



OSBORN R-O SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**FALL 2020**  
**SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN**

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# OSBORN R-0 SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greetings Osborn Wildcats!

The Osborn R-0 School District will welcome students back for in person learning on August 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 re-entry 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Derek Brady, Principal  
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## **Health and Safety Precautions**

The Osborn R-0 School District will make all reasonable efforts to minimize risks of exposure to COVID-19.

## **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. If access is granted, all normal screening precautions will take place and a mask will be mandatory. 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.

## **Virtual Education**

Virtual education is an option. At this point students who opt for virtual education will not be allowed to participate in any MSHSAA sponsored activity nor after school activities on Osborn School's campus. Once a student commits to virtual learning that becomes a commitment for the entire semester and can only be re-evaluated once the semester is complete.

## **Social Distancing**

Staff and students will do their best to maintain social distancing protocol. Students arriving in the morning will either go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast or to their designated first hour classroom. Teachers who have planning time beginning the school day will assist in enforcing social distancing requirements hallways and common areas. Teachers who have a first hour class will supervise students in their classrooms.

Modifications have been made to the lunch schedule. Students will eat in the cafeteria and the old gymnasium. 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.

Modifications in the school day will be made as needed. For example, some special classes will be held in the grade-level classroom.

In-school gatherings such as assemblies, class parties, etc., will not be held unless social distancing can occur.

\*Additional details/guidelines regarding extra/co-curricular activities and competition will be released at a later time pending guidance from appropriate authorities.

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>

#### **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 14 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 24 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.

\*\*If a suspected case of COVID-19 is brought into the building, the District will immediately call local health officials and follow health department protocols at that time. The Health Department will provide guidance on any contact tracing protocols should we experience a case inside the building.

## 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.

### **Safety Guidelines**

In K-12 classrooms every best effort will be made to maintain proper social distancing. Classroom protocols will include assigned seating. Students will be taught and encouraged to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer, avoid touching eyes and mouth, etc. These actions will be reinforced often and will part of the daily routine.

Students and staff will not be required to wear face masks. However, if you would prefer your child wear a face mask, he/she is welcome to do so. Students will be responsible for use and cleaning of their own masks. The District will not be responsible for managing their use. A mask will be provided for students who wish to wear one, if requested.

We are in the process of taking the precautions necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Partitions are being created to aid where social distancing is not feasible.

Drinking water will only be available through bottle filling stations. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water with their name to refill at the bottle filling stations. The school will provide one bottle for each student at the beginning of the year. Teachers will ensure students have opportunities to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Students in grades 7-12 will be asked to sanitize their seating area with disinfectant wipes at the end of each class period. Students should use hand sanitizer after cleaning their individual area.

Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the building. Each classroom, office, common areas, bus/van will have adequate cleaning and sanitation supplies. We have developed protocol for thorough cleaning and disinfecting all areas of the building, buses, and vans on a routine basis.

Students will be discouraged from sharing items during the day, after school, and while participating in extracurricular activities.

Staff members are encouraged to wear masks when proper social distancing cannot occur, however they will not be mandatory. Each staff member is encouraged to make their expectations known to other staff and students. These parameters should be respected.

\* There are many more safety guidelines we are addressing. The above mentioned items are only examples of what we will experience. This will change as necessary.

### **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 be seated from the back of the bus forward and will exit the bus from the front to back.
- Students are welcome to wear face masks while on the bus, but they are not mandatory.

### **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 or their families.