

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Cleveland Elementary

2020-2021

We are excited to announce our return to school plan and look forward to having our students and staff return to school on **August 25th**. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work closely with our local leaders and health care professionals to set up and maintain the safest possible learning environment for our students and staff. Please recognize that our information regarding safeguards for COVID-19 is always being updated as new research and data is available. Please be patient and understand this plan is a “working” document that may change as information is updated.

Cleveland Elementary and the *Emery County School District* are working closely with the local health department to ensure the safety of your student(s) and our staff. Therefore, we **ALL** must adhere to the following requirements, recommendations, and guidelines.

Masks/Face Coverings

- Masks/face coverings are required to attend school. The expectation is that all students, staff, and visitors in our building wear a mask/face covering at all times inside the building (unless eating or drinking). Masks will not be worn outside unless we can not physically-distance.
- Students may bring their own mask/face covering. Face shields are an acceptable alternative to a mask if your child is not comfortable in a mask. Masks must be school appropriate (dress code recommendations apply to a mask). Students CAN wear a hat if they wear a face shield on their hat.
- If a student, staff or visitor does not have a mask, we will have disposable masks available.

Classrooms

- Teachers will utilize seating chairs to monitor students’ placement and physical distance. This will help the school conduct contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 exposure.
- Teachers will facilitate regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces in their classrooms.
- The school will provide individual supplies for students to minimize sharing of supplies.

- Teachers will arrange classrooms to facilitate distance as much as the space in their classrooms will allow.
- Current state guidelines regarding face coverings in classrooms will be followed.
- Chromebooks or similar technology will be cleaned after each use.
- If a student exhibits one or more symptoms, the teacher will send the student to the office to be checked.

Transitions

- Floor markings and signage will be placed in high traffic areas. Traffic flow instruction will be given to staff, students, and visitors.
- Teachers will create procedures for classroom movement - into class, out of class, turning work in, sharpening pencils, etc.
- Physical distancing will be encouraged in the hallways during transitions by the administration and faculty.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at designated entry and exit points in each school.
- Custodial staff will sanitize handrails, doorknobs, and other high touch surfaces between each high traffic instance.
- Masks/face coverings will be worn during transitions.
- When students exit buses to come into the school building, they will maintain physical distancing recommendations and wear masks as they enter the building.

Entry/Exit Points

- Designated entry and exit doors will be marked to minimize congestions.
- Visitors will be required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before entering school.
- Floor markings and signage will be placed in high traffic areas to help the flow of students.
- Staff will help discourage congregating and clustering of students during arrivals and dismissal.
- Entry and exit doors will be sanitized throughout the school day.

Transportation

- All students riding the bus will be assigned seats.
- All students riding the bus will be required to wear a face mask or shield.
- Bus drivers will wear face coverings.
- Exceptions in unique student circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.
- All buses will be sanitized at the end of each day or trip.

Restrooms

- Signage will be placed in all restrooms promoting handwashing and sanitation.
- Staff will teach proper handwashing techniques.
- The same cohorts/classes/pods will use assigned restrooms.
- The restrooms will be cleaned thoroughly each day.
- High touch areas will be cleaned after each high traffic time of day.

Cafeteria

- The secretary will enter the student's lunch ID.
- Entry and exit lines will be designated in the cafeteria and signage will be used to indicate the flow of traffic.
- Students will be dismissed for lunch by class.
- Students will be required to wash their hands before entering the cafeteria.
- Students will have seating assignments in the cafeteria.
- K-1 will eat in our cafeteria. 2-5 will eat outside when weather permits or in the gym in assigned areas.
- Breakfast will be a "grab and go" meal that can be picked up and brought to class before 7:40. Breakfast is free to all students again this year.

Large Group Gatherings/Assemblies

- School-wide assemblies will not take place.
- Necessary assemblies will be held multiple times with smaller groups. When possible, assemblies will be streamed live to classrooms.

Unique Courses (PE, Library, and Computers)

- Larger rooms will be used to maintain physical distancing.
- Assigned seating will be used in the computer lab and library and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned after each class/cohort/pod.
- Custodians will clean and disinfect these areas thoroughly each day.
- PE classes will use masks at the teacher's discretion.

Recess and Playground

- Students will use hand sanitizer before recess.
- Students will wash their hands after recess.
- Upper and lower grades will go to recess at separate times in the morning and at lunch.
- Upper and lower grades will go to recess together in the afternoon, playing in designated areas to keep them in their classes/cohorts/pods.

- Playground equipment will be sanitized regularly.
- Students will not be required to wear masks outside if they can maintain proper physical distance.

Special Education

- Assigned seating will be used when practical.
- The district will provide face shields or covering to Special Education teachers and aides, speech and language pathologists, counselors, social workers, and related services providers.
- Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students that are unable to wear face coverings in required settings.
- Small group tables will be equipped with plexiglass dividers to facilitate small group work.
- Students will be provided necessary auxiliary aides/PPE to meet their educational and health needs within the least restrictive environment to the maximum extent appropriate.

Visitors/Volunteers

- Visitors and volunteers will be limited to essential help in the classroom and school.
- All visitors and/or volunteers to the building are required to wear a mask/face covering, complete a symptom check in the office, and practice physical distancing when in the building.

Symptom Checking

- Parents are expected to check their student(s) for symptoms daily. We ask parents to keep their students home if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and seek advice from a health care provider about how to proceed.
- Teachers and staff will have access to thermometers and will facilitate parents in checking their students for symptoms.
- Students experiencing symptoms for COVID-19 will be placed in an isolation room near the school office and parents will be contacted to pick their child up from school. Any student with a fever higher than 100.4 will not be allowed to stay at school.
- Faculty and staff will also conduct daily symptom checking and will stay home when experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

