

Hartville R-II School District

2020-21 Reentry Plan

Hartville R-II has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for students and staff as we start school August 17, 2020 on **Level 2**. This document may be revised with new information as it becomes available. Please see the information below for a set of general guidelines and expectations. As we plan for a school year likely to be continuously impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the priorities we hold are:

- Providing environments that are as safe as possible for students and staff;
- Providing equitable, guaranteed, and viable education.

Decisions will continue to be made in coordination with local and state guidelines. In order for school employees, students and community to best understand access rules, the school district will use a level indicator:

Level Indicator Definitions

Level 1: Limited virus exposure in school and/or community

- Seated School with classes taking place in school buildings on a daily basis.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting practices in areas used by students and staff.
- Normal protocols for visitors and volunteers in the building.
- Students and staff may be screened periodically for symptoms.
- Students and staff encouraged to remain as socially distant as possible.
- Masks are welcomed.
- Students/staff will be sent home when exhibiting 3 or more common symptoms of COVID-19. A negative COVID-19 test or release from a medical professional required prior to return to school. Otherwise student would need to be symptom free for 10 days.
- No restrictions for spectators of activities.

Level 2: Moderate virus exposure in school and/or community

- Seated School with Distance Learning Options for students in isolation, quarantine, and/or with extenuating circumstances.
- Extra cleaning and safety protocols for staff and students will be followed.
- Visitors, during the school day, only allowed with administrative approval. Visitors may be required to wear a mask and should prepare accordingly.
- Students and staff will be screened daily for symptoms and temperature.

- Masking will be encouraged for students and staff. In instances where distancing is not possible masking may become mandatory in certain areas.
- Scheduling restrictions will be in place to ensure social distancing and assist in contact tracing.
- Students/staff will be sent home when exhibiting 2 or more common symptoms of COVID-19. A negative COVID-19 test or release from a medical professional required prior to return to school. Otherwise student would need to be symptom free for 10 days.
- If spectators of activities are allowed to attend, there will be restrictions and/or limitations.

Level 3: Significant virus exposure in school and/or community

- Distance learning will be in place using personal devices, school issued devices, and/or traditional methods.
- Accommodations will be made for students without internet access and students with disabilities.
- Plans will be established to provide meals via delivery or pickup.
- When seated learning isn't taking place activities are not allowed.
- Staff will be on campus unless directed otherwise.
- Students and visitors are restricted access to buildings without making an appointment through the respective office.

Hartville R-II Schools is continuing to work on specific protocols to keep our students safe. These practices will differ somewhat from building to building. Building specific planning is ongoing. If you have questions specific to your student's building, please contact the respective administrator. Some considerations are listed below but by no means is this a comprehensive list.

- Instructional and scheduling plans prepared for each building.
- Increased frequency of cleaning and sanitizing of all areas.
- Student screening including temperature checks.
- Protocols for dealing with symptomatic students or staff.
- Communication to parents regarding necessary information.
- How to maximize social distancing in all areas.
- How to make student transportation safer.
- Making hand sanitizer more available and used more frequently.
- Educating and encouraging good hygiene practices.
- Offering activities while maintaining student safety.
- At a minimum masks will be encouraged. Depending on the level of the virus in the community/school masks could become mandatory.
- The importance of maintaining accurate student/parent contact information.

Parent considerations regarding sickness/fever during the school year.

- If your child is not feeling well, has a fever of 100 or more or has multiple common COVID-19 symptoms, keep your child at home and notify the respective principal's office.
 - Do not send your student to school within 12 hours of taking a fever reducing medication.
 - Students who are kept home or sent home due to fever only, may return after being fever free for 24 hours.
 - In the following situations please provide return to school documentation from a medical professional prior to returning to school.
 1. When a student is evaluated by a doctor for COVID-19 symptoms.
 2. When a student has had direct contact (within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes) with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19.
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Planning remains fluid and everyone must realize plans could change in a moment's notice. We ask for your understanding, flexibility, and patience as we work through this together. We have received many questions and will address some below. If you have a question, please feel free to contact your student's principal's office and we will do our very best to assist you.

Will students/staff be required to wear masks?

Effective July 30, 2020 Wright county had 4 people with COVID-19, none of which are Hartville R-II students/staff. **Masks are encouraged but not mandatory.** If, at any point, we are mandated by local, state, or federal agencies to require masking we will comply. If, as a district, we determine masking is the only way to remain in school and keep students safe we would consider making masking mandatory. We recommend parents add hand sanitizer and masks to school supply lists.

Will there be Open House prior to school starting?

No. To limit large gatherings we will not have "Open House" as we have known it in the past. However, all of the necessary duties one normally takes care of during Open House can be taken care of by making an appointment through the respective building level office.

How will I pick up or drop off students?

Before and after school protocols are at this moment the same as usual. However, there is some planning that may or may not be enacted to limit gatherings for after school pickup. If

changes are made they will be communicated accordingly. Pickup and drop off during school times should be done at the main entrance but there will be restricted access beyond a certain point.

Will visitors be allowed?

During the school day visitors will be highly discouraged. Visitors will likely be required to wear a mask and will only be allowed with administrative approval so please plan accordingly. We do not like having these restrictions but we believe they are necessary to keep our students safe. Restrictions may change as levels change.

How will the school communicate with parents?

We will use various platforms to communicate with parents (Eg. School website, school messenger, Remind, Facebook, email, phone, text). We implore parents to assure the school has accurate contact information in place.

If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the school, how will this be handled?

Will you be notified?

We will work in conjunction with the Wright County Health Department (WCHD) and the student/staff member will be quarantined accordingly. If it is determined, through contact tracing, that your student has been in close contact with a positive case you will be notified by the school district and/or the WCHD. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us but know that we are bound by confidentiality and are limited to what information we can give you. However, we will try to address your level of concern without breaking confidentiality.

How will social distancing work on the school bus?

In the mornings students will load the bus from back to front, families will sit together, and students will have assigned seating both A.M. and P.M. Where numbers allow we will distance students. You should know that we believe school buses may very well prove to be the first place we require mandatory masking. We encourage parents to transport their students if they are able.

Will activities be offered?

We plan to participate in activities as long as we are able to stay at Level 1 or Level 2. There may be restrictions for spectators. When attending activities at other schools/locations, compliance with their restrictions will be required.