

Hydro-Eakly Public Schools Safe Return Plan 2023-2024

The goal of this plan is to provide a safe and healthy environment in which Hydro-Eakly Public Schools may reopen classrooms for teaching and learning. This plan is to remain in effect as long as the District determines that such policies and procedures are required to support the health and safety of students and staff. This plan will be continually re-evaluated and may be updated to ensure the safest learning environment for our Students and employees.

Daily Procedures

Protective facemasks are allowed, but are not required to be worn by students in school buildings or within school buses.

A thermometer will be provided to every classroom teacher. Any student who appears to be ill will have his or her temperature checked by the classroom teacher or assistant. Any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be provided with a mask and placed in a separate waiting area until a parent arrives to take the child home. The child must be picked up from school within 30 minutes of contact with a parent.

COVID-19 Protocol

Employee or student suspected or known to have contracted COVID-19 or has shown symptoms:

Return to school when all of the following conditions have been met:
24 hours with no fever, and
Symptoms are no longer present.

An employee or student has close contact (closer than 6 feet, or 3 feet if wearing a mask, for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19:

Recommended Action - Monitor symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

COVID-19 Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- 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

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

Mitigation Strategies

Cleaning and disinfecting frequency will increase. Commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned frequently. Cleaners and disinfectants that are EPA-approved for use against COVID-19 will be used.

Depending upon the level of community spread within the school district, buildings and facilities may be closed to outside groups and activities to reduce potential spread.

Students will be taught and reminded about coughing/sneezing etiquette, keeping hands away from the face, and effectively washing hands. Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be promoted and reinforced.

The School Day

Lunch periods will be adjusted to ensure that fewer students are in the cafeteria at one time.

Cafeteria tables will be cleaned before another group of students is allowed to sit down.

For Pre-K through 5th grade, daily schedules will be adjusted so that students will be limited to interactions with their classroom cohort as much as possible. Only one elementary class at a time will be in the serving line.

Desks will be spaced as much as possible in the classroom. For 6th- 12th grade classrooms, desks should be disinfected during each passing period. Sharing of high-touch materials will be minimized.

Transportation

When possible, students are to be spaced at a maximum allowable distance in assigned seats.

Buses will be disinfected after each bus route and school activity trip.

Parents are encouraged to transport children to school when possible.

Learning Pathway Options

Hydro-Eakly offers two options for learning pathways, which are the Traditional Learning and Virtual Academy.

All students, regardless of learning option, will be assigned an iPad or Chromebook for educational use.

Parents who desire to apply for Option 2 (Virtual Learning) must contact the respective building principal:

Jeremy Tharp, Pre-K – 5th Grade Principal, jtharp@hydroeakly.k12.ok.us

Lora Burch, 6th – 12th Grade Principal, lburch@hydroeakly.k12.ok.us

Option 1 - Traditional Learning Pathway:

All classes are taken at the school site.

In-person instruction is provided by Hydro-Eakly teachers.

Instruction is provided during the traditional school day.

Transition to remote learning days will be implemented when necessary.

Remote Learning Pathway (as necessary):

Traditional Learning students will transition to Remote Learning in the event of disease outbreak or individual quarantine.

Each remote learning day counts as a school day for the district and a day of attendance for the student. Remote learning will include coursework through Google Classroom and other digital curriculum platforms that are normally used in the traditional classroom setting.

Option 2 – Virtual Learning Pathway:

Edgenuity online curriculum will serve as the learning platform for this program.

A commitment for the entire semester is required with this pathway.

There is an application process for this program. Visit with a principal for more information.

Student Digital Devices

A device for all students reduces potential for the spread of germs through cross-contamination in common computer labs.

The district provides a device for each student at home during possible remote learning days.