

Dent-Phelps R-III School District

Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District believes in the importance of students being educated directly by teachers. The best way is for every student to be at school every day possible. The district takes the student's safety very seriously and this plan was created to address concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we cannot completely eliminate all the risk associated with the transmission of this virus and have the students in the building, we are taking the steps listed below to minimize the transmission as much as possible and still educate.

This plan was created with input from the Dent-Phelps R-III Local School Board, Administration, The Leadership Team, the school Counselor, the school Nurse, Dent County Health Department, and the other Dent County Schools. This is a working document and is subject to change as the situation changes within the county.

The Dent-Phelps R-III School's first line of defense is you, the parents/guardians, students, and staff. If you are sick or running a fever – do not come to the school. There will be no recognitions for perfect attendance. Parents will still receive attendance letters, and parents will be contacted by the school if there is an academic concern related to absences. Students will still need to do the work that is missed and will receive full credit for the work. The most important step to this pandemic is – if you are sick stay home.

On recommendation from the Dent County Health Department, the following **RULE WILL APPLY** for the 21-22 school year during this pandemic:

- All Staff and Students who have a fever of 100.4 or greater will need to be **FEVER FREE WITHOUT medication for 24 hours BEFORE they can return to school**. All Staff and Students will be screened daily, and visitors to the school will be limited and screened as well. Any student developing a fever during the day will be separated until picked up; staff with fevers will be sent home immediately. This is different than the fever guidelines in the Student/Parent Handbook and only applies during this pandemic.
- School Closure due to positive test results will be at the School Board discretion.

Open House will be August 23, 2021 4-6 pm.

School will begin August 25, 2021 at 8:00 am. with all students in-seat and the following is what the district plans to do to minimize transmission throughout the school day. There are two plans should we need move to another level as the situation dictates.

- In-Seat – All Students attending
- Distance (Quarantine) – Students placed in quarantine due to testing positive or identified as a close contact to COVID-19.

	IN-SEAT	DISTANCE (Quarantine)
Staff	Staff Screening for symptoms. Participation in vaccination events will be established by the district/county Onsite testing for COVID-19 available.	N/A
Busing	Assigned Seating. Load Back to Front. Families Sit Together. Close Contacts Noted by Driver Daily. Disinfect between Routes. Unload Front to Back Masks required for busing (Per Federal Mandate)	N/A
Diagnostic and Screening of Students	Screening students for symptoms. Periodic Screening during the day as needed. Onsite testing for COVID-19 available.	N/A
Breakfast	PK-2 nd Grade – eat in cafeteria. 3rd-8th Grade – eat in their classroom.	Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.
Classes PK-2nd	Self-contained except for Specials and Intervention/RTI/Special Education Instruction. Assigned Seating. Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily. No sharing of supplies. Students in PK-3 need parent permission for student gmail accounts to be created for access to Google Classroom. Contact Tracing will be coordinated with the Dent County Health Department	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments Teacher Assigned Packets
Classes 3rd-8th	Change Classes coordinated by teachers. Disinfect in between class. Assigned Seating. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily. Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. No sharing of supplies as much as possible. Students in PK-3 need parent permission for student gmail accounts to be created for access to Google Classroom. Contact Tracing will be coordinated with the Dent County Health Department	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments Teacher Assigned Packets
Special Classes – PE, Computers, Fine Arts, Library	Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Outside as much as possible. Disinfect between classes. Contact Tracing will be coordinated with the Dent County Health Department	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments Teacher Assigned Packets

Whole Class Restroom Breaks	Limited and coordinated by teachers. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily.	N/A
Water Fountains	Water bottles Recommended. Fountain use by water bottle filling station or by disposable cups. Drinking directly from fountain not allowed.	N/A
Lunch/Recess 3rd-4th	In cafeteria. Spread out as much as possible. Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.	Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis. Parents will be notified of this service through email and phone.
Lunch/Recess 5th-6th	In cafeteria Spread out as much as possible Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.	Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.
Lunch/Recess 7th-8th	In cafeteria. Spread out as much as possible. Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms. Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.	Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.
Additional Classes – Interventions, RTI, Gifted, Special Education	Cohorting of grade level and/or classrooms as much as possible. Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan or 504 Plan. Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Disinfect between groups.	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan or 504 Plan.
Masks/Face Coverings	Wearing a mask is recommended except on the bus where it is required. Masks allowed.	N/A
Physical Distancing	Students will be assigned pods/cohorts at the beginning of the school year and remain with their pod/cohort for the entire school day. Seating charts will be used to assure consistency among all classes. A three to six foot distance between students will be used to the greatest extent possible.	N/A
Hygiene Instruction	Will be conducted by Nurse/Counselor and will focus on hand washing, coughing/sneezing, and personal space. Hand Sanitizer and tissue provided.	N/A
In-School Activities- Classroom Parties Grandparents Day Veterans Day Christmas Program	Maybe cancelled or postponed based on the current situation. Field Trips maybe cancelled or postponed based on the current situation.	N/A

Field Trips	All Field Trips will follow masking and social distancing guidelines that are set forth based on the trip being taken.	
Afternoon Dismissal	<p>Car Riders – Parents stay in or by vehicle. Buses loading by grade level, Upper to lower, organized to load back to front before loading.</p> <p>Students who want to bring home friends for sleepovers, parties, etc. will need to be car riders.</p>	N/A
After School Activities	<p>Sports – Voluntary participation. Will follow MSHSAA guidelines. Close Contacts noted as much as possible. After school sports will follow Attachment A – Sports Plan.</p> <p>Clubs – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible.</p> <p>AR Reading Nights – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible.</p> <p>Disinfecting as much as possible.</p>	N/A

Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

The social, emotional, and mental health needs of staff and students is an essential area to address in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For students, the district has a full-time school counselor. The counselor will regularly meet with all grade levels throughout the year to teach lessons to help meet the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students. Students will have other classroom lessons and activities to meet these needs as well, implemented by their classroom teachers. Staff members will also have access to the school counselor, and information about other social, emotional, and mental health resources in the community will be shared with staff as necessary.

The Right Way to Wear a Mask

The CDC recommends the following procedures when wearing a mask.
 First, wash your hands. Put the mask on your face. Put the loops behind your ears.
 The mask must cover your nose. The mask must cover your mouth. The mask must fit under your chin.
 The mask must be snug on your face. Make sure breathing is easy. Masks may feel different.
 Practice wearing a mask. Practice will help you get used to wearing a mask.

Mitigation Strategies-Physical Distancing

The district has assigned students to classroom pods/cohorts for the 21-22 school year. A student will remain with their pod/cohort the entire school day including at lunch and elective classes. While in pods students will be placed in seating charts (all classes) that will allow for three to six feet spacing between individuals to the greatest extent possible. Seating charts assure that students are sitting by the same individual/individuals the entire school day. Physical distancing is encourage at all times and students

are also spaced out as much as possible on district transportation. Physical distancing is a proven mitigation strategy that will benefit the safety and wellbeing of all students in the district.

Vaccination Efforts

The district will work with the Dent County Health Department to advertise, promote vaccination clinics in the area. Currently the Dent County Health Department will provide vaccinations on Thursdays of each week.

ALL Distance/Quarantine Learning will be valid instruction and students will be required to participate.

Disinfecting of high-traffic areas will occur periodically throughout the day. Nightly cleaning of entire building will occur.

There will be a technology survey in the enrollment packets that is important for every family to fill out so we can better assist and ensure that instruction will continue should we have to close the school building again.

Student electronics will be checked in with the Homeroom teacher, and checked out at the end of the day with the Homeroom teacher. This will eliminate student grouping in the small office area. An office representative will pick electronics up from the teachers and secure them in the office. A similar office representative will deliver them back to the classrooms at the end of the day.

This plan has been revised from the 2020-2021 school year COVID-19 Plan. The plan will be reviewed monthly and revised as needed based on the current situation and recommendations from the Dent County Health Department, the CDC, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The faculty, administration, PTO, and student members will be involved in this review process.

The Dent-Phelps School District's SRCSP is available on the district website and physical copies will be provided in the front office. This plan may be translated to other languages or provided orally as requested. Questions regarding translation of the district's SRCSP need to be directed to Principal Denny Melvin by phone at 573 729 4680 or by email at dmelvin@dentphelps.k12.mo.us

See Attachment A Sports Plan – The sports plan will be revised prior to the start of the first season of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Attachment A

Dent-Phelps R-III School District 2021-2022 Sports COVID-19 Plan August 10, 2021

The administrators of Oak Hill R-I, Green Forest R-II, Dent-Phelps R-III, and North Wood R-IV worked together to create the following plan for the 21-22 sports season. All administrators agreed to the following for student and public safety during athletic events. 7th and 8th grade athletic teams will follow MSHSAA guidelines at the time of their perspective sport. This plan is subject to change based on the current situation and will be updated accordingly.

At each location teams will be required to sit across from the fans to limit the possible exposure to COVID 19. Student athletes will be required to stay in the team area for the duration of their game and are only allowed to leave the team area when their game has concluded and they are leaving the facility.

Masks highly recommended.

Tournaments to be determined at a later date.

Concession stands will only have drinks and prepackaged items at Dent-Phelps R-III

7th/8th grade athletes will follow mask protocol while on the bench per MSHSAA guidelines.

Coaches will adhere to MSHSAA guidelines. Masks recommended while coaching.

It will be recommended that other staff working will wear masks.

Concession stand workers will wear masks and gloves if preparing handmade food.

Scorer's table (Scoreboard and Bookkeeper) will be recommended to wear masks.