

Anderson Public Schools 2020-2021 Return to Learn Plan



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Planning for and starting the 2020-2021 school year has been anything but normal this year. The remainder of the school year is likely to include short-term disruptions to instruction in response to COVID-19. This document provides a framework for our patrons for the 2020-2021 school year. Plans inform decision-making, but the most effective planning is **subject to change** as new guidance is received. Although we started the school year with Distance Learning on August 31, 2020, Anderson Public Schools will open its doors for students on Monday, October 19, 2020.

In developing this plan for reopening school, key guidance documents from federal, state, and local entities, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Return to Learn, and the OSDE's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions were utilized. The district is using this framework to reopen schools in October 2020 while prioritizing the health and safety of Oklahoma students, staff and families. Considerations in this document are not intended to replace our district's emergency or crisis safety plan and are not an exhaustive list of the health and safety needs to be considered.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

DAILY SCREENING

1. It is recommended that students are screened at home using the provided checklist. If a student is experiencing a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or any of the other COVID-19 symptoms on the checklist, then he/she should not be sent to school.

Students will be screened for temperature at bus stops and school drop-off locations prior to entering a school building. If a temperature of 100.4°F or higher is observed, the student will be sent home. Parents should remain present with the student until the screening is complete.

2. Staff should also screen themselves at home using the provided checklist. If a staff member is experiencing a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or any of the other COVID-19 symptoms on the checklist, then he/she should not come to school. Staff will also conduct a self-screening upon arriving at school. By signing in, the staff member is certifying that he/she is not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

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PROCEDURES FOR WHEN A STUDENT OR STAFF BEGIN EXHIBITING A SYMPTOM DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Isolation Room: Any student or staff member who exhibits a fever of 100.4°F will be instantly isolated in a predetermined isolation room and immediately sent home. After being sent home, the student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

- Without COVID testing, the student or staff member must not be present at school for 10 days AND 24 hours with no fever.
- After a negative COVID test, the student or staff member can return to physical school after 24 hours of being fever free with no fever reducing medication.
- The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
- The student will be counted as present because digital learning will be provided.

****For FREE COVID-19 testing, call the Osage County Health Department at 918-287-3740. ****

POSITIVE CASE

1. Consult with the Osage County Health Department to begin contact tracing.
2. Communicate to staff that a positive case has occurred.
3. Communicate with applicable parents depending on classroom arrangement.
4. Thoroughly sanitize the classroom.
5. Positive case classroom **may** go to distance learning for 14 days while those students are quarantined. If the student has siblings, the siblings **may** be quarantined. Consultation with the Osage County Health Department will determine whether quarantine needs to occur.
6. If the positive case is a teacher that is shared with other classrooms, the quarantine may expand to students of another class, a grade level, or more.
7. If the attendance of campus learners at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district will go to distance learning for 14 days. The count starts on the first day of distance learning.
8. Grab and Go meals will be provided daily starting on Day 1 of distance learning for the remainder of that week. For subsequent days, meal pickup will be on Mondays for the week.

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BUS TRANSPORTATION

1. It is recommended that parents transport their children to and from school.
2. Masks are required for students on buses.
3. On buses, maximize air flow by having windows down when possible.
4. Seating charts are required for each route.
5. Students within the same household will sit together; social distancing will be practiced as much as possible and is practical.

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

1. If a building or district enters into a time of quarantine, child nutrition services will be provided through a Grab and Go service.
2. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the circle drive between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Mondays.
3. On regular school days, the following protocol will be used to minimize large gatherings of students:

All breakfasts (other than PK and Kindergarten) will be served in the classroom.

For Lunch, groups PK-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-8th will rotate throughout the lunch periods in the cafeteria. Groups will be staggered to limit contact in line.

PROCEDURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

IN THE CLASSROOM:

1. Maximize classroom space to accommodate for social distancing
2. One directional seating
3. Seating charts are required by all teachers 1st grade and up.
4. **Masks and/or face shields are required for teachers.**
Masks are Required for students. However, this is a fluid situation, and if the health conditions within the district and surrounding areas decreases to the point that it is no longer necessary interest of students and staff, the district may drop the requirement for students to wear a mask. **The CDC and Oklahoma Department of Health state that the best way to control the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a mask, so we can NOT stress enough the importance of talking to your child(ren) about the need for wearing a mask when in public places, such as school.**

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IN THE HALLWAY:

1. Lockers
 - Pre-K and Kindergarten - school supplies will not be shared to best of our ability.
 - First through Eighth grades - Backpacks will be kept in lockers. All supplies will be left in the classroom each morning. Lockers will be not be visited during the day other than first thing in the morning and when it is time to release to go home. Those times will be staggered so as to not cause congestion in the hallway.
2. Passing in Hallway
 - PK through Eighth grades - Students will be in the hallway by grade level only and social distancing will be practiced as much as possible

SANITIZING/CLEANING/PERSONAL HYGIENE:

Promote Culture of Good Hygiene Practices: Anderson Public School will ensure each classroom a sufficient supply of supplies needed for maintaining sanitary conditions, such as but not limited to, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, cleaner, and sanitizing spray. We will ensure an ample supply of hand soap and paper towels are available to maintain proper hand washing techniques. We will promote good hygiene practices such as coughing and sneezing etiquette, keeping hands away from face, and proper hand washing will be emphasized. A school culture of good handwashing and hand sanitization will be promoted and enforced.

School Cleaning Practices: Anderson Public School will work diligently with our maintenance staff and suppliers regarding the proper use of sanitizers. Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, bathrooms, countertops, and handrails as much as possible throughout the school day. Classrooms will be sanitized every evening before the teacher leaves the building, and more frequently if the class will be out of the room for a period of time that will allow for drying of surfaces. Appropriate training will be provided to all staff on improvised cleaning routines.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

School visitors will have very limited access inside the buildings (and mainly the office) during the school day. Each visitor should ring the doorbell at the main entrance of the building. The secretary will answer the bell and ask each visitor the purpose of their visit. If the visitor's business must be conducted inside the school, then the visitor's temperature will be taken, **and they will wear a mask inside the building.**