



McLouth USD #342

School COVID Protocol

Will staff, students and visitors be required to wear a mask?

It is highly recommended that students, staff and visitors wear masks.

How will the learning environment look compared to previous years?

On-site learning will look and feel the same as previous years when it comes to teaching and learning. There will be some modifications to reduce the spread of COVID, items include:

- Water fountains will be closed. Water bottle fill stations may remain on. Students will be responsible for bringing their own water bottle to school, they are not to share water bottles.
- Staff and students will be asked to wash and sanitize their hands routinely throughout the day.
- Classrooms will limit the sharing of materials and school supplies. Each student will need to have his/her own supplies to work with.

How is the district keeping students and staff safe?

Cleaning and sanitation are critical to a healthy and safe learning environment for our students and staff. Some of these additional safety items include:

- All staff, students, and visitors will have their temperature scanned as they enter the building.
- Staff will be expected to self-assess their health before every school day.
- Parents will be expected to assess their student's health before every school day.
- Masks will be made available as needed.
- Ongoing cleaning and sanitation will occur during school day with an emphasis on high traffic and high touch zones; deep cleaning/disinfecting will occur outside school hours.
- EPA hospital grade disinfectant is used by the district.
- The district has installed a Plasma Air Needle-Point Ionization Solution throughout the building for improved air quality.

What will bussing look like?

Additional safety measures will be in place for bussing. These precautions are outlined below:

- Hand sanitizer will be provided and students will use it upon entry.
- All students will have assigned seats.
- Buses will be disinfected daily.
- Students will not be able to ride each other's bus.

What will the protocol be before school/entering the building?

- Temperature will be checked before entering the school - Staff will be stationed at entrances in the morning to assist. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or higher, the student will be moved to a holding area where a parent/guardian will need to get them.

What will the classroom look like?

- Hand washing or sanitizing will occur routinely throughout the day.
- When possible, social distance of 3 feet will be observed in the classroom.
- Extra furniture will be removed from classrooms to allow for better spacing.
- High touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be deep cleaned at the end of the school day.

What will extra-curricular activities look like?

- Masks will be highly recommended for all indoor extra-curricular activities.
- Masks will be optional at outdoor extra-curricular activities.

What happens if there is a positive COVID-19 case in the building?

If the district is aware that a student may have been considered a close contact to a known positive, the district will inform parents.