



ARAPAHO-BUTLER SAFE RETURN PLAN 2021-2022

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Our goal will be to provide a safe as possible experience while including a rich educational experience, with opportunities for social interaction and extracurricular while adhering to guidelines provided by the CDC, Oklahoma Dept of Health and Oklahoma Dept. of Education.

This plan has been created to aid in navigating the reestablishment of our school when employees, families, and most importantly students feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon the return to school. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from local, state, and federal agencies.

We will begin school on August 12th, with additional sanitation and distancing protocols in place when feasible. Flexible contingency plans will be maintained to allow adaptability during this fluid situation. Continued guidance from local, state, and national health authorities will be monitored closely, and necessary steps taken to maintain safe conditions for our school community.

DAILY SCREENINGS

Parents/Guardians will be the frontline defense. Please observe your students for symptoms and/or elevated fever before sending them to school. It is imperative that students stay home if they have a fever or symptoms related to COVID-19. Please make sure your student is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reduction medication, before they return to school.

Students that get on the school bus, or arrive to school are to be considered as “certified healthy” by the parent.

Visitors to our school will also be screened at main entrances

*Flexibility on attendance limits will be given to students during the 20-21 school year. No semester tests will be given, so there will be no exemptions based on attendance.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation will be offered unless we are advised it must stop. Students who get on the school bus are deemed “certified healthy” by the parent.

If available, most recommend alternative transportation to and from school if possible.

Windows will be open to maximize airflow on the bus while in route, unless weather dictates otherwise.

Students will be separated to the best of our ability while on the bus.

If necessary due to the numbers of riders on the bus, we may divide or add additional routes as needed.

Masks for students are **encouraged** for bus transportation, and seating charts will be utilized.

Clorox 360 machine will be used on buses

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ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students will not be admitted to the building before 7:45 am. Students entering the building will have their temperature checked at each of the main entrances, as well as where the bus riders enter.

Students who exhibit a temperature of 100.3 or greater will be isolated and their parent/guardian will be contacted to come pick them up. It is imperative that the parent/guardian immediately, after being contacted by the school for student illness, to come and pick them up as soon as possible.

7th-12th grade students who are not eating breakfast are asked to arrive at school no sooner than 8:10, those eating breakfast need to arrive no sooner than 7:55

PK-6th grade students who are not eating breakfast are asked to arrive at school no sooner than 8:00, breakfast eaters are asked to arrive at 7:45

School water fountains will not be utilized at this time. Students need to bring their own clear water bottle for the day. They may use the fillable hands free water stations located throughout the building to fill them.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in each classroom as well as in common areas and students will be encouraged to use them as well as frequent handwashing.

Classrooms will be arranged in such a way to social distance the students to the best of our ability. No pillows, beanbags, or reading nooks will be utilized at this time.

See attached Guidelines from State Department Recommendations for additional protocols on Masks, Extracurricular activities, and Instruction Methods based on the color of our county.

Visitors will be allowed into the building by appointment only, Please drop off your students in the Drop off Area, there will be no guest entry at this time without appointment.

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MEAL TIMES

Students will be reminded to access hand sanitizing stations or restrooms to wash hands prior to meal service.

Because mealtime, by its very nature, presents many opportunities for the spread of germs, we will do our best to offer a variety of seating options to provide safer situations than the typical cafeteria setting will allow. No guests will be allowed to have meals on site as long as the threat of COVID exposure is predominant.

Students will be reminded that sharing food is not a safe practice.

Masks and gloves will be worn during food preparation and service by cafeteria staff.

Tables cleaned and disinfected between meal groups.

Parents please refrain from bringing you student food from outside restaurants. They can however pack a lunch.

Seating charts will be utilized for Elementary Students, social distancing will be used for secondary students

WITHIN CLASSROOMS

Classrooms will be arranged to provide as much social distancing as possible.

Students will utilize their own supplies and items such as crayons, markers, scissors, and pencils will not be shared.

Teachers will have access to sanitization materials and will wipe common touch surfaces as they see fit.

No class wide snacks will be allowed to be distributed at school.

Please see color coded guidelines from the State Department of Education regarding masks in classrooms.

Seating charts will be utilized

RECESS/PE/MUSIC

Elementary schedule will allow daily outdoor playtime for all students. Recess schedules may vary due to limiting the number of students in any one area.

Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed in PE/Music

Music will be moved to Auditorium to allow for distancing

Seating charts will be utilized

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Extra and co-curricular such as Vocal Music, STUCO, FFA, Field Trips, Athletics, G/T, and Academic Team are all vital elements of a student's experience. Responses to Covid-19 in these environments will vary, always with a keen eye to proven practices in prevention and protection. Research is presently under way by the NFHS to help us know and apply the best precautions to take in order to protect our students involved in extra-curricular activities.

Elementary parties will be cancelled until the threat of COVID-19 has subsided.

Arapaho-Butler participation in all extra-curricular activities will be based on the color code of our county. Color guidelines will be attached to this form.

INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS

School will begin as regularly scheduled with in-person instruction. If we are forced to return to distance learning, we will utilize several platforms for instruction. Teachers will communicate, provide instruction, and track student progress with students via email, group chat, Google Classroom/Hangouts, and Zoom to name a few. These grades WILL count toward your students overall grade and can negatively impact the grade.

For parents who wish to keep their children at home, a full time distance learning option will be available for them. However, if a student is enrolled in full time distance learning, they must remain as a virtual student until the end of the semester before coming back to school. These students who are virtually enrolled will not be able to participate in any extracurricular activities. The administration will be overseeing their educational needs. For more information on this option, contact Mr. Edelen, Mr. Southall or Mr. Cudd.

PRE-K is not mandatory for 4 year olds. No virtual education will be offered for Pre-K

HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Students will be encouraged to wash hands on a regular basis. Times will be given throughout the day to ensure that this happens.

Students will also be instructed on how to minimize exposure of body fluids to other students when sneezing and coughing.

CONTRACT TRACING, TESTING, AND VACCINATIONS

Arapaho-Butler Public Schools will partner with local health officials and organizations to help with contract tracing of students and staff. We will also help parents in securing testing for students if needed. Arapaho-Butler Public Schools will partner with local health department as well as Indian Health Services to provide vaccines for those who are interested.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodations for students with disabilities will be taken as those needs arise. We will partner with parents, service providers, as well as local health officials to ensure the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

PROPER WEARING OF MASKS

- [Wash your hands](#) or use hand sanitizer before putting on your mask.
- Put the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fit the mask snugly against the sides of your face, slipping the loops over your ears or tying the strings behind your head.
- If you have to continually adjust your mask, it doesn't fit properly, and you might need to find a different mask type or brand.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas on how we can improve this plan, please contact Jay Edelen, Superintendent at 580-323-3262

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EXPOSURES, DIAGNOSES, & RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID-19

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST:

If an employee or student is suspected or

known to have contracted COVID-19

◇ 10 day quarantine after positive test

◇ 1 day without fever, without fever reduction medication

◇ Symptoms are no longer present

Return to school when ALL of the following conditions have been met:



CLOSE CONTACT/Primary

Exposure

If an employee or student has known close contact (closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19



STUDENTS WITH SECONDARY EXPOSURE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE UNTIL THEIR PRIMARY EXPOSURE IS COVID POSITIVE OR EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS.

Return to school when a 14 DAY

QUARANTINE is completed from date of last

THESE PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON CDC GUIDELINES

A positive diagnosis does not necessarily mean shutting down the entire school. We will be working with the Health Department to contact trace exposure and determine which individuals will be quarantined.

If you do not feel well or are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19....STAY HOME!

Please contact the school if your child test positive or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19

Thank you for working with us to help get your students educational experience as back to normal as possible. We will do the best we can in an ever-changing situation. Student and staff safety are our foremost focus. The plans above are subject to change as new information becomes available or as new situations arise related to COVID-19

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