

Oregon-Davis School Corporation

Back to School Reopening Plan 2021-2022

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The Oregon-Davis School Corporation (ODSC) strives to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for all students as we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year.

In order to provide a safe, healthy learning environment, changes to the traditional school structure are necessary for all students, families, staff, and community. Our reopening plan is based on the [Indiana Department of Health's Fall School Guidance document](#) and input from the Starke County Health Department.

ODSC's reopening plan serves to outline the precautionary measures and adjustments to be implemented as students and staff return to school for the 2021-2022 school year during the COVID 19 pandemic. The ODSC understands the level of community spread may change, but in terms of reopening structures for the 2021-2022 school year, the district will focus efforts aligned with the "Low Spread" approach for K-12 schools. If the level of community spread increases, ODSC will seek counsel from the Starke County Health Department to determine the most appropriate response.

Level of Community Spread	Substantial Spread Yellow/Red	Moderate Spread Orange	Low Spread Blue
Instructional Mode	Traditional or eLearning	Traditional Environment	Traditional Environment
Response	<u>Short-term Closures May be Needed</u> • Close for facility-wide deep cleaning <u>Extended Closure May be Needed</u>	Various Levels of Building Use Given Circumstances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement more intensive mitigation strategies • Enhanced social distancing • 	School Building(s) Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement preventative practices and additional proactive processes

	• Close building(s) for at least 14 days		
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Reopening Plan Highlights



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Students and staff in all grades will be allowed to wear face coverings as they see fit. ODSC will comply with all state and local face covering mandates if issued.

Social Distancing

- Classes will be organized to allow for social distancing, and other precautions.
- Seating charts will be used to assist with contact tracing in the cafeterias, classrooms, and buses.
- Cafeteria layouts will be configured to allow for social distancing.

Creating and Maintaining a Clean and Healthy Environment

- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the schools.
- Hand washing breaks will be taken often throughout the day.
- Students may bring their own clear water bottles and filling stations will be available.
- Plexiglass will be placed in office areas and kitchen serving lines.
- Cleaning procedures and checklists will be followed and documented in all areas of the school.
- Cleaning schedules will be strictly adhered to on a daily basis.
- Electromagnetic foggers will be used when necessary and appropriate in the school and buses.
- Water fountains will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Transportation



The following steps, measures, precautions, and protocols will be in place during the 2021- 2022 school year to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

- Students will be required to wear masks or other protective face coverings while riding the school bus per federal and CDC requirements. .

Changes to ODSC's transportation system:

- Social distance as best as possible.
- At the time of enrollment, parents will notify ODSC of their intention to use school bus transportation to and/or from school;
- ODSC school bus drivers will contact parents to inform them of their student(s) specific bus arrangements prior to the beginning of the school.
- Students will have seating assignments and family members will sit together.
- Students will not be permitted to change bus arrangements; unless a parent requests to change a child's transportation method on a given day to a car rider or ECA activity by 1:00 PM CST. Parents can call, send a note, or use the PikMyKid App.
- School buses will be dismissed two buses at a time at the main entrance in the morning to limit the number of students entering the school at the same time.
- Buses will be disinfected between routes.

Classroom Environment



Oregon-Davis School Corporation plans to open the school year in a traditional format. Each ODSC school will address modifications to the classroom one building by building and classroom by classroom basis.

- Student desks and tables will be facing the same direction and spaced out as much as possible in the classrooms.
- There will be assigned seating arrangements in each classroom.
- If a classroom set of textbooks is utilized, one will be assigned per student desk/table (students will be asked to disinfect their shared textbook).
- Students will not be able to sit by each other to charge their electronic devices in the classrooms to help with social distancing guidelines (students need to come to school with their iPads fully charged for the school day as they may not have access to charge their device at Jr./Sr. HS until the lunch period).
- Students will disinfect their work space when they enter each classroom.
- Students will be allowed to bring their own transparent water bottles to school for water use only.
- We will encourage the use of outdoor spaces for instruction when appropriate.
- We will encourage the use of larger classrooms to help with social distancing.
- Plexiglass dividers will be utilized in designated places.
- Teachers will call the office before sending a student to the office.

School Environment



Common Areas, Offices, and Hallways

Each ODSC school will address modifications to cafeterias, common areas, and hallways on a building by building basis.

- School buses will be dismissed two buses at a time at the main entrance in the morning to limit the number of students entering the school at the same time.
- We will be asking parents/guardians to call the school office upon arrival to pick students up from school early. The student will be walked out to the vehicle. This will help limit the number of non-student and non-school personnel entering the school building.
- We will be limiting the number of visitors and volunteers in the school building during the COVID 19 pandemic (it is possible there may be a need to have no visitors and volunteers in the school building depending on the level of COVID 19 spread).
- Furniture will be rearranged to avoid clustering of students in hallways and common areas to allow for social distancing.
- Floor markings will be used to indicate appropriate social distancing for student lines throughout the school.
- Limit students to sections of the playground and a daily rotation ;
- ODSC will limit the number of outside organizations utilizing buildings during COVID 19 pandemic.
- Organizations utilizing facilities will comply with all ODSC health protocols.
- Refill water stations will be available. Water fountains will be disinfected and cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Cafeteria and Food Service



Oregon Davis Schools will:

- Prohibit food sharing and food sharing baskets;
- Ensure personnel handling cash do not handle food without proper hand washing and sanitizing;
- Provide access to hand sanitizer for students entering the cafeteria prior to lunch and breakfast;
- Use floor markings and various signage to indicate appropriate social distancing for student lines;
- Install extra sneeze guards in cafeteria lines and cashier checkouts;
- Wash and sanitize cafeteria tables between lunch periods;
- Reduce seating capacities at lunch tables to 50% capacity; when necessary, based on county alert level.

*Note: This list is subject to change as the CDC, Governor, Starke County Health Department and the Oregon Davis Schools Administration deems necessary.

Health Protocols



It is essential for the school community to work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school in order to provide a quality education program. State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students from school who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 (IC 20-34-3-9).

Self-Screening

The current CDC guidelines recommend screening all students and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure.

- Students and employees are required to self-screen before coming to school
- Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (see Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School listed below) without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.

Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School

COVID-19-related symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater;
- Cough;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Chills;
- Repeated shaking with chills;
- Muscle pain;
- Headache;
- Sore throat; and
- New loss of taste or smell

- **Students may return to school when cleared by a physician to do so, or at the end of the timeline given to them by the health department or school official.**
- **More information on quarantining and when students can return to school can be found at**
<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/schools%206.4.21.pdf>
- **Students who are deemed medically fragile by a physician, or students who have to quarantine due to COVID 19 close contact, will be allowed to attend virtually.**

Professional Development and Training



Ensure all staff are properly trained. Training topics include:

Correct information about COVID-19: how it spreads, symptoms, and risk of exposure.

- Who to contact if a staff member or student exhibits symptoms of COVID- 19.
- The appropriate methods, tools, and products for cleaning buses, classrooms, and technology depending on the staff member's role.
- The hygiene expectations of staff.
- Universal precautions when handling bodily fluids.

Athletics and Extracurricular



Athletics and Extracurricular activities may resume operations. However, in the event our teams travel to a county with a face covering mandate, teams will adhere to that county's mandate. In addition, coach's will ensure that athletes:

- Do not share water bottles.
- Do not share lockers.
- Social distance when possible.
- Respect the rules and regulations in regards to COVID-19 of host schools.
- Wear masks on school buses per federal guidelines. More information can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/schools%206.4.21.pdf>

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