

Morgan County R-1 Re-Opening plan

Frequently Asked Questions

When and How will the district start the 2021-22 school year?

The district will begin the 2021-22 school year on August 25 similar to how we ended the 2020-21 school year.

What safety protocols will be in place during the school day?

Much like last year, we will try to create a safe educational environment with increased cleaning schedule during the day and evening shifts, regular hand washing, hand sanitizer stations in each classroom and common area, as well as increased cleaning supplies and material to allow us to effectively disinfect any area. Social distancing will also be used with students remaining in classrooms when possible and limiting large group interactions.

Will Students be required to wear a mask?

At School: No, However, we recommend that all students and adults wear one when they are not able to social distance.

On Bus: Yes, as a result of CDC requirements students will be issued a mask and asked to wear it on the bus.

Will Students and Staff be required to be COVID vaccinated?

NO, However, staff and students who are vaccinated will not be subject to quarantine guidelines as long as they are asymptomatic.

Will 'virtual/remote/on-line' learning be available?

Yes, fulltime virtual education will be available. More information regarding the online learning can be found at www.mcr1.us

If my child signs up for fulltime virtual school will they be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities?

No, Students who are fulltime virtual/remote will not be allowed to participate in any afterschool activities.

If a student or teacher is diagnosed with Covid19 how will the district contact trace?

1. **School and Out of Home COVID exposure:** No quarantine required. The district will send 'possible exposure' letter home and caregivers should monitor closely for symptoms.
2. **Family/Household Exposure:** Required Quarantine or Test to stay option.
At parent request, the school nurse would COVID test students so that they could remain in school.

If my child has to be quarantined because of COVID19 how will my child receive instruction?

Anytime a student misses school for short durations they will have access to online instruction via Google classroom. We plan to have students' complete assignments like they were at school that day. The expectation is that the student will keep up with their peers so that when they return they will not be delayed.

Will parents be required to sign a waiver or students be required to get a COVID vaccine for to attend school?

NO. Waivers and Vaccinations are not required.

What will be the procedures for recess?

We understand how important recess time is for all children. There will still be many opportunities to be outside with peers. Our intent is to have recess much like we had prior to COVID.

Will kids move to different rooms for PE, Art, Music, and Library?

Yes, at this time we plan on having student travel as a classroom group. Physical education will be outside as much as weather permits.

What will school counseling services look like?

The elementary school counselor will visit classrooms to deliver social, emotional, career and academic lessons. We will continue to provide services to students for issues impacting the school environment. In addition, outside counselors and providers will continue with onsite visits. Our Academic and Career director will continue to assist students with after graduation plans, ACT, College entrance, Scholarships, etc.

Will my child be stuck in the classroom all day?

NO, we resuming activities as normal as possible.

Will parents and visitors be allowed in the building?

Most Likely, we will examine COVID community spread prior to any events and take precautions as needed. Parents will be allowed to walk their children to classroom on the first day of school.

Will social distancing happen in all settings?

We will do our best to maintain social distancing but we cannot guarantee it at all times.

What will class sizes be?

Many variables go into making up class sizes. Typically, the elementary has averaged 17-18 students per class. Most of the high school classes will be about the same. However, scheduling nuances do result in some sections being larger. We will do our best to keep class sizes small but will not have an accurate number until after the start of the year.

Will my child be Issued a locker?

Yes. However, some lockers are being replaced and may not be installed prior to the start of school.

How will my student's IEP services be delivered?

We plan to implement each student's IEP as written.

Can I still refer my child for special education testing?

Yes. No changes are being made to the evaluation process. If formal assessment is needed, the student will be pulled to a testing environment. Safety precautions will be taken to ensure a sanitized environment before and after the testing session.

Will teachers and staff be required to wear a mask?

Staff are recommended to wear masks when they are not able to social distance. Neither teachers or students are required to be COVID vaccinated.

If students are in class that will require Google learning will the work they are completing count for a grade?

Yes, all work will count for grade

Will temperature checks be given to students?

NO, any students that exhibit symptoms will be referred to the nurse.

What will be the protocol for a sick student?

We will follow our normal guidelines of fever free and contacting parents when students are absent or become ill at school. Students who are absent from school the prior day will need to report to school office on their next attendance day. Students with COVID symptoms will be immediately isolated with the nurse until parents arrive. **If a student is sent home from school or does not attend school because of COVID19 symptoms they will be required to have a negative COVID test, Doctors note or be symptom free prior to returning to school. * Test can be given at school.**

If the building is closed for a snow day, will students have a Google classroom learning day?

Yes. Snow days 1-5 will be AMI days. AMI learning materials will be sent home via google classroom or paper packets. As required by law, these materials will be used toward students' grades.

If School is canceled because of a large scale COVID outbreak will we be required to make up those days missed?

Yes, at this time the Governor has not extended the emergency order that allowed for those day to be forgiven.

Will there be increased opportunities for hand washing and hand sanitizing?

Yes, we have hand sanitizing stations in each classroom and in common areas. In addition, we are planning other improvements next summer.

How will the district increase communication with families?

Once again, the district will be using the communication app called 'Parent Square.' This smart phone app will allow parents to communicate with teachers and vice versa much more efficiently.

Will buses run as normal?

Yes. Currently a federal mandate is in place that requires masks on all public transportation. We will issue each child a mask and ask that they wear it. Once again this year, as a result of COVID, caregivers who are able we will allowed to drop students at elementary gym after 7:00 AM.

For students who will be utilizing school busses we have protocols in place to ensure a safe environment while on the bus that include; hand sanitizer available as well as assigned seats. We are exploring ways to lessen the student count on some busses. In addition, we will have early drop off available. Student

What should I do if I want to enroll my child in 'Remote' learning?

We will be offering full-time virtual learning. For more information please go to www.mcr1.us or contact the school at 573-377-2217. Remote learning for current students ends on August 17, 2021