

Forgan Public Schools  
Return to School Plan

Forgan Public School will return to school as scheduled, in person, with professional development for teachers August 10th, 11th, and 12th. August 13th will be the first day for students to report.

As a result of COVID-19 the following preliminary guidelines and protections will be put into place to better serve and protect our students/staff and community. As valid research and data is presented to the district, changes may be necessary to further protect our students/staff and community. We are asking all stakeholders to be flexible during this time as new developments occur rapidly.

Guidelines for a return to school:

### **Mitigation**

1. No water fountains will be working at school
  - a. Students will need to have a water bottle at school to keep with them, bag, or in locker
2. The North and South entrances to the school will be unlocked at 7:40. All students and staff will have their temperature checked upon entering.
3. Any student showing an above normal temperature will be given a delayed follow up temperature check for verification and parents/guardians will be notified.
4. We will have hand sanitizer readily available in all classrooms students will be asked to sanitize entering and exiting a class.
5. Masks will not be provided or required at this time, students or staff will be encouraged to wear masks only if they choose to do so.
6. Bathrooms and facilities will be regularly disinfected, along with areas of high student concentration in and around school.
7. We will encourage families to have regular health checks at home
8. Students feeling ill or showing a fever will be encouraged to stay home and engage in distance learning until 72 hour symptoms and or fever free.
9. Buses will be disinfected promptly after usage
10. Breakfast will be staggered with high school students having take-out breakfast, to the old gym.
11. Lunch times will have a staggered start between early elementary and upper elementary. High school lunch will be take-out only, students will take food to the old gym.

## **Instruction**

12. Teachers will implement and maintain an online classroom/resources for all students who may miss days during the school year. The online classroom/resources will be utilized to help distant students stay engaged with teachers, curriculum, and students along with providing seamless fluidity between methods of instruction.
13. Elementary PE will be relocated to the larger gym, giving ample space for students to safely engage in physical activity. PE/Gym shoes will be required.
14. Extra/New elective classes have been added to the schedule for high school students to help keep our teacher to student ratio low and provide proper distancing in each class.
15. We have expanded our weight/fitness/health room to encompass three separate stand alone rooms to better keep spacing, safety for students, and allow for proper cleaning of equipment.
16. All closing(s) will be for the shortest time allowable, all students would follow the district distance learning plan, utilizing the resources familiar to them from their respective classes. Grades will continue to be kept as normal during this time.
17. All students/families uncomfortable with face to face instruction will meet with administration to discuss our distance learning plan and options available.

## **Wellness Education**

18. Prevention posters and reminders for students will be posted throughout school facilities
19. Training will be provided for teachers and students on common preventative measures and strategies
20. Mental health resource can be made available to students and staff who are in need
21. Proper hygiene, nutrition, sleep, and other health necessities will be encouraged for students and staff

## **Leadership/Communication**

22. School administration will actively communicate with parents/guardians concerning any changes that may affect the normal school routine including closure, early dismissal, changes in schedules, or instruction.
23. Teachers will communicate frequently with students and parents regarding in class or distance instruction.
24. Various modes of communication will be utilized to benefit transparent and timely interaction between all stakeholders.
25. Conferences will be virtual, email, or a phone call to best meet the needs of stakeholders involved