



Strasburg 31J
2021-2022
Academic Year

Plan for
School Start -Up

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This plan to start school was developed as the result of examining the feedback from surveys and face to face meetings with staff and parents.

Strasburg 31J School District will comply with all public health orders and regulations. Ensuring the health and safety of all students and staff is our top priority. However, we understand that there is always an inherent risk of contracting an illness when attending public schools and those risks will be minimized to the best of our ability.

According to MDPH, no reopening structure can ensure zero transmission and some infections are likely to occur among students, staff, and families, whether from exposure in the home, community, or in school. The American Academy of Pediatrics Colorado Chapter argues that the harms of school closures, including isolation and loss of community, will lead to adverse risks that can and should be mitigated by thoughtful prevention measures to allow a return to school.

The District strongly believes that students benefit from face-to-face instruction given in a traditional setting.

Commitments:

- Strasburg School District is committed to the safety and well-being of its students, teachers, and staff. All decisions will be made with this leading commitment as a contributing factor and be at the forefront of the decision-making process.
- Strasburg School District is committed to providing as normal of a school year as possible.
- Strasburg School District recognizes the diversity of perspectives on the COVID-19 pandemic and will do our best to balance those perspectives while delivering a high-quality educational experience for our students.
- Strasburg School District is committed to working and communicating with all of our partners regarding decisions that could be impacted by COVID-19.
- ***Strasburg School District understands that conditions and expectations are constantly changing, and our practices and safety measures will be reviewed, updated, and communicated to our partners (students, staff and parents) as frequently as possible to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, teachers and staff.***

Safety Measures:

Masks

- There is no longer a state mandate requiring masks. However, if this changes and the State or Health Department requires masks for everyone, we will follow state orders.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- The District will honor the right of parents to have their child wear a mask at any time.
- The District will honor the right of teachers to wear a mask at any time

- Teachers may request that students attending their classes wear a mask but there will be no adverse actions/reactions for any students not honoring the request
- All masks must meet the student dress code.

Sanitation

- Strasburg School District commits to expanding sanitation practices so that the cleanliness of the school is everyone's responsibility, not just the custodial staff
- Deep cleaning of the building will be done each night by custodial staff.
- All staff will share in ensuring that classrooms, common areas, and buses are clean.
- Staff will have cleaning supplies in classrooms, offices, kitchen, and buses and will be required to wipe down surfaces.

Quarantine and Social Distancing

- At this time there are no quarantine requirements with the exception of sports and some PE classes. Students participating in those activities will be given the requirements that could potentially impact them.
- Social distancing requirements have been lifted.
- Individuals who test positive will be required to stay home while contagious or up to 10 days.

Screening and Health Safety

- Strasburg School District believes that the first point of screening of students and staff is at home, and we will work with parents and staff to ensure that they are aware of the best screening practices. The School Nurse will provide practices through posting in the information on the website www.strasburg31j.com
- The District has the ability to perform a COVID test at the request of a parent/guardian or adult student.
- Hand washing will be encouraged, and foam hand sanitizing stations will be available in all classrooms and common areas.
- Temperature checks showing a fever of over 100.4 and symptoms of illness should be self-reported by families or staff members.
- A temperature scanning device may be used on all students and adults as they enter buildings.
- Any student showing a fever of over 100.4 degrees will either be placed in an isolation room or placed in an alternative room if the primary room is occupied until a parent or guardian can pick them up.
- Any staff member with a fever of 100.4 or greater will be immediately sent home without entering the building. The individual will not be allowed to mix into the population within the school.

- If a student or staff member is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness they must stay home to protect the health of others.
 - Symptoms of illness may include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- Should a student or staff member exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 after entering a building, a designated room will be available until he/she can safely return home or seek care. A parent or designee will be required to pick up their child as soon as possible following notification by a school employee.

Transportation

- School buses are included in the federal order for public transportation. All drivers and passengers are required to wear a mask while on a school bus.

Instructional Time and Student Attendance

- The 2021-2022 school year will begin as any other year. All students will attend classes in person, according to the district calendar.
- The District will no longer provide a full-time online option. Parents/guardians who wish to participate in an online program will need to make those arrangements on their own.
- In the unexpected event that the district must use remote learning for a short period of time, the district will utilize the same remote model as used in the 2020-2021 school year.

Protocol for remote learning (short-term only)

- When students are not in class face-to-face, they will access instruction through remote learning utilizing a variety of distance learning options, including but not limited to I-READY, Schoology, and Google Classroom.
- Teachers will have the ability to record and post their classroom instruction to their individual webpage or through Schoology.
- Students will be expected to log into their remote classroom and attendance will be taken when they are not participating in face-to-face instruction.
- Calculating hours of remote learning for the purposes of determining teacher-pupil contact and teacher-pupil instruction will be based on Board Policy IC-ICA which includes the following:
 - Academic content covered
 - Student demonstrations of learning
 - Estimated times for students to complete independent work

School Closures

- Snow days will no longer have an expectation of remote learning - they will be an actual snow day.

Sports

- At this time there are no restrictions on the number of fans attending events, nor the number of participants for each sport.
- At this time the seasons are scheduled to be held at the normal time i.e. football, softball, cross country, and volleyball will be held in the fall.
- Players are not required to wear masks. However, if the State or county health officials issue an order, we will follow the order.

Resources:

Colorado Department of Education COVID-19 toolkit. <http://www.cde.state.co.us/safeschools> (CDE).

Colorado State Government <https://covid19.colorado.gov/> Guide for COVID-1