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# Holdenville Public Schools

## OPERATIONAL/ ENVIRONMENTAL

Guidelines for reopening of Holdenville Schools for the 2021 Fall

This is a fluid document and changes may occur to procedures in order to follow guidelines or mandates set forth by the State Department of Education.

### Student/Staff Wellbeing:

- Wearing Masks are optional unless a person has a temperature above 99.6 or mandated by the State Department of Education.
- Staff will wash hands often and ensure students wash hands often.
- Staff will have their temperature checked when they arrive to work. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 °F or higher will be sent home. (per CDC guidelines)
- Students will have their temperature checked on school premises, as needed. Students with a temperature of 100.4 °F or higher will be sent home.
- Students and Staff must be symptom-free for 48hrs before returning to school
  - Or* provide a notice from a licensed medical professional indicating that the test for COVID-19 is negative
  - Or* documentation indicating other forms of illness other than COVID-19
- Staff will reinforce social distancing with students.
- Staff/Teachers will communicate healthy habits with the students in the classroom and outside the classroom (cafeteria, playground, and hallway)
- Vaccination through mobile health unit.
- Students will be able to complete classwork through Google classroom and other virtual formats when they are out sick.
- Additional Nurses will be brought in as needed. The district currently has a Nurse.
- Students with fever will be contained in a designated area ready for pick-up

### Environment Planning & Programming:

- Teachers will place desks to allow for social distancing when needed.

- The playground will be limited to grade level groups, depending on class size. Teachers will reinforce social distancing.
- Students will not share classroom materials.
- Classroom materials will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Teachers will sanitize their classrooms at the end of each day.
- Wipes and towels will be provided to each classroom.
- HVAC will be checked before school restarts.
- Contaminated classrooms will be sterilized before re-entry.

### **Transportation:**

- Sweep out all trash from the bus and empty trash containers and add new liners daily.
- Open all windows when weather permits in order to air out the buses.
- Spray cleaning fluid on all window surfaces and wipe them dry.
- Spray Cleaning fluid on all seat surfaces and wipe them dry.
- Report any noticeable student sicknesses to the Transportation Director
- Students and driver will be recommended to wear a mask on the bus
- Mask will be recommended when riding in a school vehicle

### **Cleaning Protocols:**

- More frequent cleaning routines: playground equipment washed down periodically and during flu seasons will be washed down more frequently.
- Water fountains/dispensers must be washed down frequently on a daily basis (2-3x's a day)
- Bathroom & kitchen daily
- Sanitize all essential and non-essential rooms/place of occupancy with a sanitizer sprayer weekly and during flu season bi-weekly or more as needed that is FDA approved

## ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS

### Mental Health/ SEL:

- Teachers will apply SEL (Social Emotional Learning) strategies within their daily instruction – The 5 Core Competencies (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, & responsible decision-making).
- Teachers will receive professional training over integrating SEL strategies - CASEL ([casel.org](https://casel.org)) and ([https://sde.ok.gov/distancelearning.](https://sde.ok.gov/distancelearning))
- Online implementation will be conducted during an Online setting – virtual meetings (Microsoft Team, Zoom, or pre-recording lessons)
- To stay socially connected to students and parents will occur through text message, email, zoom meetings, Microsoft team meetings, or other social media.
- School counselor will offer counseling services virtually or in-person pending on the situation.
- During in-person services, social distancing will be observed
- School counselors build partnerships with students, parents, & community stakeholders while promoting academics, career, and social & emotional development, as well as develop relevant community resources.

### Scheduling Adjustments:

*Regular Instruction:* District plan on following the approved school calendar as long as public health officials deem it safe to do so.

*Distance Learning:* Distance learning will be done remotely but as a continuation of learning that normally would take place on-site. Students who require remote access and/or devices must notify the school's office so that arrangements can be made in the event distance learning is put in place over regular instruction. Internet access is required, connectivity devices may be able through the school, if available.

Students will select the preferred schedule. Once a student starts Distant/Virtual learning the student must complete the semester before

returning to a traditional schedule. Families will have the option to go from traditional to distant learning throughout the semester.

Testing Procedures: Testing Schedules will be developed to accommodate every student and the announcement of these arrangements will be made prior to testing dates.

Internet connectivity will be a requirement for blended or distant learning. Some assistance may be given by the district upon availability and student need.

### **Academic Remediation:**

- Benchmarking will be conducted three times a year (August, December, & March) – to evaluate where teachers need to start and improve curriculum & instruction
- Pacing Calendars will be based upon students’ benchmarking data
- Learning remediation will be assessed by the results of Benchmarking
- Third-grade retention will be determined by the Student Reading Proficiency Team following the OSDE (Oklahoma State Department Education) guidelines
- Graduation requirements will not alter for the 2021-22 school year
- Opportunities for comprehensive credit will be utilized by the district using state-approved curriculum

### **Distance Learning Plan:**

- Distance Learning (remote learning that normally would take place on-site) this learning plan should be developed in an emergency quarantine.
  - ✓ Teachers will practice distance learning once a week in the classroom in preparation for a temporary closure
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### **Communication Plan:**

- District leadership team (school administration, stakeholders, teacher, counselor, Board member, County Health Department, etc.) to assist in the decision-making process within health protocols, environment factors, and mitigation strategies, calendars, and schedules
- Parents will be communicated with by: School Website, and School Facebook page.
- The school will use a Public Relations outlets for updating and informing the public

### **Budget/Finance:**

- ESSER Funds increase investment for remote/distance learning, essential purchases for operations of the school district, and Professional Development for SEL (Social Emotional Learning) strategies

### **Contingency Planning:**

- Positive cases in sites or district – individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 may not return to school until the following criteria have been met.
  - ✓ Has been seen by a medical professional
  - ✓ At least 2 days (48 hours) fever free without fever reducing meds & symptoms improved.
  - ✓ The individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms
  - ✓ 10 days since first symptoms or positive test date.
- Exposure will prompt the district to undergo an investigation and notify the Hughes County Health Department. Decisions will be conducted through the advice/guidance from the health department recommendation and CDC's guidelines.
  - ✓ Site or district closure will/may require:
    - District or site closure for up to 14 days if a potential outbreak is possible with multiple positive cases within 30 days.
    - Distant learning for contaminated areas.
    - Following protocols and recommendations from State health officials.
  - ✓ Isolated cases will require cleaning the affected area
- Cleaning of the school building will be applied daily

- ✓ Teachers will be responsible for their classrooms – desks, electronics, tables, chairs, doors, etc..
- ✓ Custodial/ Maintenance will frequently disinfect classrooms, offices, bathrooms, and equipment
- Upon entering into the buildings, every person will have their temperature checked as needed and OSDH (Oklahoma State Department of Health) rules authorize schools to exclude any child exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms.
  - ✓ Fever at or above 100.4 °F
  - ✓ Sore throat or tonsillitis
  - ✓ Any nasal discharge accompanied by fever (at or above 99.6)
  - ✓ A severe cough producing phlegm
- All students will be required to wash hands to stay in guidelines required by the CDC, before going to the cafeteria and returning from the cafeteria.
- Special Education students will be evaluated individually to determine if certain areas can become a health risk. Other services (library, speech, PT/OT, etc will follow the same guidelines)