



COVID-19 Response Plan Philipsburg Schools

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS General

- The District will offer two educational choices during the 2020-21 school year. Parents/Guardians must indicate their student(s) preference at the start of each semester via District application:
 - On-site education with Covid-19 Response protocols & regulations found within the Covid-19 Response Plan Philipsburg Schools.
 - Off-site education with remote instruction and learning
- Students and employees will be excluded from school buildings and activities if they test positive for COVID-19 or if they have a fever of greater than 100.4
 - Parents/Guardians will be notified if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 via school e-mail and/or messenger. The name of the individual(s) will not be shared; only that a staff member and or student in a grade has tested positive for Covid-19
 - County Health personnel will conduct contact tracing. Any individuals exhibiting symptoms should get tested. Others determined to be in close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) will be asked to quarantine by county health personnel
 - Return to daily activity dependent on county health recommendation
 - All contact tracing, CDC guidelines and protocols along contract tracing with state and county protocols will be conducted by the Granite County Health Department.
- Promotion of handwashing and germ transmission prevention
 - Hand sanitizer available in all classrooms
 - Education through signage and visual instruction
- Daily scheduled cleaning
 - All classrooms will have a bottle of 1-part bleach and 5-part water along with clean rags for daily cleaning of desks etc.
 - Restrooms will be disinfected multiple times per day
 - Lunchroom will be disinfected after breakfast and between lunch sessions
- Water fountains will be inaccessible for drinking. Water bottles may be filled at certain water fountains and with supervision
- All visitors are required to wear face coverings
- Extra-curricular activities will follow MHSA and school guidelines
- If determined by administration, individual classes could go to remote learning
- Approved individuals or groups may utilize the school if satisfactory health protocols are in place and approved by administration

- 1:30 release on Fridays for teacher prep and professional development
- Once Protocols are in place each classroom/teacher will adapt protocols for their individual classrooms

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Grades K-6

- Students are not to arrive at school earlier than 8:00 am
- If 48 hours has lapsed since the student was last at school temperatures will be taken before students are allowed on school grounds (i.e. all students on Monday morning). High temp (100.4 +) = student will be sent back with parent if being dropped off or will wait in designated office until picked up
- Desks will be spaced 6ft away from each other
- Students will not be gathering on school playgrounds prior to school start time; all students will report directly to their designated classroom
- Students are to come to their desk before checking mailboxes or getting materials
- Teachers will call students to check their box and get materials
- Good sanitation and eliminating exposure/ contamination will be practiced
 - No sharing of supplies
 - Manipulatives used for the day should be pre- bagged
 - Students are encouraged to have their own personal hand sanitizer on their desk.
 - Students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently
- Teachers will wear a mask (provided by the school) when moving around the classroom monitoring students or when they are working 1 on 1 with a student in proximity (less than 6 feet and longer than 15 minutes)
- When working 1 on 1 with a student the instruction should be side to side rather than face to face
- Students may wear a school provided mask if desired and are encouraged to wear a mask when within another person's personal 6ft space (the school will provide one fabric face covering to each student and staff; all other face coverings can be provided by parent/guardian)
- No group work will be utilized
- Students will line up facing forward with distance between them, identifying marks will be on the floors to promote social distancing
- Recess: Students will be encouraged to run and play
 - there will be limited use of the actual playground equipment when necessary
 - recess may be shortened
 - recess will be based on grade level "class pods"
 - each class will have their own recess equipment (i.e. jump ropes, balls etc.)
- **Possible extra person on duty to ensure social distancing
- Lunch recess will follow same guidelines and standard recess
- The school is looking into the opportunity of opening the area between the schools to allow for additional recess space
- Specials/Electives: Each class will have their own set time for specials
 - No combined classes

- School Specialists will come to the student as opposed to students going to specialists
- Bathrooms
 - Bathroom stalls will be marked with colors for each grade
 - Students are only to use the stall with their classroom color on the door
- Grades K-2nd, teachers will wipe down when high frequent areas as they leave the room
- Grades 3rd-6th, students will assist with classroom clean-up after the teachers have disinfected

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS **Grades 7-12**

- Students are not to arrive at school earlier than 7:30 am
- If 48 hours has lapsed since the student was last at school temperatures will be taken before students are allowed on school grounds (i.e. all students on Monday morning). High temp (100.4 +) = student will be sent back with parent if being dropped off or will wait in designated office until picked up
- Distancing of students will be maintained “as best possible, at all times”
- If tables are used, seating arrangements will be made to properly social distance
- Teachers will wear a mask (provided by the school) while moving around the classroom, monitoring students, or when they are working 1 on 1 with a student in close proximity (less than 6 feet and longer than 15 minutes)
- When working 1 on 1 with a student, the instruction should be side to side rather than face to face
- Students may wear a school provided mask or a mask provided by parent or guardian, if desired. Masks are encouraged when physical distancing is difficult to maintain (i.e. passing in halls)
- No group work will be utilized
- Protocols during passing times and lunch will be established to keep classes and students social distanced

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS **Transportation**

- Bus occupancy will be no more than 50% of capacity. One rider per seat outside of immediate family members
- Permanent assigned seats for the school year
- The front two seats closest to driver will remain empty
- Hand sanitizer will be used upon entering the buses
- Masks will be mandatory for all riders unless medically excused
- No food or drink allowed
- Unload buses front to back and fill from back to front
- No additional riders on buses other than route students (i.e. sleep overs or birthday parties)
- Buses will be sanitized daily

- Temperatures may be taken upon entering the bus
- Designated pick-up and drop off locations may be assigned

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS **Extra-Curricular (guidelines from MHSA)**

- Workouts/practices should be conducted in “pods” / “bubbles” of participants with same players working out together to limit overall exposure
- Before, during, and after the contest, players, coaches, and administration should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible
- No out of state competition or teams traveling from out of state for competition, unless it is in a dual format and approved by the MHSA Executive Director
- Always maintain social distancing of 6 feet while on the field/court of play when possible
- Everyone must have their own beverage container that is not shared. Safe handling practices should be adhered during hydration, which includes refilling, retrieval and identification of water source
- Time-outs (if applicable) may be extended to a maximum of two minutes in length for safe hydration practices. Social distancing requirements must always be followed
- Cloth facial coverings are allowed and encouraged for players, coaches and officials’ facial coverings must be a single solid color and unadorned
- Gloves are permissible for all players, coaches and officials
- The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest / event as recommended by the ball manufactures
- Administrators must limit the number of non-essential personnel who are on the field/player surface area throughout the contest
- Attendance at MHSA events is dependent on host site and local health department guidelines and restrictions
- You should not come to weights or open gym if you or anyone in your household have any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever or 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
- Temperatures will be taken at the beginning of weights and open gyms and possibly be asked to sign off on a sheet declaring they are symptom free

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Food Service

- Only students eating breakfast should be in the cafeteria and we ensure students are able to allow for 6ft
- Lunch service will be separated into sessions (i.e. K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) to allow for social distancing and maintaining small “bubbles”
- No open salad bar or shared items to be served
- Napkins will not be at the tables
- All condiments will be prepackaged including salt and pepper, we will have to set a limit for how many everyone can take
- Students will be seated by class

*This document represents an overview of guidelines or protocols which may change over time based on data and guidance.

**Social, emotional needs and academic recovery will be the major focus of our multi-tiered system of supports team at each school as we transition our students back to on-site learning.

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Additional Resource and Guidance Documents

Granite County Health Department

Granite County Health Nurse Note

"If we have a student in school test positive for COVID. First: the MD and State will notify myself and the parent about the same time. We will then work with the school to identify school contacts and gather student's numbers to call the parent and collect any contacts outside of the school along with their numbers. We then quarantine the student/family that was positive and also the close contacts. We will be calling them every day to check in on their symptoms. If any of them develop symptoms during quarantine, they will be tested immediately. If positive the whole family will then be under quarantine, but there should be no school contacts at this point."

Governor's Plan for Reopening Safe and Healthy Schools for Montana

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Diulk4xOE4q209Mh5Vxfi1nao1LE3Y3T/view>

Montana Office of Public Instruction Reopening Montana Schools Guidance

<http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/COVID-19/Reopening%20MT%20Schools%20Guidance-Final.pdf?ver=2020-07-02-114033-897>

American Academy of Pediatrics

[COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Return to In-person Education in Schools](#)

Children's Hospital Colorado Risk-Based Approach to Reopening Schools Amid COVID-19

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/49eee6/globalassets/community/reopening-schools-during-covid19.pdf>

School Counselors Association and National Association of School Psychologists

[School Reentry Considerations Supporting Student Social and Emotional Learning and Mental and Behavioral Health Amidst COVID-19](#)

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), May 2020

[Guidance for Opening up High School Athletics and Activities](#)

Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/>