

Bluford USD #318

2020-2021 Tentative Reopening Plan

The school, in collaboration with stakeholders, has worked to create a tentative plan to return all students back to school. The plan complies with existing guidelines and recommendations of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The parameters of this plan are based on relevant information and are subject to change with the release of new information. The full detailed plan will be released closer to the start of the school year.

Enhanced Cleaning Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand sanitizer available throughout the building• Electrostatic disinfectant sprayers used before a new group of students enters any room• Increased cleaning of any shared areas
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COVID Home Quarantine Requirements

Exhibits symptoms of COVID, but is not suspected of having COVID-19	Examples: Allergies, ear infection, flu, strep, migraine. May be possible to return in fewer than 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours fever free. Evidence of alternative reason for symptoms and a release from a medical professional to return to school/work required.
Returning after Positive COVID-19 Test with Symptoms	At least 10 days have passed since the first symptoms, at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications, and improvement of symptoms and a doctor's note authorizing safe return to school.
Returning after Positive COVID-19 Test without Symptoms	At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive test, and no symptoms have developed and a doctor's note authorizing safe return to school.
Returning After Exposure to COVID-19	14 days have passed since the date of exposure, with no onset of symptoms. If the exposure was from a member of your household, an additional 14 days has passed since the positive person was released from quarantine.
Returning after Negative COVID Test	Stay home until symptoms have resolved. Provide negative test results or note from physician indicating the negative test result.

Transportation

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks must be worn by students and staff• Students will have temperature checked upon entry• Students will have assigned seats (siblings together)• Windows will be opened if possible• The number of students will be limited to 47 students• Routes may be adjusted
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Health and Safety Protocols

<p>Masks- Due to ISBE and IDPH guidelines, masks are required by all students and staff while inside the building, on buses, and if social distancing cannot be maintained outside of the building. There are no exceptions to this.</p>	<p>Screening- All students will be screened via temperature checks before entering a bus or school building. Staff will self certify each day. If anyone presents symptoms of illness, they will be sent home.</p>
<p>Seating- Seating will be assigned on all buses, classrooms, and other areas throughout the building.</p>	<p>Training- All staff will be trained at the start of the school year on prevention, social distancing, screening, and contact tracing.</p>
<p>Visitors- Visitors will only be allowed in the offices, must wear a mask, and have their temperature taken.</p>	<p>Care Locations- Designated areas will be used for any student or staff who are displaying symptoms until they are able to be picked up.</p>
<p>Medical- Students who present a medical exemption for the use of face coverings will be provided remote learning through Edgenuity or a similar platform.</p>	<p>Contact Us- For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 732-8242.</p>

Changes in the Classrooms

<p>Classrooms-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social distancing or small student grouping will be assigned to help with social distancing ● Students and staff must be masked ● Upon arrival to school, students will report directly to first hour or homeroom ● No sharing of supplies ● Each student will be assigned an electronic device for at school use ● Outdoor classrooms will be established and used as much as possible ● Frequent outdoor breaks will occur 	<p>Breakfast/Lunch-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HS students can grab breakfast from commons and report directly to their first hour class ● 6-8 students who want breakfast will eat in the cafeteria and then go to homeroom ● K-5 will report directly to classroom and be served breakfast in the room ● HS lunch will be divided into two lunch periods with designated areas ● K-8 will eat lunch in the cafeteria by grade level at assigned times
<p>School Events-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family events will be limited during Illinois' Phase 4 ● Field trips will only be conducted to outdoor locations where social distancing is possible 	<p>PE/Recess/Extracurricular-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PE will be outdoors as much as possible ● Recess will be conducted by grade level ● Extracurriculars will follow IHSA and SIJHSAA guidelines

Goals to Consider in Reopening

1. Safety for all students and staff.
2. Minimize the spread and impact if someone tests positive.
3. Have all students and staff return to school for full days, every day.

As we transition back to regular school attendance, we all must commit to keeping each other safe. Primarily, if a student or employee is experiencing any symptoms of illness, they must stay home. If you know your child has a fever in excess of 100.4, please do not administer a fever mitigating medication (Tylenol, Ibuprofen) and send them to school. Please keep students home if they have a temperature or any other symptoms. A conscious effort by all will help minimize risk and help ensure that we can maintain as normal school attendance as possible.

First Day of School:

Kindergarten parents will be allowed to bring their student into the building on the first day of school provided that they wear an appropriate face covering while in the building. We ask that parents of students in all other grade levels drop off their students at the door.

Arrival To School:

K-4 Car Riders

We ask that no car rider students arrive prior to 7:50. Students in grades K-4 who are car riders should enter through the old grade school entrance on the northwest side of the building. Upon arrival, all students will have their temperature taken. The student's masks will be hanging on hooks labeled by classroom and student name. Students will put on their mask and proceed to their classroom where they will either read a book or get out their device (K-1=iPad, 2-4= Chromebook) for tech. time. Breakfast will be delivered to each classroom between 8:05 - 8:10.

5-8 Car Riders

We ask that no car rider students arrive prior to 7:50. Students in grades 5-8 who are car riders should enter through the main grade school entrance in the middle of the building. Upon arrival, all students will have their temperature taken. Any student who took home their mask for washing should wear it upon entering the building. Any student who left their mask to be laundered will retrieve the mask from the designated location. Students will put on their mask and proceed to their classroom where they will either read a book or get out their device for tech. time. For fifth grade, breakfast will be delivered to each classroom between 8:05 - 8:10. Students in grades 6-8 will eat breakfast in the cafeteria and then proceed to their homeroom.

9-12 Car Riders/Drivers

We ask that no car riders or drivers arrive prior to 7:50. High school students should enter through the main front entrance or the entrance closest to the ag. classroom. No

students should enter through the connecting corridor doors. Upon arrival, all students will have their temperature taken. Since high school students will take home their masks daily, they should have them on upon entering the building. If students want breakfast, the grab and go option will be available in the lobby (just like last year). If students want the other breakfast option, they can go to the cafeteria. Students will then proceed directly to their first hour class.

Bus Riders

K-5 bus riders will enter through the main grade school entrance and proceed directly to their classroom. 6-8 can either eat breakfast in the cafeteria or proceed directly to their homeroom. High school students will enter through the main high school entrance, grab breakfast if desired, and then report directly to their first hour class.

Instruction

Goal- Have all students and staff in attendance for full days, every day. Since students will be required to wear masks while in the school building. During good weather, all teachers will schedule times no longer than 45 minutes in the classroom without an outside break. The district is creating outdoor learning spaces and teachers will be encouraged to utilize those spaces as much as possible. All shared areas/classrooms will be disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer after each group of students.

K-5

Teachers will attempt to meet social distancing requirements. If this cannot be achieved, student desks will be placed as far apart as possible. The teacher will have a designated area that is at least six feet from any student desk. Outside learning spaces will be created and encouraged for teachers to use. In the classroom, lockers will only be used to store coats and backpacks. Students will store all other materials in their desk.

6-8

Teachers will attempt to meet social distancing requirements. If this cannot be achieved, student desks will be placed as far apart as possible. The teacher will have a designated area that is at least six feet from any student desk. Outside learning spaces will be created and encouraged for teachers to use. In the classroom, lockers will only be used to store coats. Students will be allowed to carry a backpack to transport necessary school materials.

9-12

Teachers will attempt to meet social distancing requirements. If this cannot be achieved, student desks will be placed as far apart as possible. Teachers will assign seating charts based on grade level and student last name. The teacher will have a designated area that is at least six feet from any student desk.

Passing periods: Sophomores will be dismissed from each class first and will report to the gymnasium. Seniors will be dismissed second from each class and will report to the commons. Juniors will be dismissed third and will report to the area outside the media center. Freshmen will be dismissed last and will report directly to their next class. Then the juniors will report to class. Once the juniors are in class, the sophomores will report to class, followed by the seniors. Students will be allowed to carry a backpack to

transport necessary school materials to each class as lockers will primarily be used for coats.

PE

Activities outside will be encouraged as much as possible. Shared equipment will not be allowed. With the current phase 4 guidelines, approximately 30 minutes will be dedicated each day to physical activity and 30 minutes will be dedicated to student study hall time (6-12).

Electronic Devices

An electronic device will be assigned to each student. High school and junior high student devices will be housed in their first hour class/homeroom and will be returned for charging at the end of the day. K-5 student devices will be kept in each classroom.

Transportation

- Face coverings must be worn by students and staff
- Students will have temperature checked upon entry
- Students will have assigned seats (siblings together)
- Windows will be opened if possible
- The number of students will be limited to 47 students
- Routes may be adjusted

Food Service

Breakfast-

- K-5 reports directly to the classroom upon arrival. Car riders should arrive no earlier than 7:50. Breakfast will be delivered to each classroom between 8:05 - 8:10.
- 6th - 8th grade students will report directly to their homeroom. If students want to eat breakfast, they will go to the cafeteria and then report to their homeroom when finished.
- 9-12 will get grab and go if wanted and report to their first hour class upon arrival.

Lunch-

Lunch- K-	10:50-11:05	Recess- 11:05-11:20 (Ann)
Lunch- 1st	11:05-11:20	Recess- 11:20-11:35 (Denise)
Lunch- 2nd	11:20-11:35	Recess- 11:35-11:50 (Ann)
Lunch- 3rd	11:35-11:50	Recess- 11:50-12:05 (Denise)
Lunch- 4th	11:50-12:05	Recess- 12:05-12:20 (Ann/Linda)
Lunch- 5th	12:05-12:20	Recess- 12:20-12:35 (Denise)
Lunch- 6th	12:35-12:50	Recess- 12:50-1:05 (Linda/Sierra)
Lunch- 7th	11:25-11:40	Recess- 11:40-11:55 (split Ken/Ben rooms- Sierra)
Lunch- 8th	12:35-12:50	Recess- 12:50-1:05 (Linda/Sierra)

High School

Two lunch periods- B Lunch = 11:25- 11:55 A Lunch = 12:27-12:57

Students will be able to eat outside north of the building as much as weather permits. Students will also be able to eat in the lobby and media center daily. Tables will also be arranged in the gym and used when PE is not in session.

Vending will only be available before school and during lunch. Students will need to use hand sanitizer prior to using the vending machine.

Recess/Playground

Recess for students in grades K-8 is scheduled in conjunction with lunch. Students will attend recess by grade level and will be expected to maintain social distance requirements as face coverings will not be required outdoors. Playground equipment will be sanitized regularly.

Building & Maintenance

In all classes that have students moving between classrooms, teachers will have an electrostatic sprayer. The classroom will be disinfected between each group of students.

Athletics/Extracurricular

All extracurricular activities will follow IHSA and SIJHSAA guidelines.

Water Fountains

Water fountains will not be expressly prohibited. However, students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. Small paper cups will also be provided. To conform with current guidance teachers will instruct students to use their elbow to activate the fountain.

Students who present medical exemptions:

Students who present medical documentation stating they are unable to comply with any of the return to learn regulations will be provided with a remote learning plan utilizing an online education platform. Any student who is medically unable to attend school in person will also not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

Student Dismissal

Car Riders:

There will be two car rider pick up lines for students in grades K-5. K-2 parents will line up on the right side of Chestnut St. as in the past. 3-5 parents will line up on the left side of Chestnut St. Parents picking up students in grades 6-8 will park in the grade school parking lot. Parents picking up high school students will park in the lot north of the high school.

K-2 Car Riders

Students in grade K-2 will exit the west doors by the district office. Upon exiting students will place their face covering in a mesh bag to be laundered each night. A staff member will walk with the student along the sidewalk to be picked up along the north driveway. If you have students in both the K-2 and 3-5 age ranges, you will pick up your K-2 student first and then proceed to the 3-5 pick up point to get your other student.

3-5 Car Riders

Students in grade 3-5 will exit the north old grade school doors. Upon exiting students will place their face covering in a mesh bag to be laundered each night. Parents will pull up and stop at the northwest door as in past years.

6-8 Car Riders

Students in grades 6-8 will exit the main grade school doors and proceed to the car picking them up. If they would like to have their masks laundered they can leave them in a mesh bag by the exit. If they want to be responsible for laundering them and returning with them, they may take them home. Parents will be parked in parking spaces in the north grade school lot.

9-12 Car Riders

Students in grades 9-12 will exit the main high school doors and proceed to the car picking them up. High school students will be responsible for laundering and maintaining their face coverings. Parents will be parked in parking spaces in the north high school lot.

9-12 Student Drivers

Students in grades 9-12 who drive to school will exit through the south entry doors to leave school.

Bus Riders:

Busses will be staged similar to last year along the north side of the building. K-5 students will exit through the main grade school exit and will proceed to the bus. Students in grades 6-8 will exit through the connecting corridor exit and proceed to the bus. High school students may exit through the main high school exit or the connecting corridor and proceed to the bus.