

North Boone CUSD #200

In-Person Instruction Plan

The Governor's [Executive Order 2020-40](#), filed on June 4, 2020, allowed schools to reopen for in-person instruction. In-person instruction is strongly encouraged in Phase 4 but this does not signify a return to pre-pandemic operations. Appropriate social distancing, face coverings, enhanced sanitation measures, and other accommodations will be necessary

During Phase 4, IDPH guidelines will:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings;
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible;
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that
- individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and
- Require an increase in school wide cleaning and disinfection.

All public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving prekindergarten through 12th grade students must follow these guidelines.

The State of Illinois will provide masks for all staff and students. Face shields may be worn.

Staff Expectations

- Provide sufficient training and planning for different approaches (In- Person; E-Learning; Blended)
- The Staff instruct and prepare students for online instruction if needed.
- Teachers may have to travel and rotate to keep students in same classroom
- Students will not be allowed to share materials
- Staff may be asked to take items that are not necessary home to make disinfecting
- Students should remain in small groups with the same students and remain 6 feet apart as much as possible.
- Having instruction outside may help with social distancing requirements.
- Teachers should implement strategies to model and reinforce social and physical distancing and movement.
- Staff will be asked to assist with supervision under our current tight restrictions
- Teach, model, and reinforce healthy hygiene habits and social skills

- Promote positive teacher and student relationships that support student social-emotional well-being and self-esteem
- In-person instruction should be prioritized for English Learners
- Help students continue their native language learning

Student Expectations

- Students will be screened everyday
- Students will be spaced out in all areas of school to adhere to social distancing
- Assigned seating will be given to students
- Hallway scheduling and traffic patterns will be organized to maintain distancing
- Lockers will not be used and backpacks will be allowed
- Sanitizing and good hygiene will be encouraged at all times during the school day
- Extra hand sanitizer will be made available for students
- Students are asked to bring water in bottles from home_– drinking fountains are available but discouraged
- Students will not be allowed to share materials
- Students should not bring items into school that are not needed for classes

Facility and Custodial Expectations

- Remove items that are not needed- storage needed
- Schedule Cleaning routines
- Supplies are going to be needed in abundance
- Supply all classrooms with cleaning products
- Extra hand sanitizing stations
- COVID – 19 signage placed throughout school
- Clean visibly dirty areas
- Clean frequently touched areas frequently
- Cloth toys or other cloth material items that cannot be disinfected should not be used
- Sanitize soft surfaces, such as carpeted areas, rugs and curtains
- Post scheduled cleaning times and maintain appropriate documentation upon the completion of cleaning
- Sanitizing the drinking fountains and bathrooms frequently

Health Protocols and Nursing

- Screen students when they arrive
- Provide space to hold students if they are possibly ill
- Communicate protocols for sending students and staff home if ill and the parameters that are needed to return
- COVID – 19 signage placed throughout school
- Communication of these protocols to students and staff

Physical Education

- No more than 50 individuals may be in one space at any one time during Phase 4.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet
- Try to be outdoors or separated if indoors
- Consider eliminating the need for use of locker rooms, as well as allowing students to participate in activities without changing clothing
- Shared equipment must be cleaned between each student use and disinfected at the end of each class.
- Perform hand hygiene at the start and end of each class period, after using equipment, or when hands are visibly dirty

Music and Band

- Indoor rehearsals are discouraged. Consider moving music and band-related courses outside.
- Organize music and band classes into smaller groups
- Use separate partitions in open spaces; utilize markings on classroom floor/wall/practice field
- Students should wear face coverings while singing and avoid touching, choreography, and singing/playing in circles
- Sanitize hands and instruments before using
- Do not share instruments
- Wear masks whenever possible
- Conductors should face students from more than 10 feet away from the first row of singers/band members. Where possible, conductors are encouraged to wear glasses/goggles or install a Plexiglas shield.
- Consider virtual options when needed

Lunch Program

- No more than 50 individuals during Phase 4 can be in a space/cafeteria
- Schedule or add meal service times to adhere to capacity limits as needed
- Consider delivering meals to classrooms or having students eat outdoors while ensuring social distancing.

Transportation

- All individuals on a bus must wear a face covering
- No more than 50 individuals should be on a bus at one time
- Social distancing must be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- Students must undergo symptom and temperature checks, which may include self-certification, before boarding a bus.
- Drivers and monitors must wear approved and appropriate PPE and perform regular hand hygiene and perform symptom checks
- Sanitization should be completed daily or between use on all vehicles used for student transportation

Library

- Consider using the library space as a regular classroom if the school needs additional classroom space to adhere to capacity limits and social distancing requirements
- Consider bringing resources and librarians to classrooms
- Promote E-Library options

Playground Equipment

- Playground equipment that is to be used should be monitored, and the number of students using each piece of equipment should be limited.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning of playground equipment
- Students should perform hand hygiene prior to touching playground equipment and upon return from the playground.

Field Trips

- No field trips until further notice

Other Considerations for Returning to School

- Adjusting our School Calendar – I will be recommending that we push the start of student attendance back to September 8th. This will allow for two institute days beginning August 31st and three remote learning days. This provides for extra training and planning for staff to be prepared to handle In-Person and E-Learning instruction.
- Staffing – Extra time and staff will be needed to assist with sanitizing throughout the day and after school. Currently Manchester and Capron have no after school custodial hours. Teachers' assistants may be needed to assist with instruction and extra supervision.
- The hiring of an extra teacher at each school would help with any absences from a staff member and assist with teaching of students that do not return to school. Finding substitute teachers during this pandemic will be extremely difficult.
- Storage – The district may need to rent some storage containers. Removing items out of classrooms that easily harbor germs and are hard to clean will need to be removed.