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Getting Back to School

Mountain View School District #244

Fall 2020 - Reopening Plan

School Reopening:

Part 2 – of Reopening and Guidelines sent 7/29/2020

- ❖ The Mountain View School District (MVSD) recognizes that this is a difficult time for parents, guardians, school staff, school administrators, Trustees and most especially our children! MVSD further recognizes that families must make decisions that they feel are in the best interest of their children. MVSD recommends that all patrons approach school reopening with respect for the choices of others and an understanding that things are changing quickly and it may be a long time until things are “normal” again.
- ❖ The MVSD Board of Trustees has approved the plan to begin school under “GREEN” conditions as outlined by the Centers of Disease Control and modified to fit MVSD #244.
- ❖ MVSD board and administrators will continue to monitor and review this outline as necessary.

Our goal is to reopen schools beginning September 2, 2020. MVSD knows we must have various scenarios in place as we can't control COVID-19. The District has crafted a plan that allows us to respond quickly to changing local, regional, state and national conditions. As conditions change, we may be forced to change how we provide instruction during the school year. The District's Reopening Plan includes a **Green-Yellow-Red** system that outlines what students, staff and parents can expect under different conditions. **Idaho North Central Public Health Department will assist in the determination and level of transmission.**

- **GREEN: New Normal Operations - Category 1 - No Community Transmission** – MVSD schools will reopen with all students attending school full time (5 days/week normal schedule) implementing reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance. One fully online option as well as a blended learning option will also be available. Staff will work regularly scheduled hours.
- **Yellow: Learning With Caution – Category 2 – Moderate Community Transmission** — Area schools will go to a shortened week (Monday through Thursday). This will allow the staff to divide students into smaller groups and increase social distancing. The shortened week will allow staff to increase Blended Learning options. A focus will be placed on Reading, Math, Language, Science, and Social Studies. One fully online option as well as a blended learning option will continue to be available. Staff will work regularly scheduled hours. On Fridays, when students are not present, staff will develop, record, and upload Blended Learning lessons, and make parent and student contacts. Note: Special Education will evaluate and review the best and most practical educational approaches for our students. ****Flexible scheduling with a commitment to providing the best education could be available****



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- **RED: Learn At Home & Stay Safe - Category 4 Substantial Community Transmission** -- In extreme conditions, which could include a local or state stay-at-home order, MVSD **will close schools and shift to blended learning for all students.** Based on conditions, the Board could close a single school, a cluster of schools, or close all schools. When students are not present, staff will develop, record, and upload Blended Learning lessons, and make parent and student contacts.



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MVSD reopening plan includes recommendations from health officials, and reasonable procedures to try and mitigate risks and minimize the spread of COVID-19. To accomplish our goal of reopening schools, it is imperative all students, staff, and parents do their part by following health guidance whether they're at school or out in the community. Everyone will also need to monitor their health and stay home if they are feeling sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19.

This plan will be updated in accordance with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor's Office, the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, the Idaho High School Athletics Association; and other extracurricular governing bodies, North Central Public Health District, and other state, national, and local officials.

MVSD Focus Everyday:

- Provide a rigorous, **comprehensive education** for all students no matter the mode of instruction.
- **Respect health guidance** from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health officials, by adopting reasonable practices. We can mitigate risks and minimize spread.
- **Be flexible, empathetic and ready to respond quickly** to support families as conditions change.
- **Clearly communicate shared expectations** for students, staff and parents.
- **Update policies** to ensure students and staff who are sick or showing symptoms stay home.
- **Provide Online learning options for parents** uncomfortable about sending children back to school in person.

During any category we are operating, please do the following to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- * **Stay 6 ft. apart or as practicable**
- * **Wash your hands as often as possible and for as long as 20 seconds**
- * **Try and limit touching of mouth, nose and eyes. Your facial areas**
- * **Stay home if you are sick and/or showing symptoms**
- * **Cover your sneeze or cough. Use your elbow**
- * **Use a face shield or mask**
- * **Clean frequently touched areas often**

Traditional School

For those families that have made the choice that traditional school is what is best for them, we will make every effort to make that option available. While in Category One – Green, a traditional model will be available for our students. This model will include additional opportunities for students to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing habits. Classrooms and school buses will be disinfected daily. Some modifications to our traditional practices will be made to decrease the transmission rate. Masks for students and staff will be optional.

If transmission rates increase to **Category 2 – Yellow** (Moderate Community Transmission). Masks will remain an option for students, however masks/face shields will be expected for staff. It is important to note that those students that are wearing a mask/face shields may not have to isolate if they have exposure.

On-Line/Packet Learning

For those families that feel that they should keep their child at home when they have concerns, the District will offer a on-line/packet learning option. MVSD will record and post lessons and school work in a Google Classroom or SEESAW. For those families without Internet access at home, schools will provide a "HOT SPOT"



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for on-line learning provided at certain locations around the district. MVSD will utilize Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) to provide a full online option for students in third grade through 12th grade. IDLA, like all online schools, is experiencing record growth. Seats available are limited. Partnering with IDLA will allow the District the ability to work with families to provide an additional level of support. It is important to note that online learning options have strict deadlines and requirements, therefore this option must be considered a semester-long commitment. The District will pay the associated IDLA fees. If students start an online course and do not complete the same, they will not earn any credit for the class. Note: In all cases, the preparation by our staff takes a lot of time and planning. This learning is very time intensive and communications from building principals and classroom teachers will be available as quickly as possible.

Digital Divide

MVSD recognizes that there is disparity in internet accessibility and device accessibility across the District. Due to this disparity, the District used Remote Learning Packets during the spring closure. The District recognizes that Remote Learning Packets did not support the learning style of all students. Therefore, the District is working to provide additional options for our students:

- Increase the number of Internet Hot Spots available throughout the District.
- Provide online options for students with both internet and device access.
- Create a lending option for District owned Chromebooks. Priority for lending devices will be first by family and then the grade level of the students. Family size will be considered in the distribution. Priority will also be given to students with special needs.
- For students without Internet access, Thumb Drives will be used to transfer electronic lessons and materials, thus allowing students without Internet access an opportunity to view lessons and receive and send materials electronically.
 - Grades will be presented for all classes and work. No PASS / FAIL options.
 - Staff will provide grading and rubric outlines regarding class expectations.
 - There will only be two digital learning formats. Google Classroom for grades 2 – 12 and SeeSaw for grades K – 3.



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Keeping Schools Open Will Take Community Effort:

Health Checks: To accomplish our goal of opening and remain open, it will be important for students, staff, parents, and patrons to do their part by following health guidance and monitoring their health.

In cooperation with North Central Public Health, we ask that as students and staff prepare for school each day, they ask themselves these questions:

- **Since your last day in school have you had any of these symptoms that are NOT attributable to another condition?**

- Fever or chills (A fever is considered having a temperature of 100.4 F)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

- **If the answer is YES to any of these symptoms:**

- **DO NOT send your child to school.**
- Contact your healthcare provider for guidance to determine if testing for COVID-19 is recommended.

- **If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 OR was directed by a healthcare provider or North Central Public Health to stay home:**

- **DO NOT send your child to school UNTIL:**

- Your child has isolated for at least 10 days from symptom onset and at least 3 days have passed since symptoms have improved.

.....OR.....

- Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID-19 and cleared your child to return to school.

- **If your child has had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19:**

- **DO NOT send your child to school UNTIL** your child has isolated for 14 days and experiences no COVID-19 symptoms.
- If symptoms DO present during the isolation period, follow instructions above for seeking medical guidance and possible testing for COVID-19



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Responding To A Confirmed Case of COVID-19: An important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community is identifying those who may be sick, infected, or who have been exposed, and requires all of us working together to keep the virus in check.

Students/Families:

- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 we ask that:
 - DO NOT send your child to school.
 - Notify your school of the positive test.
 - Follow guidance from your health provider and North Central Public Health regarding isolation and contact tracing.

School & District:

- School personnel or health officials will alert Nurse/Student Services.
- District staff will contact North Central Public Health, and will assist with contact tracing and investigation.
- District will coordinate efforts to communicate to staff, students, and parents the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality, as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

Vulnerable Students:

- Students may attend school remotely or in-person.
- Parents/guardians, please watch the District's website the second week of August to determine what options will be best for your child. The District's website is: <https://www.sd244.org>

Vulnerable Staff:

- We will follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) definitions and/or physician documentation.
- Reasonable accommodations will be made.

Resources:

- **Idaho Back to School Framework**
<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:51c5f795-af38-42b4-bc71-a3bfd404f3e1>
- **Idaho High School Athletics Association Guidelines**
<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d19b7e21-433c-4d9e-b425-cb8a35d24afc>
- **CDC Considerations for Schools** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>)
- **CDC Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>)
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Schools** (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>)
- **Input from Carol Moehrle @ Public Health of Idaho North Central District**

* **Region #2 – Idaho School Superintendents**

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