

Oologah-Talala Public Schools

Risk Phases - Safety Protocols COVID-19



This document is subject to change based on current guidance from state and local authorities. Oologah-Talala Public Schools could move to virtual and/or distance learning at any time due to safety or health concerns.

GREEN

GREEN LEVEL (Fewer than 1.43 cases per 100,000 residents)

Instruction: OTPS will provide in-person, on-site instruction in accordance with their reopening plans as determined by the board of education. Virtual learning will still be an option for those who enrolled in the program at the beginning of each semester.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students, visitors and essential workers prior to entry
- Procedures for social distancing and gatherings on and off campus
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are recommended but not required for all staff and students. Teachers of students in PreK through 2nd grade should consider protective face shields or clear-paneled masks.
- Some exemptions may exist for students with medical conditions that prohibit the wearing of a mask. If you have a question about an exemption, please contact your site administrator.

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students.

Visitors and Service Providers: School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on the premises will wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks will be required for all visitors. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: Schools should remain vigilant and plan with caution. Group gathers, assemblies, and spectator sports at indoor and outdoor events without PPE or social distancing can accelerate community transmission and a loss of Green Level status.

YELLOW

YELLOW LEVEL (More than 1.43 but fewer than 14.39 cases per 100,000 residents)

Instruction: OTPS will provide in-person, on-site instruction in accordance with their reopening plans as determined by the board of education. Virtual learning will still be an option for those who enrolled in the program at the beginning of each semester.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students, visitors and essential workers prior to entry
- Procedures for social distancing and gatherings on and off campus
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are required for all staff and students in grades 3-12, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Masks are recommended for students in grades PreK-2 in hallways, common areas and during times of school transportation.
- Students and staff are allowed to remove their masks in “Mask Free Zones” as designated at each site.
- All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask on the bus.

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students.

Visitors and Service Providers: School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on the premises will wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks will be required for all visitors. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gatherings, assemblies and spectators at indoor and outdoor events to decrease community transmission. We recommend that spectators wear masks and socially distance during these events.

ORANGE 1

ORANGE LEVEL 1 (More than 14.39 but fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 residents)

Instruction: OTPS will provide in-person, on-site instruction in accordance with their reopening plans as determined by the board of education. Virtual learning will still be an option for those who enrolled in the program at the beginning of each semester.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students, visitors and essential workers prior to entry
- Procedures for social distancing and gatherings on and off campus
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are required for all staff and students in grades 3-12, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Masks are recommended for students in grades PreK-2 in hallways, common areas and during times of school transportation.
- Students and staff are allowed to remove their masks in “Mask Free Zones” as designated at each site.
- All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask on the bus.

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students.

Visitors and Service Providers: School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on the premises will wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks will be required for all visitors. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gatherings, assemblies and spectators at indoor and outdoor events to decrease community transmission. We require that spectators wear masks when entering events on the campus of OTPS. Spectators will also be screened for health concerns prior to entry.

ORANGE 2

ORANGE LEVEL 2 (More than 25 but fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 residents)

Instruction: Parents are strongly encouraged to transition their student to Distance Learning during Orange Level 2. If Distance Learning is not an option for your family, school buildings will be opened to provide in-person instruction using alternative classroom structures. These structures will vary by site, and they are intended to limit the number of people students are exposed to each day.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students, visitors and essential workers prior to entry
- Procedures for social distancing and gatherings on and off campus
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are required for all staff and students in grades 3-12, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Masks are recommended for students in grades PreK-2 in hallways, common areas and during times of school transportation.
- Students and staff are allowed to remove their masks in “Mask Free Zones” as designated at each site.
- All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask on the bus.

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students. IEP teams may need to meet to determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for a student served under the IDEA. 504 teams may also need to meet to determine if a student served under Section 504 is in need of any additional accommodations or modifications.

Visitors and Service Providers: School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on the premises will wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks will be required for all visitors. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students.

Child Nutrition: Grab and Go meals will be available for students who choose Distance Learning during Orange Level 2. Parents must notify the school district no later than 8:00 a.m. each morning if they want to pick up a lunch.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gatherings, assemblies and spectators at indoor and outdoor events to decrease community transmission. Spectators will be limited to the immediate family members of the participating students only. We require that spectators wear masks when entering events on the campus of OTPS. Spectators will also be screened for health concerns prior to entry.

RED

RED LEVEL (50 or more cases per 100,000 residents)

Instruction: OTPS will close buildings and provide distance learning until community transmission declines to Orange Level 1 on the COVID-19 Alert System or as advised by local and state health officials and OSDE. Students with disabilities who are unable to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) solely through a distance learning environment (as determined by the IEP team) and those students who are unable to receive instructional services through distance learning, not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of students enrolled at a site, may receive certain services at a schools site that is closed or at an alternate school site or other location. Teachers and staff may be on campus as assigned. A Red Level designation will continue for a minimum of 14 calendar days.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students, visitors and essential workers prior to entry
- Procedures for social distancing and gatherings on and off campus
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are required for all staff and students in grades 3-12, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Masks are recommended for students in grades PreK-2 in hallways, common areas and during times of school transportation.
- Students and staff are allowed to remove their masks in "Mask Free Zones" as designated at each site.
- All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask on the bus.

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students. IEP and/or 504 teams may need to meet to determine appropriate actions for students with special needs.

Visitors and Service Providers: School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on the premises will wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks will be required for all visitors. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students.

Child Nutrition: Grab and Go meals will be available for students who choose Distance Learning during Red Level. Parents must notify the school district no later than 8:00 a.m. each morning if they want to pick up a lunch.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is currently recommended that buildings and campuses not be used for extracurricular activities, including spectator sports, or other group activities such as assemblies and performances. It is recommended that building and campuses not be utilized for public events and gatherings. OTPS will follow recommendations for participation in extracurricular activities provided by the OSSAA and the SDE.

Additional Information/Disclaimers

- All plans and procedures established by OTPS are subject to change as new information is available or if positive cases become more prevalent within our district.
- We will determine which phase (or color) we are in each week. This determination comes from the COVID-19 Alert System found on the Oklahoma State Department of Health's website. It is updated each week on Friday by the OSDH.
- The district will communicate the updated information each week using various methods.
- There may be additional reasons the district may need to move to virtual learning for all students. Some examples of this may be, but are not limited to:
 - Shortage of staff due to illness or quarantine
 - Shortage of bus drivers
 - District absentee rate of at 35% or greater after a positive case
 - State mandated school closure
- Transportation may be disrupted at any time due to a shortage of drivers.
- Anyone interested in being a substitute teacher or bus driver should contact the district as soon as possible.
- Students enrolled in OTPS are expected to adhere to all public health guidelines, protocols, and procedures.
- Parents are expected to stay in communication with the district and inform staff if there is any change to their contact information.
- If parents do not return a contact from the school in a timely manner, we will begin calling any and all numbers listed as an emergency contact for the student.
- OTPS will ensure that students have access to technology by doing the following;
 - Distributing school laptops to every student so that they can use them at school and home.
 - OTPS will determine which families need a hot spot and will give them one as needed.
 - OTPS will also work with the towns of Oologah and Talala along with local churches in the community to provide internet access for families.

Links to important information related to the OTPS plan:

- [Oklahoma Covid-19 Alert System](#)
- [Covid-19 Response Guide](#)
- [OLE/OUE Learning Options](#)
- [OMS Learning Options](#)
- [OHS Learning Options](#)
- [OTPS Athletics/Fine Arts Plan](#)