle School: Lunch times have been staggered so that only one grade level is in the cafeteria at a time to create an environment more conducive to social distancing. Students will have assigned seating and will remain in that seat the entire lunch shift.
- High School: The lunch times have been spread out over three lunch shifts in the cafeteria. Chartwells sanitation and healthy processes will be implemented by the Chartwells staff (see above). Tables will be sanitized between lunch shifts. Each class will have an assigned table, and each student will have an assigned seat. Students not finished with their lunch will be allowed to bring food back to their Rtl classroom.

Restroom

- Administer at least one deep cleaning a day and clean/wipe down high touch surfaces throughout the day. High-touch surfaces can transmit the disease but it's not a high instance.
- Maintain a cleaning log to assist with contact tracing if necessary.

When a COVID-19 Case is Identified

If an individual within a school building is tested positive for COVID-19, the district will work with the local health department but could expect some of these parameters to be put in place:

The guidelines set out by the Jefferson County Health Department are as follows:

One confirmed COVID-19 case in a building

- The first time this happens we may close that individual building down for 1 day.
 - We will disinfect the area and contact those students who were in a six-foot space for at least 15 minutes.

The district may shut down for two weeks or 10 Calendar days if:

- If 5% of the student body in a building test positive in one day
- If 4% of the student body in one building test positive over 2 days in a row
- Or over 3% for 3 days in a row

*These guidelines can change as more information about the virus becomes available.

When you have Suspected Symptoms or have Tested Positive

For Students or Staff who have received a laboratory test for COVID-19:

If an individual within a school building is tested positive for COVID-19, the district will work with the local health department but could expect some of these parameters to be put in place:

- *Positive test result:*
 - Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.
 - Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.
- *Negative test result but symptoms with no other diagnosis:*
 - Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.
 - Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

For people with a COVID-19 diagnosis without a lab test OR people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 without a medical evaluation (e.g., monitoring symptoms at home)

- Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.
- Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

For people with other diagnoses (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) that explain the symptoms, or when a health care provider says symptoms are connected to a pre-existing condition

- Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific return guidance from the health care provider
- If symptoms related to a pre-existing condition change or worsen, talk to a health care provider to determine next steps.
- Siblings and household members do not need to stay home.

Extended Closure

In the event of an extended school closure, the district will transition to completely virtual education for all students. We will use our courses we have available through our MOVA (Missouri Online Virtual Academy) and MOSI (Missouri Online Summer Institute) that have already been approved by DESE (Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education). All students Kindergarten through 12th grade will be issued a chromebook.

*The district is currently working on internet solutions for students that have limited or no internet access; like making the outside of all buildings wifi accessible and potentially providing hotspots to families demonstrating financial need.

Communication Plan

- The district will communicate when there is a confirmed COVID-19 positive case and which building it is in.
- The district will contact those who were within 6 feet of the student or staff member for longer than 15 minutes.