

MURRAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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REOPENING PLAN 2021-2022



Public Plan

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## Health & Safety Plan

### A. STUDENT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- 1. Bus Transportation:** To ride the school bus, parents must attest each morning that the student's temperature is not greater than 100.4. Students P-12 must wear a mask while riding the bus unless they have a medical exemption. Sanitizer will be available to students to utilize as they board the bus. Students will have assigned seats and a log of bus riders will be kept each day for contact tracing purposes. Seats near the front will be kept open for students with medical concerns, allergies, asthma, etc with windows up. As much as possible circulation on the bus will be increased by opening windows and roof hatches. Buses will be sanitized frequently.
- 2. Arrival to School:** Arrival will be coordinated at each school to reduce congestion in entering the building by utilizing multiple entrances and reducing congregation in large common areas.
- 3. Breakfast:** Students will be provided breakfast options at each school site. When eating students will be seated as far apart as possible and proper hand washing before and after meals will be encouraged. Seating charts will be kept for contact tracing purposes.
- 4. Student Dismissal from School:** Student release time will be adjusted in order to avoid congregation of students. Staggered release times and additional staff supervision will be in place.

### B. DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

#### 1. Masks/Face Coverings:

The Murray Independent District will monitor COVID data and guidance from local, state, and national health sources WEEKLY to determine mask requirements for students P-12 and staff. Based on COVID data and guidance, the district will utilize two levels of mask requirements/recommendations and will communicate to parents/guardians, students, and staff members when requirements are adjusted.

**Level 1:** Students P-12, staff, and outside visitors will have the option of wearing masks or face coverings at school and on district property. Masks or face coverings are highly recommended for staff and students who are not fully vaccinated.

**Level 2:** All students P-12, staff, and outside visitors will be required to wear a mask or face covering at school and on district property. When outside and 6 feet from others, masks are not required.

Masks or face coverings are those that cover both the nose and mouth. Masks (face coverings) are NOT to be confused with face shields. Face shields CANNOT be a substitute for a mask unless accompanied by a current medical exemption, see below. Students that are unable to wear a mask when required to do so, will be required to provide a current medical exemption to the school nurse. Face shields should be worn for those who have an exemption from wearing a mask. Words and designs on masks must adhere to the respective school dress code. Masks will be provided for students if families are unable to obtain or provide them for their children.

2. **Rooms, Hallways, Backpacks, and Lockers:** In classrooms, students/desks will be spaced as far as possible. When possible, desks should be arranged so students are facing the same direction. Outdoor spaces will be utilized when and if available and/or appropriate. Transitions will be avoided or minimized as much as possible. At Murray Elementary students may bring a backpack to be stowed in a classroom cubby that will be cleaned each day. At Murray Middle and Murray High backpacks will be allowed. Lockers will be utilized at Murray Middle and Murray High school and efforts will be made to reduce congestion of students including alternating locker access schedules, supervision, and staggered dismissal.
3. **Sanitizing and Signs:** Hand cleaning supplies will be readily available in each classroom and common space in the form of a handwashing station or hand sanitizer. Daily cleaning and disinfection of classroom, gymnasiums, restrooms, locker rooms, cafeteria seating and other facilities will occur. High touch areas will be given special attention and more frequent cleaning throughout the day and in between groups of students utilizing a particular space. Signs regarding hand washing and safety precautions will be posted in all restrooms, water fountains, and classrooms. Water fountains will only be utilized to refill bottles.
4. **Lunch:** Students will be encouraged to wash hands with soap and water or utilize sanitizer before eating. Lunch times and locations will be planned to accommodate as much distance as possible between students while eating. Seating charts will be maintained to assist with contact tracing. Surfaces used for eating must be cleaned and sanitized before another student utilizes the same area. Disposable food service items will be utilized where possible but all non-disposable food service items will be handled with gloves, washed with dish soap and hot water, and rinsed and sanitized or placed in a dishwasher.
5. **Recess:** Students must practice good hand hygiene by washing their hands or using sanitizer before going out to play and immediately upon returning inside the school building. A recess schedule will be utilized to limit how many classes are at recess at a specific time.

- 6. Practice & Education:** Teachers and staff will provide students continual practice and education related to safe and healthy practices. These practices include but are not limited to: proper handwashing/sanitization techniques, correct mask wearing, and appropriate social distancing.

### **C. SCHOOL EXCLUSION, HEALTH ROOM, & CONTACT TRACING**

- 1. Exclusion & Sick Students:** Students should stay home or will be sent home if any of the following occur: Fever over 100.4 degrees F, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their baseline), Shortness of Breath, Headache, Sore Throat, Gastrointestinal Symptoms, New rash, New onset of loss of taste or smell, or exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. Any student who presents with COVID-19 symptoms (previously listed) during the school day will be isolated until the student leaves campus. A Health Room will be provided at each school for ill students awaiting pickup by parents. In the case of a positive COVID-19 test of a student or staff member, school officials will follow current guidance of KDPH and the CCHD regarding contact tracing, notification, disinfecting of buildings, and potential school closures.
- 2. Health Room:** Supervised Health Rooms will be provided for ill students awaiting pickup by parents.
- Teacher/staff will call and notify the office of the student's name and the reason why they are sending the student to the office.
  - Office staff will instruct caller where to send student MES/MMS/MHS
    - Health Room 1-Nurse's office bathroom with plexiglas door
    - Health Room 2-Teachers' lounge/Concession stand/Office Media Center
    - Health Room 3-Small Room connected to Media Center/Storage Room next to office media center
  - Nurse/office staff will meet the student at the designated area, PPE will be available if needed during the assessment/care of the student. Adult supervision must be maintained while the student is in the Health Room.
  - Family member/responsible party will be notified to pick up student ASAP
  - Disinfection of room will take place 30-45 minutes after student is discharged
- 3. Return to School:** The student/staff may return to school when the following are true:
- Their medical provider has determined a different illness other than COVID19 and cleared the student/staff to return.  
**OR**
  - They have 2 negative test results (at least 24 hours apart) for COVID 19 AND no symptoms  
**OR**
  - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared  
**AND**

- d. At least 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever reducing medication  
**AND**
- e. Symptoms have improved.

**4. Contact Tracing:** The district must notify the Calloway County Health Department of any positive cases of COVID-19 and cooperate with contact tracing investigations by providing rosters/lists of students related to bus transportation, classroom cohorts, cafeteria seating charts, etc. The School Health Coordinator along with the Health Department will be responsible for notifying staff and families of at risk students required to self quarantine. FERPA laws prohibit individual names of infected students from being disclosed. Seating charts are required for all classrooms. For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative time of at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. If a student or staff member is fully vaccinated and has been exposed to a positive case he/she does not have to quarantine unless they experience COVID-19 symptoms. It is recommended that during the 14 days after exposure he/she wears a mask while indoors or until he/she receives a negative test result that has been collected after day 5 from the date of exposure.

#### **D. STAFF EXPECTATIONS**

- 1. Masks & Personal Protective Equipment:** Staff will follow mask guidelines listed above. Additional protective equipment will be provided and worn by staff who administer medical treatment, have contact with ill students, or are considered at high risk. Additional equipment will include when necessary: face shields, gloves, gowns, or other PPE.
- 2. Classroom Preparation/Operations:** Teachers should assist in routinely disinfecting frequently touched items in the classroom such as desks, doorknobs, pencil sharpeners, staplers, markers, white boards, technology and items that students frequently share.
- 3. Seating Charts/Student Seating:** Seating charts must be kept for all classes and entered into Infinite Campus so that office staff may access to assist contact tracers. Student desks/tables as much as possible should be moved to face the same direction and spaced out as much as the room allows.
- 4. Daily COVID Self Check:** Staff will follow the MISD Daily COVID-19 self check. If a staff member has any COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or if they are not fully vaccinated and have had known contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they will NOT report to work and contact a school nurse.