



OSBORN R-0 SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022

**SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON
INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF
SERVICE PLAN**

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Greetings Osborn Wildcats!

The Osborn R-0 School District will welcome students back for in person learning on August 24th. This plan assumes that we will be in session as normal with our 4-day school week. We plan to educate our students with as little disruption and as safely as possible this school year.

This plan has been created with input from our teachers, staff, school board, state/local/county officials and health departments. Although there may be risks beyond our control, you can be assured that we will create a positive learning environment for everyone within our building.

Our plan for returning to school has been built around the following priorities:

- Student, staff and visitor screening
- Visitor access to the building
- Face-to-face/virtual education
- Social distancing
- Following CDC/local health department guidelines
- Increased sanitation efforts
- Social-emotional well-being
- Increased communication and cooperation with neighboring schools and agencies

We fully understand that it is impossible to develop a plan that takes into consideration every condition we may face during the coming school year. As more information becomes available through appropriate agencies, we anticipate that you will see additional changes made to our Safe Return Plan. We ask everyone to remain flexible with the district as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

At any point if you have a question or concern do not hesitate to contact us. This document will be updated as new guidance is provided/released from mandating agencies.

We look forward to seeing you on August 24th.

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Stakeholders and Participants

Derek Brady	Superintendent
Ida Kemper	Principal
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Casey Arney	Counselor
Emily Matter	Student
Mackenzie Perry	Student
Kristen Stafford	Kindergarten Teacher
Ginger Crabb	Librarian
Deborah Burns	Business Teacher
Staci Perry	BOE Member
Ashley Robinson	BOE Member
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Hayden Campbell	Student
Sonia Campbell	Parent/Community Member
Lisa Cobb	School Nurse
Braxton Gibson	Student
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Introduction

The Osborn R-0 School District held instruction as normal as possible during the 2020-21 school year, and will continue to offer in-building learning during the 2021-22 school year and beyond. This plan serves as a reminder of our mitigation policies that may be implemented if cases and/or quarantine numbers rise during the school year. This plan is a requirement of accepting and utilizing ESSER III funding provided by the federal government through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Communication with the Tri County Health Department, local physicians, staff, students, and community members will continue to ensure the Osborn R-0 School District is able to provide quality educational opportunities for our students and families. The following mitigation strategies will be followed during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. These strategies are created in conjunction with the most current Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, but will be based on what is affecting our community and county in determining protocols for our district. Parents are encouraged to continue monitoring for symptoms utilizing the School Algorithm (Appendix A) in determining when their child should refrain from attending school.

Mitigation Measures

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks:

Masks will not be required to be worn in-building or at school events, unless deemed necessary and communicated by Osborn R-0 Administration and Board of Education. Masks are allowed and are expected to be worn correctly at all times., Disposable masks are available from the school offices. Posters throughout the building will remind students and staff of correct mask wearing procedures.

Visitors to the School

In order to minimize the exposure of all students and staff to others, non-essential visitors, and parents will not be permitted at school without an appointment or prior approval. This is subject to change based on the guidance of our local health departments.

These restrictions will apply to the school day but may differ somewhat for evening activities, which are optional to attend.

Social Distancing

Staff and students will do their best to maintain social distancing protocol. Our small class sizes allow for physical distancing when necessary. Efforts will continue to ensure that large groups of students will not be in the hallways together for more than 15 minutes. The school district will continue to keep abreast and work to remain consistent with current CDC guidelines.

Modifications have been made to the lunch schedule. Students will eat in the cafeteria. Classes will be released in a structured manner to prevent congestion in the serving line. Several microwaves have also been added to prevent wait time and congestion for those who bring their lunch.

Transportation

Parents who can transport their students to/from school are encouraged to do so to help minimize the number of students riding the bus and allow for appropriate social distancing. We will continue to transport students with the following modifications.

- Busses will be disinfected and sanitized after every route.
- Seating will be assigned to families, and family groups will sit together.
- Seating will be assigned so that social distance is maintained to the best of our ability.
- Students will seated from the back of the bus forward and will exit the bus from the front to back.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the building. Each classroom, office, common area, bus/van will have adequate cleaning and sanitation supplies. Elementary classrooms will continue to introduce and reinforce proper handwashing techniques. There will be multiple opportunities for handwashing throughout the day. Posters will be in restrooms to remind students and staff the importance of proper hand washing.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

In efforts to keep our district healthy, we encourage limited outside visitors during the school day. Items can be dropped off in the foyer outside of the office without the need to enter the building. Our school district will continue with increased cleaning strategies, including having staff and students wipe down desks, tables, and objects that are touched with a high-frequency (i.e. door knobs). Disinfectant wipes have been and will continue to be purchased and utilized, as well as disinfectant spray. Students will be discouraged from sharing items during the day, after school, and while participating in extracurricular activities.

Drinking water will only be available through bottle filling stations. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water with their name on it to refill at the bottle filling stations. Teachers will ensure students have opportunities to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing will continue to be utilized in conjunction with the Tri County Health Department. The Tri County Health Department will help determine whether individuals have been vaccinated, and determine cases where students/staff are/are not required to quarantine.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Families will be asked to continue to monitor student health symptoms at home, and are asked to not send kids to school if COVID symptoms are present. Currently there will not be a daily screening protocol implemented in the school building. However, teachers will send students to the nurse's office who are not feeling well. (See Appendix B)

The district will follow the CDC and local health department guidance when deciding to send a student home. Students with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will be isolated, and parents/guardians will be contacted and required, to pick up the child immediately upon notification. Parents/guardians should have a contingency plan for pick-up if they are unable to pick-up their child within a reasonable timeframe due to work policies or work location.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations

The Tri-County Health Department has provided a large amount of free vaccination events available to educators beginning March 1, 2021. At this point, eligible members of the school community are encouraged to get vaccinated if they feel it serves their best interest.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Accommodations for children with disabilities are documented in an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The modifications or accommodations are legally required, and will be followed by the school district.

Continuity of Services

Interruptions of In-Person Learning:

If it is determined in consultation with the Tri-County Health Department that our building needs to be closed, Osborn R-0 will continue to offer distance/virtual learning opportunities to our students through a wide variety of platforms. This may also be available to students in lengthy quarantine situations.

Content Delivery

Osborn R-0 students will continue to have access to high quality instruction, learning materials, and activities to remain engaged and challenged in the event of a school closure or quarantine. Content will be provided 48 hours after the student enters quarantine in order to keep students progressing in instruction.

Content delivery methods will vary according to building and grade/level, but can include any of the following. Not all of these options will be available on a daily basis.

- Face-to-face instruction or communication through Zoom or Google Meet.
- Group activities through various platforms such as Zoom, the Osborn R-0 website, Google Classroom, Google Meet, Google Docs, Kahoot, etc.
- Lessons using video and/or screencasts
- Virtual labs, scenarios, demonstrations
- Hands-on activities that can be completed at home
- Independent reading, writing, research, exercises, and projects
- Digital resources
- Flipped lesson design where a student watches a lesson prior to attending a virtual class.
- Hard copies of assignments

***The Osborn R-0 teachers will abide by FERPA guidelines that protect student confidentiality. Teachers will seek methods to include quarantined students when possible. This feature may not be available on a daily basis.**

Communication

It is a top priority for all Osborn R-0 teachers and staff to ensure that students have access to instructional materials, learning resources, and teacher assistance. Teachers will communicate using email, phone, Zoom, Google classroom and/or Google meet. Daily communication is required on scheduled school days.

Examples of communication may include but are not limited to:

- Email or phone call 2-3 times weekly
- Messaging/Chat through learning management system 2-3 times weekly
- Teleconference through Zoom or Google Meet 2-3 times weekly

Accountability

Teachers and students will be expected to continue the educational process with as few interruptions as possible. Students will be expected to come back into the classroom prepared to move forward with lessons and activities with peers that have remained in the classroom setting.

Teachers are required to engage students in high levels of learning using an online platform as well as packets if needed. All lessons must meet the Missouri Learning Standards, must have rigor and relevance, and pacing must be outlined in teacher lesson plans. Teachers will be required to provide lessons that are equal in learning opportunities for all students.

Students will be required to return all work at the end of the quarantine period. Work will be graded and assessed for instructional purposes. Secondary students will be expected to log into their Google Classroom or learning platform utilized by their classroom teacher daily and actively participate in the lessons/modules/learning opportunities provided each week. Students will receive grades via google classroom and SIS. This includes all required course work assigned.

Graduation requirements have not changed. The school district expects seniors to meet all graduation requirements as described by the policy in the student handbook.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities	Student Responsibilities	Teacher Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Establish routines and expectations for your student.● Take an active role in helping your student process their learning.● Define the physical space for your child to learn and study.● Check school communication media and communicate with the school as needed. Communicate proactively with your child's teachers if you need additional support or your child cannot meet deadlines.● Proactively seek out and communicate with support staff at Osborn R-0 as needs arise including Mrs. Arney and/or Mrs. Kemper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Be responsible for your learning and know your schedule.● Use Google Classroom to access assignments and to return completed assignments.● Complete posted daily work to receive attendance credit for the day.● Attend online classes at assigned times by teachers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provide instructional materials in a timely manner.● Make contact with students or parents within 48 hours of initial absence.● Keep Google Classroom and Gradebook up to date on a weekly basis.● Provide check-in times for students via Zoom, Google Meet or phone 2-3 times per week.● Keep a communication log for each student.● Provide lessons aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards and equal opportunities for learning for all students.

Social-Emotional Well-Being

Students in grades 3-12 will complete a Social/Emotional self-assessment upon return to school. In grades K-2, a teacher perception assessment will be completed. Professional development will be provided for teachers and staff regarding childhood reactions to stress and trauma.

The counselor will collaborate with teachers on classroom activities to address student mental health upon return to school. Individual and small group counseling will also be available.

The Counselor's Corner contains community resources for families including emergency food/shelter assistance, counseling services, and crisis hotlines.

<https://sites.google.com/a/osbornwildcats.org/counselorscorner/community-resources>

On-Line Resources

CDC: Coronavirus 2019

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Tri-County Health Department <https://tricountyhealthdept.wixsite.com/tchd>

DESE School Reopening Guidance

<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

Communication

Please ensure you have contacted the school to update any recent changes to your phone number(s), physical address, and email address—the District requests families and staff communicate any of the following situations to the school nurse or office.

- If you or someone in your immediate family is diagnosed or knowingly exposed to a positive case of COVID-19.
- If you or someone in your immediate family is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

*The District will follow health department protocol for releasing necessary information to the public while protecting the identity of individuals and their families.

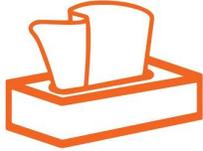
Appendix A

KEEPING YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY SAFE AT HOME

TIPS TO HELP CONTROL THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS



Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.

The success of this plan is dependent on adherence by everyone involved. Parent/guardian screening of their child is vital to the success of this plan. Prior to sending your child to school each day, please follow the checklist below for signs and symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea/vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Close contact with a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days

Self-monitoring: It is important that everyone involved properly assess their status for symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. If you have been or are at-risk, please communicate with the District for tracing purposes and return only when symptom free. The list of symptoms as provided by the CDC can be located at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Appendix B

What to Do When Testing Positive Per CDC Guidance

Students or staff testing positive for COVID-19 should follow the advice of their healthcare provider and stay home until:

- Fever-free without the use of medication for 24 hours AND
- Have experienced improvement of other symptoms AND
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

What to Do After Being Exposed to a Person Testing Positive Per CDC Guidance

Students or staff that have been in close contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home for 10 days after exposure and monitor themselves for symptoms. If developing symptoms, students and staff should remain at home until:

- Fever-free without the use of medication for 48 hours AND
- Have experienced improvement of other symptoms AND
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

When Will Students/Staff Be Sent Home?

The district will follow the CDC and local health department guidance when deciding to send a student home. Students with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will be isolated, and parents/guardians will be contacted and required, to pick up the child immediately upon notification. Parents/guardians should have a contingency plan for pick-up if they are unable to pick-up their child within a reasonable timeframe due to work policies or work location.

Staff members who exhibit a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home and provided a substitute to finish the day.

Students and staff who are awaiting a test result within their household should remain in quarantine until a negative test result is confirmed.