

RETURNING TO SCHOOL



SAFETY PLAN

FIRST DAY IS AUG. 20, 2020

Ozark School District's number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. Our safety plan follows local and state guidelines regarding social distancing and sanitation to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Ozark School District has or may take the following procedures in preparation of the start of school. These procedures are based on the most recent recommendations from state and federal resources and may evolve as information is updated from state and federal health agencies.

MASKING & HYGIENE



- Students and staff are required to wear a mask or face covering when social distancing is not an option.
- Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands as they enter and before they leave school each day.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout each school.
- Hand hygiene awareness signs are posted to remind everyone the importance of clean hands and to wash for at least 20 seconds.



TRANSPORTATION

- It is often not possible for students to properly social distance on the school bus. Students are required to wear a mask or face covering when social distancing is not an option. Disposable masks are available.
- Student family members are asked to share seats.
- Buses are disinfected after each route, before starting the next route.
- Parents are encouraged to drop off/pick up students to decrease the number of students on the school bus.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



- To help minimize cross contamination, students are grouped together with the same staff throughout the day; all day for elementary students and as much as possible for older students.
- Classes utilize outdoor learning spaces when applicable.
- Desks face forward and are arranged to increase space between students where possible.
- Only supervisors and staff who are required for instruction are allowed in classrooms.
- Adequate art supplies or other educational tools are available to minimize sharing. When sharing is necessary, staff minimizes the number of students with contact to supplies and teaches disinfecting techniques.
- Recess schedules are altered to minimize the number of students on the playground and allow for more social distancing.



BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Elementary breakfast will be eaten in the classroom.
- Students do not use communal containers (i.e., silverware, milk cooler), but are handed meals from staff.
- Tables are divided and arranged in a way that students are not facing each other while in the cafeteria.
- Increased time between lunches to allow all eating surfaces to be sanitized.
- **Elementary & OMS:** Students will eat in their grade levels/teams to minimize cross contamination.
- **OMS, OJH, OHS:** Along with the cafeteria, alternate spaces will be utilized during lunch periods to allow students to spread out more.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING



- High-touch common surfaces (doorknobs, drinking fountains, desks, computers, tables, chairs and restrooms) are cleaned and disinfected properly multiple times daily. All disinfectants are EPA registered to kill COVID-19.
- All Ozark custodians are trained on enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Disinfectant is available for all classroom teachers.



HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- A nurse is available for every building.
- Any person exhibiting signs of COVID-19 is sent to the nurse immediately for evaluation.
- A separate space is set up for anyone exhibiting signs of COVID-19.
- Students and employees are sent home if they exhibit two or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance that are not otherwise explained.
- Parents are encouraged to screen children daily before sending them to school.
- Parents must keep children home if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.
- We will follow protocol to determine a return to school if a student is excluded.