



Horseshoe Bend School District #73

Reopening Plan (2020-21)

Category 1 (Green)

(Effective Monday, September 21, 2020)

According to the latest data provided by Idaho Central District Health, the geographic areas serviced by the Horseshoe Bend School District have seen a slowing rate of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and CDH has moved our district to Category 1. The *Idaho Back to School Framework*, adopted and published by the Idaho State Board of Education on July 9, 2020, still calls for physical distancing and mask-wearing when physical distancing cannot be maintained in Category 1, but does allow for some relaxation of requirements in our Category 2 (Yellow) plan. Those changes are highlighted in green below (Category 2 language is highlighted in yellow with strike-through), and the changes will begin on Monday, September 21, 2020

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Learning Model

Traditional school operations with buildings open, students and teachers in classrooms, and in-person instruction with measures to ensure physical distancing, effective sanitation, and effective hygiene is practiced.

General Preventative Measures

- Daily health screenings of students for COVID-19 symptoms
 - Parents to screen students for symptoms each morning prior to attending school
 - Grades PK-6
 - ~~No touch thermometer reading of every student at beginning of school day~~
 - No-touch thermometer reading of students indicating/exhibiting symptoms
 - Grades 7-12
 - Screening questions/checklist of every student at beginning of school day
 - See *Self-Assessment Screening Tool – COVID 19* in appendix
 - No-touch thermometer reading of students indicating/exhibiting symptoms
 - Students and staff who indicate/exhibit symptoms will be isolated and sent home
- Use of masks by students and staff is strongly recommended
 - ~~Secondary students will be required to wear masks while in the hallway during passing periods~~
 - ~~One cloth “Mustang” masks will be given to each secondary student on August 24~~
 - Secondary students are strongly encouraged to wear masks while in the hallway during passing periods, but not required
 - Physical distancing is expected and will be enforced
 - Students are expected to have a mask to use when necessary
 - Bus riders will be required to wear masks while riding the school bus
 - Secondary students may be expected to wear masks in classrooms of highly-vulnerable teachers
 - Cloth masks and/or face shields will be provided free of charge to staff who request one
 - Disposable masks will be provided free of charge to students who request one
- No unscheduled campus visitors inside buildings
 - Parent visitors needing to enter a building need to call in advance
 - Scheduled visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while on campus (mask to be provided)
 - Scheduled visitors entering a building will complete screening questionnaire and submit to no-touch thermometer reading

- Only students and staff will be allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria; this includes breakfast
- No all-school assemblies or large gatherings
- No field trips

Physical Distancing Measures

- All classes of more than 15 students will be split into two cohorts
 - Mondays / Wednesdays
 - Cohort A will meet in the classroom for direct teacher instruction
 - Cohort B will meet in a different location to work asynchronously on classwork
 - Tuesdays / Thursdays
 - Cohort B will meet in the classroom for direct teacher instruction
 - Cohort A will meet in a different location to work asynchronously on classwork
 - Elementary student cohorts not meeting with their certified teacher will be receiving direct instruction from an experienced paraprofessional
 - Secondary student cohorts not meeting with their certified teacher will be working independently without direct instruction, but will be supervised by an adult
- ~~Locker use is prohibited/discouraged to decrease student traffic congestion~~
 - ~~Grades 6-8 – Locker use is prohibited~~
 - ~~Grades 9-12 – Locker use is discouraged with every third locker available for use~~
- Spacing of desks in classrooms to maximize physical distancing
- Limited physical interaction through partner or group work

Sanitation/Hygiene Measures

- Hand hygiene stations in all classrooms and high traffic areas (hallways, cafeteria, gymnasium, etc...)
- Teaching and demonstrating proper hygiene techniques to students (particularly in elementary)
- Frequent cleaning of high traffic surfaces during school day (keyboards, doorknobs, etc...)
- Only bottle filling water fountains to be used
 - Bottle filling water fountains to be installed in all student-occupied buildings
- Limited use of shared materials
- Playground equipment to be disinfected prior to each elementary recess

Lunch / Cafeteria Preventative Measures

- Master schedule adjusted to allow for staggered lunch times
- Require student hand washing/sanitizing before meal service
- Spacing students while in the serving line and while seated
 - Students encouraged to eat outside, weather permitting
- No sharing of food between students
- Thorough cleaning and sanitizing of cafeteria high-touch surfaces prior to and after each lunch period
- Only students and staff will be allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria; this includes breakfast

Transportation Preventative Measures

- Bus riders will be required to wear masks while riding the school bus
- Students within reasonable and safe walking distance from school encouraged to walk/bike to school
- Parents able to transport their student to/from school encouraged to do so
 - In-lieu payments may be available to parents transporting students to school
- Parents to encourage students to physical distance at bus stops
- Require student riders to use hand sanitizer upon entering bus

- Students living in the same household will be required to sit next to each other in order to create more physical spacing for other students
- Bus windows to remain open, weather permitting
- School buses disinfected daily
- Depending on bus load, bus routes may need to be adjusted, or additional bus routes added

Confirmed Case in School Building

If a student, staff member, or visitor is confirmed to have the COVID-19 virus, we will notify parents, students, and staff of their possible exposure, and we will work with Central District Health on next steps which will likely include:

- Identifying anyone who may have been in close contact with the confirmed case (close contact is defined by the Central District Health as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes)
- Excluding positive, suspected, and close contacts from school as they follow isolation or self-quarantine instructions from Central District Health
- Short-term dismissal of students and most staff for 1-2 days to allow for deep cleaning and disinfecting
- See *Illness Decision Tree for Schools* in appendix

Athletics

High school sports are currently scheduled to take place as planned, but the Idaho High School Activities Association has the ultimate decision-making power regarding high school athletics. Middle school sports will follow the lead of high school sports; if high school sports are played, middle school sports will also be played. While we will take as many preventative measure as feasible (disinfecting equipment, not sharing water bottles, etc...), participating in athletics, or attending athletic events, will likely increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

- See *Athletics Reopening Plan – Category 2* in appendix