



# Eastbrook Community Schools

## *Maintaining a Safe Learning Environment 2021-2022*

**IMPORTANT:** *The information in this document continues to evolve in accordance with ongoing updates and guidelines from local, state and federal health officials.* The Eastbrook Community Schools Board of School Trustees approved a Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Beginning July 1, 2021, Indiana is no longer under a public health emergency as declared by the Governor of Indiana; therefore, Eastbrook Community will return to our standard operating procedures based on school board policy and student handbook guidelines concerning the health and safety school community.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

Eastbrook Community Schools Corporation (ECSC) remains committed to prioritizing:

- **HEALTHY CLASSROOMS**
- **HEALTHY BUILDINGS**
- **HEALTHY POLICIES**
- **HEALTHY ACTIVITIES**

# HEALTHY CLASSROOMS



## **Support multiple student learning options**

- Eastbrook Community Schools will offer in-person, traditional education for all students.
- Students in grades 9-12 may enroll in the Eastbrook Virtual Academy if deemed appropriate by the Eastbrook High School.

## **Facial Coverings/Masks: Optional**

- Students/staff may choose to wear a facial covering/mask or not while in Eastbrook Community Schools
- The CDC has an order in place requiring masks on public transportation, including school buses

## **Maximize physical distancing to protect individuals**

- All classrooms will have a seating chart, and students will be spaced appropriately for the classroom setting.
- Students and staff will do their best to practice social distancing by trying to maintain proper spacing between individuals whenever possible.

## **Wash hands frequently**

- Enhanced cleaning and handwashing procedures will be required with additional hand sanitizer stations available for all students and staff.

# HEALTHY BUILDINGS



## **Keep surfaces clean**

- ECSC has updated custodial cleaning protocols to provide a safe and healthy school environment.
- Students and staff, when appropriate, will focus on cleaning high touch surfaces often during school hours
- Classroom windows will be opened, as possible and when appropriate, to allow for maximum air circulation and ventilation; however, ECSC's existing HVAC system is designed to operate at its highest efficiency under the conditions that classroom doors and windows are closed.

## **Plexiglass may be used as a physical barrier**

- ECSC may use plexiglass shielding in select areas with fixed interactions (e.g., front office secretary's desk, cafeteria checkout, administrator and counselor office spaces)

# HEALTHY POLICIES



## Create and reinforce a culture of health, safety, and shared responsibility

- ECSC's health protocols will continue to align with the most current guidance and recommendations from the Grant County Health Department, Indiana State Department of Health, and CDC.
- ECSC will not require proof of vaccination or conduct COVID-19 testing of staff and students.

## Prioritize staying home when sick

- All ECSC students and staff are expected to conduct at-home, self-screening/monitoring for related symptoms prior to leaving their residence on a daily basis.
- Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and in a household with a confirmed positive case, are to remain at home and seek appropriate medical guidance/care.
- Students and staff will be required to be fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

## Prepare plans for when there is a case

- If a parent/guardian reports to the district/school that a student is COVID-19 positive, then the school will contact trace.
- Students and staff who are COVID-19 positive will follow appropriate protocol and quarantine policies.
- According to the CDC and Indiana State Department of Health vaccinated students and staff who are determined to be a close contact to a positive case are not required to quarantine.
- ECSC will contact the Grant County Health Department with positive cases.
- Parents will be notified if their child may have been exposed to a positive case. If asymptomatic, parents will determine if their children will attend school and participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities based on the current guidance and policies.
- Staff members who are a close contact and are asymptomatic will determine if they quarantine based on the current guidance and policies.
- Health and safety is everyone's responsibility. Access to handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, and enforcement of proper hygiene practices for self, materials, and equipment will be emphasized.

# HEALTHY ACTIVITIES



## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- ECSC Guidelines for extracurricular activities will return to normal protocols

## **Co-Curricular Activities**

- ECSC Guidelines for co-curricular activities will return to normal protocols