

Whitesboro Public School

Return to School Guideline

for Families

Protecting Our School Community

The following guidelines are shared with our school community, including students, families and staff, in an effort to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Over the past several weeks, our school has been researching the constantly evolving literature from the education, medical and public health sectors. The goal has been to create carefully layered, flexible and safe practices at Whitesboro School.

Layered Mitigation Practices

Daily Temperature Checks- Each morning families are asked to take their children's temperature, as a fever of 100 or greater may be an indication of an active case of COVID-19. If this is the case, please keep your child home to monitor for additional symptoms. Each classroom teacher will perform a documented temperature check every day students are on campus.

Response To Additional Symptoms- While many children will present with fever initially, many will not. Other symptoms that may develop initially include the following: chills, cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Any of these are cause for keeping a child home from school or sending a student home from school.

Hygiene- Handwashing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing, going to the bathroom, after PE / recess and before eating. Also, Students will have access

to an alcohol-based sanitizer throughout the school when handwashing opportunities are not readily available.

Social Distancing-While it will be difficult to maintain distance between the students at school, Whitesboro School will be devising a plan to provide precautions in common areas such as hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, gyms and buses.

Face Coverings- Students may or may not be required to wear face coverings depending on the CDC guidelines and the immediate local situation.

Breakfast & Lunch

Students will wash hands prior to eating. As much as possible, the students will be seated in the cafeteria in a manner to allow for distancing. When the cafeteria space is limited, students will be directed to eat in another area in order to provide for safe distancing practices. **NO** guests will be allowed to have lunch on-site as long as the threat of COVID exposure is predominant. Pre K and Kindergarten students will have meals in their classrooms.

Recess

Elementary will develop a recess schedule that allows daily outdoor playtime for all students while maintaining social distancing practices. Recess will be staggered so classes do not overlap.

Covid-19 Symptoms At School

If a teacher suspects that a student may have COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will contact administration so the child can be escorted to an isolated area that is supervised. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately to pick up their child and seek a medical opinion.

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

In regard to exposures, diagnosis, and positive tests, the CDC recommends the following:

- Anyone who has had close contact with someone positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 14 days after last exposure, based on the time it takes to develop the illness. Upon return to school a mask must be worn for 14 days.
- Any child testing positive or shows symptoms of COVID-19 may return only after three days fever free with no medication, diminished respiratory symptoms and ten days since symptoms first appeared. Two consecutive negative COVID-19 test given 24 hours apart would also indicate that a child may return to school. The negative test results should be provided to the school if the child is home for fewer than 10 days.
- A child who tested positive for COVID-19, but had no symptoms can return to school after 10 days have passed since the test. Two consecutive negative COVID-19 tests given 24 hours apart would also indicate that a child may return to school. The negative test results should be provided to the school upon return.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities are vital elements of a student's experience. Response to COVID-19 in these environments will vary, always with a keen eye to proven practices in prevention and protection. We will seek assistance from the Oklahoma Secondary School Activity Association, abiding by their guidance for safe play.

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INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE OR AS NEW
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