

HEMINGFORD SCHOOL
Return to Learn Plan Guidelines
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Universal and correct wearing of masks: Hemingford Schools will follow the state and local (PPHD) requirements for the wearing of face coverings. This protocol has been established in a multi-level chart based on the risk level of the panhandle region. This protocol is subject for modification based on changes in CDC, state, or local guidelines. See "Return to Learn" plan for more detail.

Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding): Hemingford Schools will cohort students by grade level and class structure to reduce interaction. This will be based on a multi-level plan in alignment with current panhandle risk level(PPHD). Desks will be spaced apart at 3' or more when possible.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette: Hemingford Schools will increase instruction on proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette. Teachers will encourage more breaks for handwashing, particularly after interaction with other students or sharing of materials, prior to lunch, etc.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation: Surface areas will be cleaned no less than two times per day in high traffic areas including bathrooms, locker rooms, and classrooms. Cleaning intensity and routines based on Return to Learn protocol will be guided in level by PPHD risk dial. See Return to Learn Plan for greater detail.

Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaborations with the state, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments: Hemingford Schools personnel (office staff and/or admin) will comply with all contract tracing requirements established by the Panhandle Public Health Department.

Diagnostic and screening testing: Hemingford Schools will encourage all close contacts or those identified as needing a Covid test to seek medical personnel consultation. Students and staff will follow all requirements for

returning to work/classroom as established by the state and local (PPHD) level.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities: Hemingford Schools will promote and encourage all eligible students and staff to participate in vaccination and/or seek medical professional advice concerning vaccination. The district is open to hosting vaccination clinics for required vaccinations and will continue to do so as supported by the local health agencies. Effort to coordinate these clinics will be managed through the school nurse.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies: Students requiring additional services or accommodations based on medical (504 plan) and/or special education services will be arranged on an individual basis.

Coordination with State and local health officials. Including the needs for support and technical assistance to implement strategies consistent to the greatest extent practicable, with relevant CDC guidance: The superintendent and/or appointed staff will participate in meetings with the state (Department of Education/Governor) and local health agency (PPHD) as scheduled by such agencies. Additionally, the school will work in conjunction with these agencies as the Return to Learn plan is developed and implemented. All plans will be reviewed by PPHD.

2021-2022 Hemingford Return to Learn Plan

CDC Guidance	<p>Implementation of prevention strategies should be intensified if indicators worsen. Intensifying prevention might also involve imposing restrictions on sports and extracurricular activities to protect in-person learning. To make decisions about preventive actions, school and health officials should take the following information into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The numbers of COVID-19 cases among students, teachers, and staff, and number of people in quarantine Compliance with prevention strategies Levels of community transmission 			
NAHLD: Updated Recommendations to Limit COVID-19's Impact on Schools	<p>The Basics: Schools Can Avoid COVID-19 Outbreaks Actively encourage students and staff to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Encourage and enable frequent hand washing and sanitizing by staff and students. Continue to follow enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Ask students and staff to screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Require students or staff who are sick to stay home. Full Document: https://nahld.org/files_download/inline/c4b6a90-4782-476c-9ba1-86c420f12e31</p>			
Vaccination Efforts	<p>Actively encourage students and staff to get vaccinated for COVID-19; and work with local provider to promote and host vaccination clinics as needed. <i>"We have a solution for COVID; we just need to use it."</i> Dr. Matthew Donahue, Acting State Epidemiologist, DHHS</p>			
Risk Level	<p>Based on 1) PPHD Risk Dial, 2) # of COVID-19 cases among students, teachers, and staff, and number of people in quarantine, 3) compliance with prevention strategies</p>			
Physical Distancing	Low Risk of COVID-19 Spread	Moderate Risk of COVID-19 Spread	High Risk of COVID-19 Spread	Severe Risk of COVID-19 Spread
Fully vaccinated people do not need to practice physical distancing.	Cohort students to limit exposure and subsequent quarantine	Cohort students to limit exposure and subsequent quarantine	Cohort students to limit exposure and subsequent quarantine	Cohort students to limit exposure and subsequent quarantine
Entering/Exiting School Buildings (For Staff, Students, and Visitors)	<p>Maintain 3-foot distancing from others.</p> <p>Arrange or limit seating in classrooms, break rooms, conference rooms, meeting room, stadiums, and gyms to keep people 3 feet apart.</p> <p>Place tape or markings on the floor to define the 3-foot distance where applicable.</p> <p>When the workspace is not 3-feet from others in high-traffic, confined spaces, install barriers and/or shields.</p> <p>Establish protocols for bus stops, loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children from different households. (i.e. assign seating)</p> <p>Establish a protocol for student pick/drop off: staggered entry and release (by grade, class, or bus), marked spacing for pickup</p> <p>Mark spaced lines to enter the building and designate entrance and exit flow paths</p> <p>Door is either propped open or held by assigned door monitor.</p> <p>Define and identify appropriate social greetings between adults and students. ie air hug, air high five, happy dance, American sign language around social greetings for hi and how are you, I care about you, I am so glad you are here etc.</p>	<p>Maintain 3-foot social distancing from others.</p> <p>Break rooms, conference rooms, meeting room, stadiums, and gyms closed for non curricular activities practicing strict distancing.</p> <p>Place tape or markings on the floor to define the 3-foot distance where applicable.</p> <p>When the workspace is not 3-feet from others in high-traffic, confined spaces, install barriers and/or shields.</p> <p>Establish protocols for bus stops, loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children from different households. (i.e. assign seating)</p> <p>Establish a protocol for student pick/drop off: staggered entry and release (by grade, class, or bus), marked spacing for pickup</p> <p>Mark spaced lines to enter the building and designate entrance and exit flow paths</p> <p>Door is either propped open or held by assigned door monitor.</p> <p>Define and identify appropriate social greetings between adults and students. ie air hug, air high five, happy dance, American sign language around social greetings for hi and how are you, I care about you, I am so glad you are here etc.</p>	<p>Maintain 3-foot social distancing from others.</p> <p>Break rooms, conference rooms, meeting room, stadiums, and gyms closed for non curricular activities practicing strict distancing.</p> <p>Place tape or markings on the floor to define the 3-foot distance where applicable.</p> <p>When the workspace is not 3-feet from others in high-traffic, confined spaces, install barriers and/or shields.</p> <p>Establish protocols for bus stops, loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children from different households. (i.e. assign seating)</p> <p>Establish a protocol for student pick/drop off: staggered entry and release (by grade, class, or bus), marked spacing for pickup</p> <p>Mark spaced lines to enter the building and designate entrance and exit flow paths</p> <p>Door is either propped open or held by assigned door monitor.</p> <p>Define and identify appropriate social greetings between adults and students. ie air hug, air high five, happy dance, American sign language around social greetings for hi and how are you, I care about you, I am so glad you are here etc.</p>	<p>Maintain 3-foot social distancing from others.</p> <p>Break rooms, conference rooms, meeting room, stadiums, and gyms closed for non curricular activities practicing strict distancing.</p> <p>Place tape or markings on the floor to define the 3-foot distance where applicable.</p> <p>When the workspace is not 3-feet from others in high-traffic, confined spaces, install barriers and/or shields.</p> <p>Establish protocols for bus stops, loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children from different households. (i.e. assign seating)</p> <p>Establish a protocol for student pick/drop off: staggered entry and release (by grade, class, or bus), marked spacing for pickup</p> <p>Mark spaced lines to enter the building and designate entrance and exit flow paths</p> <p>Door is either propped open or held by assigned door monitor.</p> <p>Define and identify appropriate social greetings between adults and students. ie air hug, air high five, happy dance, American sign language around social greetings for hi and how are you, I care about you, I am so glad you are here etc.</p>
Transportation	Utilize spaced seating to maintain 3-foot distancing from other families.	Utilize spaced seating to maintain 3-foot distancing from other families.	Utilize spaced seating to maintain 3-foot distancing from other families.	Utilize spaced seating to maintain 3-foot distancing from other families.
Classroom Rooms	Arrange classroom to accommodate 3-foot distancing. Tape or mark the floor to visualize distancing.	Arrange classroom to accommodate 3-foot distancing. Tape or mark the floor to visualize distancing.	Arrange classroom to accommodate 3-foot distancing. Tape or mark the floor to visualize distancing.	Arrange classroom to accommodate 3-foot distancing. Tape or mark the floor to visualize distancing.
Recess	Stagger recesses - to maintain distancing.	No shared recess with other classrooms.	No shared recess with other classrooms.	No shared recess with other classrooms.
Meals/Snacks	Stagger meal times between classes and allow for 3-foot distancing. Mark spaced lines to enter the cafeteria and serving lines	No congregate dining with other classrooms	Mark spaced lines to enter the cafeteria and serving lines	No congregate dining with other classrooms
Home Visits	Designate entrances and exit flow paths. Maintain 3-foot distancing from others. Visitors may come to the building, and is open for leaders to Visitors must sign-in and provide a contact phone number (for Capacity of meeting rooms is adjusted to ensure physical Meeting leaders must keep track of participants in case it is Meeting requirements for PPE and physical distancing and Utilize Zoom meetings as much as possible.	Designate entrances and exit flow paths. Restrict nonessential home visits. Restrict nonessential visitors and volunteers.	Designate entrances and exit flow paths. Restrict nonessential home visits. Restrict nonessential visitors and volunteers.	Designate entrances and exit flow paths. Restrict nonessential home visits. Restrict nonessential visitors and volunteers.
Face Covering	Face coverings optional for unvaccinated. Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask.	Optional face coverings required for all employees, students, and visitors that are not able to maintain a 3-foot distance from others, and are not vaccinated.	Mandatory face coverings required for all employees, students, and visitors that are not able to maintain a 3-foot distance from others, and are not vaccinated.	Mandatory face coverings required for all employees, students, and visitors that are not able to maintain a 3-foot distance from others, and are not vaccinated.
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Home Visits	Unvaccinated persons should wear a mask.	Optional face coverings required for all employees, students, and visitors that are not able to maintain a 3-foot distance from others, and are not vaccinated.	Mandatory face coverings required for all employees, students, and family members, that are not vaccinated.	Mandatory face coverings required for all employees, students, and visitors that are not able to maintain a 3-foot distance from others, and are not vaccinated.
Risk Level	Low Risk of COVID-19 Spread	Moderate Risk of COVID-19 Spread	High Risk of COVID-19 Spread	Severe Risk of COVID-19 Spread
Hand Washing	Sanitize in and out. Increased frequency/scheduled times throughout the day for hand washing/sanitizing. Provide hand washing or hand sanitizer in common areas near high-touch surfaces such as copiers, workrooms, time clock areas, and break rooms.	Sanitize in and out. Increased frequency/scheduled times throughout the day for hand washing/sanitizing. Provide hand washing or hand sanitizer in common areas near high-touch surfaces such as copiers, workrooms, time clock areas, and break rooms.	Sanitize in and out. Increased frequency/scheduled times throughout the day for handwashing/sanitizing. Provide hand washing or hand sanitizer in common areas near high-touch surfaces such as copiers, workrooms, time clock areas, and break rooms.	Sanitize in and out. Increased frequency/scheduled times throughout the day for handwashing/sanitizing. Provide hand washing or hand sanitizer in common areas near high-touch surfaces such as copiers, workrooms, time clock areas, and break rooms.
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Meals/Snacks	Practice handwashing or sanitizing before and after meal service, handwashing preferred.	Practice handwashing or sanitizing before and after meal service, handwashing preferred.	Practice handwashing or sanitizing before and after meal service, handwashing preferred.	Practice handwashing or sanitizing before and after meal service, handwashing preferred.
Home Visits	Sanitize in and out.	Sanitize in and out.	Sanitize in and out.	Sanitize in and out.
Illness Monitoring	Provide education and instructions that staff and students are screened daily before leaving for school. Stay home if sick. Instruct employees, students and visitors who experience symptoms to go home immediately and follow public health guidelines for return to work/school and Covid-19 testing.	Provide education and instructions that staff and students are screened daily before leaving for school. Stay home if sick. Instruct employees, students and visitors who experience symptoms to go home immediately and follow public health guidelines for return to work/school and Covid-19 testing.	Provide education and instructions that staff and students are screened daily before leaving for school. Stay home if sick. Instruct employees, students and visitors who experience symptoms to go home immediately and follow public health guidelines for return to work/school and Covid-19 testing.	Provide education and instructions that staff and students are screened daily before leaving for school. Stay home if sick. Instruct employees who experience symptoms to go home immediately and follow public health guidelines for return to work/school and Covid-19 testing.
Home Visits	Provide education and instructions that staff and families are screened daily before a home visit. Cancel visit if sick.	Provide education and instructions that staff and families are screened daily before a home visit. Cancel visit if sick.	Provide education and instructions that staff and families are screened daily before a home visit. Cancel visit if sick.	Provide education and instructions that staff and families are screened daily before a home visit. Cancel visit if sick.
Transportation	Conduct illness monitoring for staff and students before boarding the bus for the first time that day	Conduct illness monitoring for staff and students before boarding the bus for the first time that day	Conduct illness monitoring for staff and students before boarding the bus for the first time that day	Conduct illness monitoring for staff and students before boarding the bus for the first time that day
Illness Onset	Establish a protocol for students/staff/visitors who feel ill/experience symptoms at school.	Establish a protocol for students/staff/visitors who feel ill/experience symptoms at school.	Establish a protocol for students/staff/visitors who feel ill/experience symptoms at school.	Establish a protocol for students/staff/visitors who feel ill/experience symptoms at school.
Positive Case	Individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Work with LHD to determine level of exposure and the number of other students, staff, and visitors who will need to be quarantined.	Individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Work with LHD to determine level of exposure and the number of other students, staff, and visitors who will need to be quarantined.	Individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Work with LHD to determine level of exposure and the number of other students, staff, and visitors who will need to be quarantined.	Individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Work with LHD to determine level of exposure and the number of other students, staff, and visitors who will need to be quarantined.
Quarantine & Fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine.	<p>Follow Process for Contact Tracing that Involves a School Student or Staff. Case investigation will be completed, close contacts will be quarantined/self-monitor based on current local public health guidelines.</p> <p>Close contact = a person that is less than six feet for 15 minutes accumulatively or more with a person that is positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>Self-monitor = confirmed as a close contact and must wear a mask and monitor for symptoms for 14 days since the last exposure to prevent the spread. If symptoms appear, get tested.</p> <p>Self-quarantine = confirmed as a close contact and must follow current quarantine guidelines. If symptoms appear, get tested.</p> <p>Self-isolate = confirmed with COVID-19 and must stay home and away from others for at least 10 days from when symptoms first appeared, at least three full days with no fever, and all other symptoms have improved.</p>			
Disinfecting	Provide a cleaning solution in common areas (i.e., breakrooms, Custodial services will follow recommendations established with Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff	Provide a cleaning solution in common areas (i.e., breakrooms, Custodial services will follow recommendations established with Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff	Provide a cleaning solution in common areas (i.e., breakrooms, Custodial services will follow recommendations established with Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff	Provide a cleaning solution in common areas (i.e., breakrooms, Custodial services will follow recommendations established with Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff
Transportation	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on the bus at Tables/desks should be disinfected before food is placed on them.	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on the bus at Tables/desks should be disinfected before food is placed on them.	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on the bus at Tables/desks should be disinfected before food is placed on them.	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on the bus at Tables/desks should be disinfected before food is placed on them.
Engineering Controls	Set the Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems to enhance fresh air throughout the facility. Water filling stations are encouraged.	Set the Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems to enhance fresh air throughout the facility. Water filling stations are encouraged.	Set the Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems to enhance fresh air throughout the facility. Water filling stations are encouraged. No self serve salad bar/buffet. Meals should be plated and handed to students	Set the Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems to enhance fresh air throughout the facility. Water filling stations are encouraged. No self serve salad bar/buffet. Meals should be plated and handed to students
Meals/Snacks				
Diagnostic and screening testing	Work with LHD in an outbreak for testing options.	Work with LHD in an outbreak for testing options.	Work with LHD in an outbreak for testing options.	Work with LHD in an outbreak for testing options.

*All guidelines are in place unless medically contraindicated with notice from a medical provider.