

Cole Camp R-1 School District

Re-opening Plan

This purpose of this document is to provide information toward the effective and successful reopening of the Cole Camp School District. Because experts are continuing to learn more about COVID-19 and the conditions surrounding the crisis are continually evolving, **this document will likely change, be amended or added to**. We wish to provide the following information to assure our parents, students and staff of what recommended precautions and plans will be in place at the beginning of school.

This plan was built for in-person education. Schools not only provide the academic foundation for a successful life, but also a social-emotional component that is equally valued. The focus on in-person learning also enables our parents and caregivers the opportunity to give their employers consistent availability. Obviously, schools will not be able to begin the school year as we have in the past, but this plan was built to not only start school safely, but also to keep school open and available as the year progresses.

The following strategies and precautions were built with guidelines from and collaboration with the Center for Disease Control, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence, the Benton County Health Department and district staff. This document cannot predict the future and anticipate every situation that could emerge during this pandemic, but it can provide a framework to work by.

Please direct any questions to the building principals or the superintendent.

Parents and Caregivers

Parents should understand they are the first level of intervention. Please reinforce to your children the following expectations:

- Educate your child on viruses and the signs of illness
- Teach and reinforce appropriate hand washing, good hygiene and social distancing
- Help explain to your child why material sharing will be limited right now
- Teach your child how to wipe down surfaces at home, as they could be asked to use disinfectant wipes at school
- Teach your child how to wear a mask and to take care of them when masks are required
- Parents are encouraged to screen for the following:
 - Take your student's temperature at home each morning. Temperatures at 100 degrees or above should be considered significant.
 - Does the student have a cough?
 - Does the student have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - Does the student have a sore throat?
 - Does the student have muscle pain or chills?
 - Does the student have a new loss of taste or smell?
 - Analyze any symptoms to be able to verify they are not connected with other illnesses or conditions.
- If the student has a temperature and/or is experiencing any of the symptoms and have no other illness or condition, please keep them home. Please communicate with the appropriate building office to report the student will not be in school.
- Honor consistent transportation plans and keep changes to minimum. While bus transportation will be available, parents are encouraged to transport their students when possible.
- For health concerns, visitors to school buildings will be prohibited. Parents needing entry into the buildings should do so by appointment.
- Use parent portal and other electronic resources to communicate or view school information.

PPE Strategies

- Masks are to be worn inside district buildings and when physical distancing is not possible. The district can provide masks but proper, personally produced masks will be allowed to students and staff.
- Establish and maintain hand hygiene stations at key locations in the building.
- Use of plexiglass barriers at appropriate locations.
- Use of a COVID isolation/screening room in the school.

Classroom

- Teachers will screen students upon arrival for temperature and symptoms.
- Staff will train students in the areas of physical distancing, hand washing, respiratory etiquette and mask use to mitigate exposure.
- Disinfect desks, keyboards, and screens
 - Schedule desk sanitation during school day at appropriate transitions.
 - Custodial staff routinely clean highly touched surfaces daily.
- Furniture arranged to account for physical distancing when possible
- Seating charts established and maintained
- Integrate good hygiene practices into instruction and classroom expectations
- Limit the use of shared materials and personal possessions
 - Keep student belongings separate.
 - Avoid sharing supplies.
- Avoid outside food in the classroom.
- Students and staff use personal water bottles and water bottle filling stations vs. hallway/classroom drinking fountains.

Office Strategies And Other Non-Instructional Spaces

- Maintain physical distancing when possible
- Disinfect surfaces regularly
- Hand sanitizer at each station
- Teacher workroom-physical distancing and surfaces routinely disinfected

Cafeteria

- Breakfast in classrooms
- Grab and Go breakfast for high school students served from snack bar
- Students eat in classrooms and cafeteria: stagger lunch times & increase serve times
- Use hand sanitizer at start of all serving lines
- Offer options to eat outside when possible

Visitors

- Post *Covid19 precautionary* signs at entry points to school and in highly visible areas.
- No irregular/unscheduled visitors.
- Limit visitors to parents, by appointment, and critically important visitors on campus.
- Doors locked during school hours.
- Adjust visitation procedure for appointments. Example: call the office upon arrival from car vs. walking into the main office.
- Adjust parent pick-up & drop-off procedure.

Gatherings

- Implement strategies that discourage gathering for areas such as the bus lane, restrooms, recess, hallways, lunch, before & after school.
- Cancel field trips, assemblies, and other large gatherings if physical distancing cannot be achieved.
- Restrict mixing groups.
- Avoid personal contact such as touching, hugs, high fives, etc.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Event

- The district will follow the guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association for extracurricular activities and apply those guidelines to our co-curricular activities also.

Transportation

- Assigned seats- Sit with family units if possible.
- Leave seats in between if possible.
- Masks required.
- Disinfect bus after each trip.
- Parents are encouraged to transport their children if possible.

Communication Strategies to students, staff, parents

- Educate staff and families about good hygiene, physical distancing, symptoms of Covid-19 and when to stay home due to illness.
- The district will make every effort at regular communication with parents, students, and staff

Student/Staff determined to have temperature or showing symptoms

- If a student or staff member has a temperature or is showing symptoms, they will be sent to the nurse's office for further evaluation.
- The nurse will determine if symptoms meet the criteria for a concern of COVID-19.
- If the nurse determines the symptoms may be COVID-19 related:
 - The student or staff member will be separated from others into COVID isolation.
 - Parents will be contacted immediately to pick up child from school.
 - Staff member will be sent home.
 - Siblings or others living in the same household as that child or staff member attending Cole Camp Schools will be screened.
 - Information about testing locations will be provided if needed.
 - Local health department will be informed if required.
- Return to school. The district will follow the latest CDC recommendations:
 - Untested
 - No fever for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) **and**
 - Symptoms have improved
 - Tested (negative)
 - No fever (without fever reducing medication) **and**
 - Symptoms have improved
- Contact tracing will be conducted by the Benton County Health Department with full cooperation from the Cole Camp School District.

Increased impact of COVID-19 in school and/or community

- During the course of the school year, it may be determined that the impact of COVID-19 requires an in-person shut down of some kind. The decision for an in-person shut down could come from the national, state or local level.
- In-person shut downs could vary over the course of the school year. It could make sense to shut down for a single day for extra cleaning or for a week if the amount of positive cases dictate.
- During Covid-19 in-person shut downs, the district would also cancel extracurricular group activities, school-based afterschool programs, and large events.
- During Covid-19 in-person shut downs, school facilities will be disinfected according to CDC and local public health officials guidance.
- During Covid-19 in-person shut downs, the district will transition to a virtual learning platform until returning to in-person.

Consider accommodations for needs of those predisposed for serious illness from COVID-19.

- Will be done on a case by case basis.