

RACCOON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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Raccoon Parents and Students,

REMOTE LEARNING

Families who chose the Remote Learning Option must comply for Remote Learning for the entire 1st quarter. Parents can then choose to continue with remote learning or send their children back to school for face-to-face learning starting with the 2nd quarter of school.

ONSITE LEARNING

The first student attendance day will be August 20th. Students will start the school day at 8:20 AM and conclude the day with a **1:30 PM dismissal time**. Students will be considered tardy after 8:20 AM. **Doors will open at 7:30 AM for students to be dropped off. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The following guidelines are to be followed at Raccoon School:

Students

- Face Masks
 - Must have one accessible at all times.
 - Must be worn on the bus.
 - Must be worn at all times indoors.
 - *You may wish to consider practicing wearing a mask for short periods of time at home before the start of school to help with the transition of wearing them during the school day.*
 - Must be worn outdoors if social distancing is not possible.
- Social Distancing
 - Students should be considerate of others' personal space and make a reasonable attempt to stay socially distanced.
 - Students must sit in the class, lunchroom, gym etc. in a place specified by a teacher or supervising adult.
- Temperature Check Log Upon Entry
 - An aide will be on the bus each morning and will get off the bus to check temperatures. If a child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, then that child will remain at home. By having this process in place will limit exposure to bus drivers and other students.
 - All students who are dropped off will have their temperature taken before they get out of the car. The school nurse and/or aides will come to the vehicle to do temperatures checks. If the temperature is 100.4 or higher, the students will need to go home.

Parents

- **Symptom Screening-** *The nurse will be sending further guidelines soon.*
 - Parents must deem their child(ren) healthy each day prior to leaving the home for school. ***It is the utmost importance that each family does their due diligence to check for fever and COVID symptoms each day.***

- **Parents must sign off on a parental certification of student wellness form that will go home with students the first day of school.**

Visitors

- We will not be able to utilize community or parent volunteers at this time.
- Please allow your child to come into school on their own.
- Visitors will be limited in the building and must follow the following protocols:
 - Visitors must have temperature taken.
 - Visitors must self-certify that they are symptom free before entering the building.
 - Visitors must wear a mask at all times while in the building.
 - Visitors must make a reasonable attempt to socially distance while in the building
- Visitors will come directly to the office.
- If a student forgets something at home, there will be a table right as parents enter the front doors and that item with the child's name can be left on the table. A staff member will deliver the item/s to the student.

School Staff

- Temperature checks of students and staff upon arrival
- Will self-certify that they do not have any symptoms
- Increased cleaning and sanitation during the day and after school hours
- Modify schedules to decrease amount of students in groups
- Modify classroom seating to distance students

Deep Cleaning of Touch Points Within the Building

- It is important to point out that our building is probably the cleanest it has ever been right now due to the fact that we have not had anyone in the building for months and have utilized this time to clean and prep for the return of students. With your help in monitoring your child(ren)'s health and well-being and taking the proper precautions we can do our best to keep it this way. Disinfecting of touch points in the building will be conducted throughout the school day. After students are dismissed we will also be disinfecting chairs, desks, lockers, door knobs etc.

Student Transportation

- Students will be required to wear a face covering on the bus to and from school. We will have less than 50 students on each bus route. An aide will be on the morning bus routes to take temperatures before students get on the bus.
- **Doors will open at 7:30 AM for students to be dropped off. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Parents that will be dropping off their child/ren will do so by the cafeteria/gym doors and students will stay in the vehicle until a staff member conducts a temperature check. After students are cleared, they will go to the gym and sit in their designated grade area. For pick-ups, students will be picked up by the cafeteria/gym doors.

COVID-19 Positive Case Protocols

- If/when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Marion County Health Department will be made aware and we will follow their guidance and procedures. The MCHD will be conducting contact tracing and setting quarantine protocols for us to follow.

I truly appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to navigate uncharted waters. Our top concerns are to keep your child(ren) safe and provide the best education we possibly can for them. The rules and guidelines we have been given to follow are going to be difficult for everyone to adhere to, but we will all do the best we can to keep the students and staff safe during in-person learning while trying to keep things as normal as we can. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the kids are returning to school for in-person instruction and are not starting the year doing remote learning so that teachers and staff can make those important connections with students to start the school year.

Misty Johannes, Superintendent