

The Black Hawk School District has approved the updated COVID-19 plans for the 2022-2023 school year. The updated plan was passed on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 by the Black Hawk School Board. The plan incorporates in-school face to face instruction with Covid-19 mitigation strategies. 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 2022-2023 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 Covid-19 mitigation strategies that will be implemented as procedures for the the 2022-2023 school year:](#)

Mask Optional/Mask Required

Masks Optional - If a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, then they will need to mask on days 6-10 after initial symptom onset.

Health Checks

We request that each child's parent assess their child for any of the following symptoms. If the child has any of the symptoms we ask the child be kept home and it is recommended they are taken to a doctor. Each staff member must do a health check on her/himself.

- Fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher), chills or shaking chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as a chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting when in combination of other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms

Students will be monitored during the school day. If a student presents any symptoms of illness they will be sent to the office. 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

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.

School Entry & Morning Procedures

Students will enter the building at designated locations

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

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.

Locker/Cubby Usage

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 2022-2023 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

Field Trips/Gatherings

- Administrative approval will be required for all field trips

School Transitions

Transition will occur as in years prior to the pandemic.

Bathroom Breaks

Resume pre-Covid protocol

Emergency Drill Procedures

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

Pre-Covid practices

Food Service (Breakfast/Lunch)

Resume pre-covid practices, maintain 3' distancing when possible

Recess

Pre-COVID practices

Athletics/Co-Curriculars

Pre-COVID practices

Visitors/Volunteer

Regular volunteers for educational purposes are allowed under the following conditions:

- They follow a regular schedule
- Administrative approval has been given

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 -

Black Hawk will no longer tack close contacts, but will recommend household contacts isolate.

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

- Must isolate at home until they have been fever free for 24 hours

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

- Is free to return to school once symptoms have subsided