

Hartshorne Public Schools

2023-2024 School Year

SAFE RETURN PLAN

COVID-19 Information

Hartshorne Public School has developed the following plan to return to classes in August 2023. While we have monitored CDC and OSDH recommendations, it is not possible to guarantee that all students will be able to social distance at all times. There is inherent risk that must be understood when returning to group settings. We will social distance as much as possible, we will have a significant focus on the cleanliness and disinfecting program for our facilities and buses, and we will provide information to the public in a way that does not infringe on the privacy of our students and staff. For those of you who are not comfortable with returning to a large group setting we have developed alternatives for you to consider for the 2023-2024 school year.

Temperature Checks

- Parents should check their student(s) temperature before sending them to school each day
- Any student who has a temperature of 100.0 or higher will not be permitted in the building
- Students will be assigned seats on the bus in the morning and the afternoon
- Any student who is not sitting in their assigned seat may be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year
- Any student who develops a fever of 100.0 or higher at school will be isolated and the parent/guardian must pick the child up immediately
- Any student or staff member who reports feeling sick while on campus will be sent to the school nurse for temperature check and possible COVID-19 testing.

On-Campus Procedures

- Students and staff will social distance as much as possible. It is not possible to observe the recommended 6ft radius at all times, on campus.
- Our procedures will be adjusted to observe the best practices possible under the most recent CDC and OSDH guidelines.
- At anytime we feel that it is in the best interest of our students and staff or we can no longer reasonably meet the most recent CDC or OSDH guidelines, we will transition into Distance Learning for all students.
- Parents with students involved in activities must understand and accept the risks involved with those activities.
- WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

PPE

Masks and gloves will NOT be required unless the state of Oklahoma, SDE, CDC, or OSDH mandate them. Those who wish to wear these items may do so, but they will have to provide them for themselves. If we require them at some point we will also begin providing them.

Hand Sanitizer / Hand Washing Procedures

Students and staff will have access to hand sanitizer and we may mandate certain times throughout the day where everyone must wash their hands with soap and water. Everyone will be encouraged to wash hands frequently and refrain from touching others or items belonging to someone else.

Disinfecting/ Cleaning Program

Our maintenance staff will be spraying our facilities each day with sanitizer that has been approved for COVID-19. This will help with the spread of the virus but it will NOT guarantee that someone may not contract the virus on campus. The cleaning program will include all facilities where students or staff have been that day.

Educational Options for the 2023-2024 School Year

TRADITIONAL MODEL

- Students report to campus
- On-Campus adjustments to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19
- Students will follow the traditional school calendar and attend classes and activities on campus
- Teachers will develop curriculum in conjunction with administration
- Work will be posted to Google Classroom

VIRTUAL MODEL

- Online Virtual School through Hartshorne Public Schools.
- Open to any student that isn't competing in extra-curricular activities, competing for valedictorian/salutatorian, or didn't maintain required GPA in 2022-2023 school year.
- Work will be on the same pace as those students attending the Traditional Model, but our students will have face-to-face access to Hartshorne Teachers, if needed.
- Other Online Virtual Schools graduate less than 50% of their students and most return to public school after not receiving the needed support. Hartshorne High School has over 90% of students graduating on time.
- Don't make an EPIC mistake. Contact Hartshorne Public Schools before allowing your student to fall behind or fail to get the needed credits for graduation.

Enrollment

- Currently Accepting Enrollment for 2023-2024.
- We are hosting in-person enrollment ONLY
- All documentation (Birth Certificates, SS Cards, CDIB Cards, Utility Bills, etc.) must be available before a student can enroll
- Students must be accompanied by the parent or legal guardian at the time of enrollment
- Students must enroll regardless of the Educational Option they choose

Conclusion

Our school calendar has already been posted to the school website and shared on social media.

There is no way to predict the restrictions that may be placed on us throughout the school year, but we are always looking at the best practices to follow as we re-engage our students. As the environment changes, we will be prepared to change with it.

We encourage parents and students to discuss these options before making a decision on their educational method this year. Our staff will be involved in all three options, but there is no substitute for face-to-face interaction.

We will schedule two (2) Distance Learning Days so that teachers and traditional students can practice online curriculum. Teachers will report to campus while students will attend online.

We will be available to answer questions and help families navigate this uncertain time. Contact your building principal or visit with our staff during the enrollment window.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer. We'll see you soon!

UPDATE TO CONTACT TRACING PROCEDURES

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The following protocols will be used to keep students and staff members as safe as possible when in the classroom:

Hartshorne School will continue contact tracing when informed of a positive case and students/staff will isolate away from campus based on the OSDH recommendations.

ON-CAMPUS COVID-19 POLICIES

1. We encourage parents to bring students and pick them up since social distancing is not possible on a school bus.
2. It will be considered a FEVER if the student registers a 100.0 or higher on the school thermometer. ANY STUDENT WHO IS DETERMINED TO HAVE A FEVER BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN FOR 48 HOURS.

We encourage parents to keep students at home anytime a fever is detected until the student has been fever free for 24 hours, without medication.

3. Students who begin running a fever once they are on campus will be isolated and must be picked up by the parents IMMEDIATELY.

4. Any student/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be able to return after 5 days as long as symptoms are improving (or current CDC recommendations at the time of testing).

5. Social Distancing will be observed as much as possible.

6. We will provide more details as we receive information from federal and state agencies concerning procedures for schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

We will continue to monitor OSDH recommendations, and modifications to our procedures will be communicated to our parents and community.

We will follow applicable Oklahoma law and work with the Oklahoma Department of Education on meeting state and federal guidelines.

