

Schuyler R-1 School District Re-Entry Plan for August 25, 2020

We are excited here at Schuyler R-1 School District to welcome students back to school on August 25th. We will plan on being in school unless the federal, state, county, or local health departments require us to close. We are working with the Schuyler County Health Department, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor's Office, and Center for Disease Control. With what took place last year with schools having to close it has forced us to rethink and adapt to how we can continue to provide a quality education to all of our students no matter what the situation. As we have moved through this pandemic, we have learned that children are less vulnerable to infection and are less likely to become seriously ill with COVID-19. However, we intend to do our part to limit exposure to COVID-19. We know that face-to-face instruction is the most effective learning and we want our students at Schuyler R-1 to receive that. We would like to have school feel as normal as possible but also be safe and be prepared if we have to close school for a short period of time.

We do not plan on cancelling school if we have a positive case. If our attendance drops to a certain percentage, we will close the buildings for a week for deep cleaning. Meanwhile, we will deliver instruction remotely.

Our buildings will be closed to anyone who is not a student or staff member from 8:00-3:30. We want to limit all outside access to the buildings. We already lock the doors, so it should not be a new inconvenience, but we will follow it much more strictly this year. All deliveries will be dropped off in one of the three airlocks. If parents or other visitors have school business, they must contact the office to seek entrance to the building. Please call ahead if you are picking up your students early.

Important Notes:

- * Masks are optional.
- * We will have the ability to take temperatures of students and staff as they enter the building.
- * Please reinforce good handwashing and hygiene practices at home. We will be training and reminding students how to sneeze and cough safely as well as basic hygiene. This is of the utmost importance.

- * We are installing water bottle filling stations throughout the district. We ask that your child bring his or her own water bottle.
- * We have installed hands-free sink and toilet hardware.
- * We will also have hand sanitizer located throughout the district. Please help provide sanitizer for your student as well.
- * No assemblies or large gatherings.
- * Upon arrival at school, elementary students will report to the cafeteria if they are eating breakfast or go to their classroom.
- * Upon arrival at school, high school students will report to the cafeteria if they are eating breakfast or report to their home room.

Classrooms:

In classrooms, where possible, student desks will be in lines facing the same direction spaced out as far as possible. Students will have assigned seating. One-on-one tutoring will not take place this year with the older students unless distancing can be established. Small group learning will be reduced. When small group learning is necessary, areas will be disinfected. We will do our best to keep as much distance as possible from each other. Supplies that are shared in the classroom will be disinfected.

Transportation:

Social distancing on our buses would make it hard to transport every student to school. We ask that parents drop off and pick up their students through the parent drop-off/pick-up line, if possible, to reduce the number of students riding the buses.

Please keep students in vehicles until the buildings open.

The State health department is asking us to put measures in place to be able to contact-trace all our students as much as possible. Therefore, all students that ride our school buses will all be given an assigned seat with family members sitting together.

Parents will also be asked to establish their morning and afternoon riding schedules.

We will be loading buses back to front and will also have the windows open when the weather permits. We will be disinfecting the buses regularly. Masks are not required but are recommended.

Food Service:

- * We will not be having self-serve this year.
- * Students will be served by Opa employees.
- * Condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.) and silverware will be packaged.
- * Students will have assigned seating.

Most Important:

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school.

If your child has any of these COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home:

- *Fever
- *Cough
- *Shortness of breath
- *Diarrhea
- *Fatigue, muscle or body aches
- *Sore throat
- *Nausea or vomiting
- *Loss of taste or smell

- If a student shows symptoms or is sick, we will put them in isolation and call the parent or send them home if they are a driver. **If a child is sick, they must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before they return to school. If a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, we will follow the Health Department's recommendations.**