



School Reopening Plan for Fall of 2020

The purpose of the reopening plan is to provide a framework for how Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the educational program during the 2020-2021 school year. The framework is structured using tenets and tiers in order to allow the district to utilize a fluid approach and be responsive to changing public health circumstances. The presence of a formal plan will also support the district in articulating its plan for this fall in a clear, comprehensive, and transparent manner. Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools plans to open on Thursday, August 13th to all students. As we move closer to the start of the school year, we will provide additional information as needed.

Red ~	Orange ~	Yellow ~	Green ~
Severe Risk Directed Health Measures that close the school building.	High Risk Directed Health Measures that limit the school building capacity.	Moderate Risk Directed Health Measures that limit the school building capacity, or guidance from LHD.	Low to no risk No Directed Health Measures that limits the schools capacity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No students in session. *No access to the building district will be closed. *Students engaged in remote learning. *Continued learning in which students will be accountable for grades and attendance. *Schoology will be utilized as a single 4th-12th Grade learning platform. SeeSaw will be utilized as a single PK-3rd grade learning platform. *Masks required in the building/ increased cleaning/required temperature checks/ social distancing when possible. *The district will work with families on a case by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *50% of students in session The number of students will be dictated by Covid ~19 and the DHM. *Learning model will consist of alternating days and a hybrid education system for all students grades PK-12. *Attendance / grades Required *There will be no outside visitors, or groups during the school day. *All students may have an option to learn from home during this time. * Once this option has been selected, families will be required to engage in remote learning for a 9 week period. *Masks required / increased cleaning/required temperature checks/ social distancing when possible. * Schoology / SeeSaw utilized *The district will work with families on a case by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *100% of our students may be on site in this model. The number of students will be dictated by Covid ~19 and the DHM. *Unless other circumstances dictate, all PK-12 student education services will be on site. *Hybrid, or on site learning following a predetermined calendar/schedule. *Attendance / grades Required *There will be no outside visitors or groups during the school day. *All students may have an option to learn from home during this time. * Once this option has been selected, families will be required to engage in remote learning for a 9 week period. * Masks will be required/ increased cleaning/required temperature checks/ social distancing when possible. *Schoology / SeeSaw utilized *The district will work with families on a case by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *100% of students Regular schedule will resume *District policies followed. *All district mandated cleaning procedures will resume. *Staff and students that wish to continue to wear a mask or face covering will be allowed to do so. * Applicable recommendations from the health department will remain in place as needed. *All students may have an option to learn from home during this time. * Remote learning option will remain a 9 week requirement for families. *Schoology / SeeSaw utilized * The district will work with families on a case by case basis.

Approach to Health and Sanitation

Moving through this process, the following recommendations have been provided by the health department to maintain a healthy and safe environment for E-M students and staff. **1.)** The wearing of face masks, or face coverings that cover the mouth and nose when possible. **2.)** Cohorting, or limited movement of students. **3.)** Good Hygiene. **4.)** Social distancing. **5.)** Self-monitoring and temperature checks. **6.)** No outside visitors/programs.

Topic	Resulting Action
<i>Hand Washing Hand Sanitizing</i>	Students and staff will sanitize their hands upon entering the building, entering a classroom, exiting a classroom, entering the cafeteria, exiting the cafeteria, exiting the building. Students and staff will clean hands throughout the school day (at least 70% alcohol). The school will provide both soap and water and hand sanitizer.
<i>Touch Surface Cleaning</i>	High-touch surface sanitization throughout each day. Includes touch cleaning on desks, door handles, work spaces, restrooms..... Learning materials should not be shared at any time.
<i>Masks or Face coverings</i>	Masks or face coverings will be required on buses, in the hallways, entering and exiting the building. Mask or face coverings will be required at Elmwood-Murdock while in the red, orange and yellow modes. Parents are welcome to provide their own masks and/or face coverings if so desired - they must meet E-M dress code. The district will also have masks available for students and staff.
<i>Cohorting students</i>	Students in PRE-K - 6 will be placed in groups. Teachers will move while students remain stationary. Social distancing in the classroom setting and throughout the school when possible. Grades 7-12 will not cohort but may have staggered passing periods and one way hallways.
<i>Screening</i>	<p><u>Before School</u> Parents will be asked to screen their students for two of the following symptoms: temperature of 100.4 or higher, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell. <u>If your student shows any of the aforementioned symptoms, please stay home. Consistent communication with the school will be important as we do not want children who are feeling ill to attend.</u></p> <p>All staff self-screen at home for a temperature and two of the following symptoms: temperature of 100.4 or higher, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell. If your student shows any of the aforementioned symptoms, please stay home. Consistent communication with the school will be important as we do not want children who are feeling ill to attend.</p> <p><u>During the Day</u> Mandatory screening process for all students and staff entering the building and throughout the day. All protocol will be followed for individuals who are symptomatic.</p>

<p><i>Response to Positive Cases</i></p>	<p>When students are showing symptoms related to Covid-19 at school, the individual student, along with their household members will be placed in a quarantine room and sent home. Members of the household will be sent home as well, as they are considered to be “in close contact” with the individual who is symptomatic. The district will follow all recommendations from the health department regarding quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Positive test</u> - Exclude for 10 days from symptom onset AND only allow to return 24 hours after fever resolution (if present) AND improved respiratory symptoms. • <u>Symptomatic, not tested</u> - Exclude for 10 days from symptom onset AND only allow to return 24 hours after fever resolution (if present) AND improved respiratory symptoms. May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis, presents a doctor’s note to confirm the presence of an alternative diagnosis that explains the symptoms, and meets the schools requirements for readmission. - non household members - close contact could be excluded and quarantined for up to 14 days. • <u>Symptomatic staff/student who tests negative:</u> Exclude until fever free for 24 hours (or meets the schools requirements for readmission) AND improved respiratory symptoms. <p>When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Health Departments will work with the school to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) What is the level of community spread outside the school building? 2.) Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a face covering most of the time? 3.) Were other students and staff using face coverings who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes? 4.) Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day? 5.) To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions (hand washing, hand sanitizers, etc.) <p>The answers to these questions will help determine 1) the number of close contacts 2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom 3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined. Classroom(s) will be disinfected with CDC rated supplies.</p>
<p><i>Busing and school transportation.</i></p>	<p>Students will have assigned seats and wear a face covering. Surfaces will be wiped down between routes. Drivers will wear a face covering.</p>
<p><i>Lockers</i></p>	<p>Lockers will be limited or not used at this time. Students will be allowed to have backpacks in the classroom. Parents and students should clean backpacks daily. E-M suggests clear bags, but will not require them..</p>
<p><i>Pick Up / Drop Off and Students Exiting Building</i></p>	<p>Social distancing practices should be followed. Students, or parents / guardians will not congregate at entrance or exit areas. Students will be asked to put on their face coverings when they enter the building. Parents are asked to stay in or by their vehicle during pick-up/drop off. Students will be dismissed at multiple exits in a staggered approach. (e.g. based on walking home, riding the bus, etc.) Specific building information will be communicated by the principal.</p>
<p><i>Water Fountains</i></p>	<p>No mouth drinking from fountains. Water bottles provided by students and families. Students may fill water bottles from automated, “hydration stations.”</p>
<p><i>Cafeteria</i></p>	<p>Social-distancing will be applied to the best of our abilities utilizing traditional and non-traditional eating spaces and staggered eating schedules. No self-serve items. All food to be served by gloved and masked employees. Students will be allowed to bring lunches from home. No sharing of food. Students may be required to eat in classrooms. The cafeteria will be cleaned between every lunch session. No microwaves will be available for student use. Students will sit in assigned seating.</p>
<p><i>Passing Periods</i></p>	<p>May be staggered to increase social distancing. One-way hallways, where permitted.</p>
<p><i>Building Engineering</i></p>	<p>Make sure ventilation is at a proper level. Regular filter changes, etc. This has been addressed with the school maintenance team. Global Plasma Systems - Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization Technology installed in both buildings.</p>
<p><i>Recess</i></p>	<p>The playground equipment may or may not be utilized (depending on cleaning capacity), however students may access the playground area, or additional areas that will provide for social distancing.</p>

<i>Elective courses / Specials</i>	Will be provided in alternate forms, or when social distancing can occur.
<i>School Activities</i>	We will follow the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) in regards to school activities scheduling, practices, games, etc. However we reserve the right to reduce the number of spectators to allow for social distancing.
<i>Visitors & Volunteers</i>	Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate visitors like we have in the past. Lunch guests, family members, classroom volunteers, and other special drop-in guests, guest speakers and/or mentors will not be allowed until further notice.