

The Black Hawk School District has approved the updated COVID-19 plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The updated plan was passed on Monday, January 17, 2022 by the Black Hawk School Board. The plan incorporates in-school face to face instruction with Covid-19 mitigation strategies, based on current disease metrics. Included in this document are the strategies the district will implement dependent on current metrics.

MS/HS students who are in virtual instruction due to a quarantine will be expected to follow the schedule of their classes - engaging in their classes as they occur within the school day. **Virtual will not be an option for the 2021-2022 school year. It may be used for quarantined or home-bound students.**

The current in-school instructional school day will run from:

8:05 a.m. - 3:26 p.m. Instructional Day

The following are the updated Covid-19 mitigation strategies that will be implemented as new procedures for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

Green/Yellow/Orange

The district will use three different statuses to determine which mitigation strategies are implemented.

Green - no active cases in the school (students or staff), Community transmission is substantial or less

Yellow - 5 or less active cases in the school (students or staff), Community transmission is high

Orange - 6 to 10 active cases in the school (students or staff), Community transmission is high

Health Checks

Parents and Staff Must Conduct Health Checks Daily

Each child's parent must assess their child for any of the following symptoms. If the child has any of the symptoms the child shall be kept home and it is recommended they are taken to a doctor.

Each staff member must do a health check on her/himself.

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever of 100.4 or higher

Students will be monitored during the school day. If a student presents any symptoms of illness they will be sent to the office. Students will be required to wear masks when the school is in any

status when reporting to the office with any illness. Teachers/support staff will notify the office and children will be escorted by available staff.

Students that are suspected of possibly being infected with CORONA-19 will be quarantined in one of the following areas until a caregiver can pick the child up:

- Office bathroom
- Area in office to the left of the entry
- Nurses office

Office staff will be trained in appropriate protocol to handle a potentially infected child.

- Students who get bumps, bruises, etc. can be handled by the classroom teacher and recorded in the binder as usual

Personal Protective Equipment(PPE)

Face coverings for the purpose of mitigating transmission of viruses by the student/parent's choice may be worn at any time.

Transportation/Bussing

- Families will be contacted to confirm if children will be riding the bus
- Face coverings shall be worn by drivers & riders.
- There are assigned seats
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the bus
- Windows will be opened on the busses when the weather allows
- Bus unloading will be at staggered times
- Students will be directed to different entries dependent on grade level
- Students with disabilities and other considerations will be allowed to ride without masks
- Drivers will spray disinfectant throughout the bus and wipe off commonly touched areas routinely.

School Entry & Morning Procedures

Students will enter the building at designated locations

Green - Face covering will not be required, students may report to lockers/ cubbies and breakfast

Yellow - elementary students will be required to wear face coverings, students may report to lockers/ cubbies and breakfast

Orange - all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings, students may report to lockers/ cubbies and breakfast, staff that are in a room by themselves may remove the covering

Hygiene Procedures

Social stories, visuals (posters displayed in rooms, hallway, bathroom) with hygiene protocol will be used to encourage appropriate hygiene. Staff will be trained on all hygiene and safety protocols to protect students and staff.

- All staff will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entries to the building and classrooms. Whenever an individual enters/exits a room they are expected to use hand sanitizer.
- There will be scheduled bathroom breaks for hand washing and using the restroom.
- In the elementary teachers will spray disinfectant on desks and other surfaces when children leave the room for lunch and some specials. The disinfectant kills germs as it evaporates.
- MS/HS teachers will be encouraged to spray the desks with a bleach solution on a routine schedule
- Drivers will be encouraged to spray a disinfectant throughout the bus and wipe off commonly touched areas in a routine manner
- A schedule will be developed to clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains)
- Shared equipment will be limited and when necessary disinfected between uses
- Students and staff will need to use water bottles for water

Locker/Cubby Usage

Green - lockers and cubbies may be accessed as allowed by teachers and during passing periods

Yellow - lockers and cubbies may be accessed as allowed by teachers and during passing periods

Orange - lockers and cubbies may be accessed as allowed by teachers and during passing periods

Virtual Learning

The district has implemented Schoology district wide. Schoology is a Learning Management System (LMS) which will be used for communicating and sharing instruction with students and parents. The format will be similar at all grade levels with age appropriate adjustments being implemented.

Virtual Learning will not be offered as an optional instructional strategy for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who are quarantined will be required to engage in classes via virtual learning. Students who are homebound due to a medical or other emergency will be offered virtual learning.

Families who request homebound instruction must have signed medical documentation. Administration will have final approval for homebound instruction requests.

Student Training

Schoology is the Learning Management System (LMS) that 4K-Grade 12 will utilize to support student learning.

- Staff will utilize schoology throughout the day to get students familiar with the system by having students submit assignments, conferences, etc..
- Mr. Firgens and Mrs. McCauley will use their time with students to have students log in and practice specific skills on the schoology platform.
- Common practices will be implemented in all classes and grade levels for ease of use for students and staff, appropriate grade level adaptations will be made

- Ground rules will be established in the first 2 weeks of school with the students and expectations regarding assignments, using Schoology, etc.

Virtual Instruction

If a student needs to engage in virtual learning due to quarantine or being homebound the following will apply.

Students will be provided specific training related to each of the following areas:

- Online etiquette training (youth protection training)
- Use of Schoology as LMS 4k-12
- Teachers will share with students the online platform that they will use for instructional interaction/presentation.
- MS/HS students will be expected to follow the schedule of their classes - engage in the class as it is occurring at school. This means that they will be scheduled in a minimum of seven courses each semester.
- All teachers will follow specific lesson plans that will support new learning of and command of appropriate standards
- The district will emphasize recording of lessons that can be accessed at home, whenever a child is quarantined or otherwise needs to access virtual learning.

Technology

The district is 1:1 with Chromebooks. The district has classroom sets for ECH-5 and will issue a Chromebook to each child in grades 6-12. Each Chromebook in the classroom sets will be assigned to an individual child..

The District will use the 1:1 initiative in the following manner:

- To support virtual learning via Schoology and supporting technology
- Students will keep the same chromebook from year to year.
- Chromebooks are returned at the end of each school year for maintenance and redistributed at the beginning of each school year.
- Chromebooks will be distributed during the open house or on the first day of school
- Proper protocol for use of equipment and computer issue tickets will be funneled through the students 1st period teacher. Students will not be allowed to send tickets to TC Networks.

Accommodations

- Students who have unique needs will be given special considerations to assist their learning
- Students with needs that demand face-to- face instruction will be provided the opportunity to attend school in person when virtual learning is implemented if the circumstances allow.

Field Trips/Gatherings

- Administrative approval will be required for all field trips
- Travel/destinations need to meet district PPE/social distancing requirements. Dependent on the green/yellow/orange status.

School Transitions

Green - transition as in normal years

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 intervention & enrichment will be held in classroom cohorts

Yellow - elementary students must wear face coverings

- Social distancing will be practiced to the extent possible (3' as recommended by the CDC)
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Orange - all students must wear face coverings

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Bathroom Breaks

Green - resume pre-Covid protocol

Yellow - elementary must wear face-coverings

Orange - all students must wear face coverings

Emergency Drill Procedures

The district will use the following protocol for emergencies

- **Immediate emergency takes priority over Covid transmission**

Green - pre-Covid practices

Yellow - pre-Covid practices w/elementary wearing masks

Orange - pre-covid practices, all students must wear face coverings

Food Service (Breakfast/Lunch)

Green - resume pre-covid practices, maintain 3' distancing when possible

Yellow - 3' distancing when spacing can be accomplished, elementary wear masks to and from lunch, remove face coverings while eating and drinking

Orange - 3' distancing when spacing can be accomplished, all students wear face coverings to and from lunch, remove face coverings while eating and drinking

Recess

Green -

- Divide the playground area into sections-black top, equipment, 2 grass areas.
- Assign cohorts to specific areas per day with a maximum of 3 grades on playground max

Yellow -

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- Assign cohorts to specific areas per day with a maximum of 3 grades on playground max
- No face covering required while students are outside

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Specials

- Students will use their own supplies as much as possible
- It is recommended that shared resources will be sanitized on a regular basis

Athletics/Co-Curriculars

Masks will be recommended. It is a choice to attend or participate in athletic events. Coaches will have the choice to require athletes to wear face coverings.

Visitors/Volunteer

Green -

- Regular volunteers for educational purposes are allowed under the following conditions:
 - They follow a regular schedule
 - Administrative approval has been given
 - All district PPE and Hygiene is followed

Yellow -

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- No parent/caregivers in the building for drop off or pick up of students. Students may be dropped off and picked up at the doors.

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Transition Between Models

Transition between models will occur as outlined by the parameters for each color coded model. The district can/will move to a more restrictive model at any time. Once the more restrictive model has been chosen the district will remain in that model until the parameters for a less restrictive model have been achieved.

Transition from one model to the next will be given the day prior to transition when feasible.

Communication Protocols

The district will work diligently to communicate with staff, students, parents and community to keep all informed of the current status of school and measures being taken to mitigate risk of the current pandemic. The district will minimally use the following protocol:

- Teachers will use Schoology as the primary tool to communicate 1:1 and en masse with students and parents.
- Elementary Teachers may use Class Dojo as a secondary tool provided the communication goal desired is better met by Class Dojo
- The District will use Skylert, The School Website, The School Facebook page to communicate 1:1 and en masse with students and parents.
- Provide communication in languages other than English when needed

COVID POSITIVE - Individuals who test positive will be required to isolate at home 5 days from symptom onset or the date of the positive test for persons with no symptoms. People may be released from isolation on day 6 as long as their symptoms are improving, including being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. They also need to wear a mask on days 6-10.

CLOSE CONTACT - will be defined for the Black Hawk School District as any person who is within 3 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes within a 24 hour period.

ANY CONTACT who has been vaccinated and remains asymptomatic is not required to be quarantined

ANY CONTACT who was properly wearing a face covering and remains asymptomatic is not required to be quarantined

ANY CONTACT who becomes ill and is not tested for COVID-19:

- Must isolate at home until they have been free of fever, productive cough, and other symptoms of respiratory infection for 72 hours, AND at least 5 days have passed since the date of symptom onset. The contact must wear a mask for days 6-10.

ANY CONTACT who becomes ill and tests negative for COVID-19

- Must isolate at home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND symptoms have improved, AND at least 5 days have passed since the date of last contact with the person who tested positive. The contact must wear a mask for days 6-10.

ANY PERSON IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT WHO HAS NOT BEEN VACCINATED

- May be required to isolate at home for up to 5 days since the date of last contact with the person who tested positive. The contact must wear a mask for days 6-10.

*****COVID-19 tests for the purposes of quarantine must be performed by a trained professional. Tests purchased as “at home” do not meet the criteria to shorten quarantine time frames.**