

Buchanan County R-IV School District Return to School 2020-21

Safety and Health Protocols

Food & Transportation Guidelines

July 2020

During our preparations for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, we have been working with our staff and the county health department to enable a safe environment for our students and staff members. We have attempted to outline below our guidelines and protocols for 2020-21. These guidelines are subject to change, given the dynamics of the current global pandemic.

HEALTH GUIDELINES

- **Screening for Symptoms:**

Your child must stay home if sick. Please screen your child for illness before sending them to school each day by assessing the following potential symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Rash
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Lack of appetite
- Loss of taste or smell

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a fever is 100.4 F or greater.

CLASSROOM

- Class rotations will be minimal with students staying within their grade level.
- Non-core classes will be held outdoors when possible.
- Desks will be socially distanced as far apart as possible.
- Desks / tables will be cleaned following each use with prescribed solutions.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

- Breakfast will be served as grab and go as students arrive at school. Lunch will be in the gym / commons with tables spread out through the area by classes with alternating start/end time and assigned seats.
- Menus will be set by OPAA. There will be 2 breakfast and 3 lunch choices daily.
- No salad or fruit bars will be available until further notice - all food will be on student trays for pick up.
- Social distancing will be observed while in line.
- Free and reduced lunch forms are available through our offices.

RECESS/PE

- Playgrounds will be limited to one grade level at a time.
- PE classes will be one class at a time—in the gym or outside as much as possible using social distancing.
- All students will wash their hands immediately following recess and PE

MISCELLANEOUS

- Masks or face coverings may be worn at parent/guardian discretion but will not be required.
- Classrooms and high-touch surfaces will be regularly cleaned and sanitized
- Students will be encouraged to practice good hygiene. Handwashing breaks will be scheduled regularly.
- Water drinking fountains will not be in use. Water bottle filling stations will be available for student/staff use.
- Parents and visitors will NOT be allowed into the building, except on an emergency basis.

TRANSPORTATION

- Please consider taking your child to school instead of sending them on the bus.
We will not be able to provide complete social distancing on the buses, but we will take as many precautions as possible:
 - Drivers/administrators will assign seats on the bus. These seats will not change without approval of the administration. Students will sit one/two student(s) per seat whenever possible.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided.
 - Seats and high touch areas will be disinfected following each route.
 - We will open windows when possible.

Parent drop off/pick up before, during, and after school

- Parents will form a line in the parking lot on the east side of the school to wait for their child(ren) to be brought to them.
- Staff will be present to guide you.

*** If you are picking up/dropping off your child during the middle of the school day, please contact the elementary at 688-7777 and/or middle school/high school at 685-3211. You may let the MS/HS secretary know you are present to pick up your child by using the outside intercom on the main entrance wall, or call the office at 685-3211, and the secretary will help you with your needs. Parents will only be allowed to enter the building on an emergency basis.

In Case a Student or Staff Member Shows COVID-19 Symptoms

- **Assessing Symptoms:**
School staff members will use their judgement to evaluate the person's symptoms. Even if a student's fever does not reach the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation of 100.4 F, a student may be sent home in consideration of all symptoms.
- **Safety Precautions:**
Our school staff will use CDC-recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) when working with a student or staff member with COVID-19 symptoms, and will attempt to keep the person with symptoms separated from everyone else until they can carefully leave the school.
- **Cleaning:**
We will attempt to block off the areas the student or staff member has been until our custodian can clean and disinfect them.
- **If the Student or Staff Member Gets a COVID-19 Diagnosis:**
If a student or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test or a healthcare provider diagnoses presumptive COVID-19, we will follow these guidelines:
- We will work with the Buchanan County Health Department and we will follow CDC guidelines to determine what precautions we must take, whom we need to notify and whether we need to close.
- If this student rode the bus, Apple Bus Company will take the vehicle out of service in order to clean and disinfect.

Returning to School after Illness:

- **If the School Staff Member Sends a Student Home:**
If a school nurse sends a student home with COVID-19-like symptoms, they will use these guidelines to decide about the student's return to school:
 - Must be fever-free a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen
 - Must have an improvement in COVID-19-like symptoms
 - Might be asked to stay home at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared
 - Might be asked to bring medical clearance to return to school signed by their licensed health care provider.

- **If a Student Gets Diagnosed with COVID-19:**

If a student or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test or gets a diagnosis of presumptive COVID-19 from their health care provider, we will follow these guidelines to decide about the return to school:

- Must be fever-free a minimum of 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen
- Must have an improvement in COVID-19-like symptoms
- Must stay home at least 10 days, possibly up to 20 days, after symptoms first appear OR until receiving two negative COVID-19 tests completed 24 hours apart.

The Buchanan County R-IV School District reserves the right to require documentation from a licensed health care provider stating any student has medical clearance to return to school.

School Supplies for 2020-21

In an effort to prevent the spread of germs we are asking students to bring some of their own supplies as usual. Please have all supplies in a pencil pouch/Zip lock bag with the student's name on supplies.

Students **MUST** bring a refillable water bottle as all water fountains will be available only as water bottle filling stations.

Grades PK - 8 supply lists by grade level can be viewed on the district website: www.bcr4.org

Grades 9-12 will need the following supplies:

- Trapper Keeper that zips
- Loose Leaf College Ruled Paper (CA, Math, Science, Civics)
- 1 Spiral Notebook (Math, Science)
- Pocket Folder for each class
- Pencils / Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Checking Pens
- 3-5 Poster Boards for Projects
- 2 Packages Top Loading Sheet Protectors
- Calculator – Texas Instruments TI-30XII (recommended)
- 3 x 5 Index Cards
- Scissors
- Glue Stix
- Ruler
- 1 GB Flash Drive for Computers
- 2 – 1 inch 3 Ring Spiral Notebooks

