

Hammon Public School Return to School Plan 2020-2021

Preliminary Re-entry Plan

The school year will begin for students on Thursday, August 6th, with additional sanitation and separation protocols. We have purchased 4 electrostatic sprayers that will be used on a regular basis to disinfect all areas of the school buildings. As this is a fluid situation, flexible contingency plans will be maintained to allow for adaptability during changing conditions. Guidance from national, state, and local health authorities will be monitored closely with steps taken as necessary to maintain safe conditions for students, teachers, staff, and the community as a whole. This plan could change at any time upon directives from national, state, and local entities.

- Parents/Guardians are the frontline defense. Parents/Guardians are to check for symptoms and elevated temperature before sending children to school. Students must stay home if they have a fever or if any signs of COVID-19 are present. Students must be fever free for 48 hours before returning to school. *Special consideration concerning attendance requirements will be given when students are unable to attend due to exhibiting signs of illness, or having to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.
- **At this time, masks are not required but you may wear one to protect yourself if you feel it is necessary. Parents will be responsible to furnish masks for their children if the state makes it mandatory for all students.**
- **Bus Routes-All bus route riders will have their temperature checked by the driver before being able to board the bus. Any student who has a temperature of 100.0 or higher will not be allowed to board the bus to school.** Students will also be required to sit with family members on the bus and we will make our best effort to social distance students.
- Sanitation practices bolstered within facilities and buses before, during, and after school each day will be implemented.
- Disinfectant foggers/sprayers will be utilized along with traditional disinfectants and wipes to sanitize facility surfaces and bus surfaces daily.
- **All students, teachers, and parents will have their temperature checked before being able to enter the building/classrooms before school. The cafeteria and school buildings will not open for students until 7:50 a.m. Students must be screened by a Hammon Public School employee.** Any student who has a fever above 100.0 degrees will be sent to the school nurse and isolated until a parent can come get them. It is imperative that a parent/guardian immediately, after being contacted by the school for a student illness, to come and pick them up as soon as possible.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout all buildings.
- Increased emphasis on frequent handwashing for all students and staff.
- **All water fountains will be shut off and out of order. Students will need to bring their own personal water bottle filled at home daily** or they can buy bottled water using one of the school vending machines.
- Hammon Public Schools have purchased chromebook computers and ipads for every student pre-k through 12th grade.
- Teachers will utilize Google classroom for lessons and classroom assignments for offsite learning, if needed. This will allow for a seamless transition if there is a need for distance learning.

- We will have a minimum of 1 distance learning day scheduled as a practice for possible periods of a school closure or individual student quarantine. This will allow school personnel to assess digital learning capabilities and identify potential problems or gaps. The tentative distance learning date will be determined after all of our technology that has been ordered has arrived. Students will remain home on this date and use the google classroom platform and/or seesaw curriculum constructed by their teachers for their daily lesson.
- School personnel needs for special arrangements, regarding attendance, and execution of duties will be met on a case by case basis.
- Students who wish to distance learn instead of a traditional school setting will be determined on a case by case basis.

Contingency Plans

The contingency plans, as written, will remain flexible to allow for adaptability during changing conditions. Guidance from national, state, and local health authorities will be monitored closely with steps taken as necessary to maintain safe conditions for students, teachers, staff, and the community as a whole.

- In the event of a positive COVID-19 case on campus, Hammon Public Schools will follow the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education guidelines for handling active cases to maintain the health of all persons directly involved with the student and/or staff.
- In the case of a school closure or if an individual must quarantine at home, students will log into Google Classroom on a school provided device to complete assignments in a digital format while practicing distance learning. These assignments will count as a normal grade and they can affect your child's grade positively or negatively based on performance. Teachers will maintain communication through a combination of Google Meet, zoom, e-mail, texts, and phone calls to provide instruction and to monitor progress. Other programs may also be utilized to track student progress and to individualize instruction. Teachers, students, and parents will have the opportunity to practice digital learning when that date or dates are set by the district.
- Students who do not have internet access will need to make arrangements and/or to find internet hotspots to be able to distance learn. Hammon School property has internet capability for students to get online. Students who do not have internet and are quarantined because of COVID-19 restrictions will need to make arrangements through the district administration.
- During a school closure or period of quarantine, teachers, administrators, and counselors will monitor student progress with students' social/emotional needs in mind. Services will be provided as needed to ensure the well-being of all students.
- Special services will continue during periods of school closure or quarantine in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a learning process for everyone involved. We take these precautions because the health and well-being of our community is at risk. We will do the best job possible for our students and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility.