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Temperature Checks

- Teaching staff are authorized to test the temperature of students with an approved non-contact or touchless temperature reader. Temperatures will be taken at the door prior to student entering. Anything above 99 degrees will be rechecked after a 5-minute wait period to verify the elevated temperature.
- Students who have a fever of 99 degrees or higher or are exhibiting other signs of illness will be sent home.
- Temperatures will be taken again prior to lunch. If it is at 99 or higher the student will be sent home. Please ensure emergency contact is kept up to date.
- If anyone in the household is ill or exhibiting signs of illness, please do not send your child to school. It will be annotated as an excused absence.
- If a student becomes ill or has a temperature of 99 degrees or higher during the school day, they will be isolated in a designated area until such time as parents or caregiver may arrive at the school to retrieve the ill student.
- If a student is sent home because they are ill, once the student has vacated the area, all surfaces and areas will be cleaned and disinfected by staff utilizing safety measures in accordance with state and/or local health standards as applicable.

Entry to School

- Students will have the back of their hands stamped immediately after temperature is taken. This is so that by the end of the day, the stamp should be gone, indicating they have washed correctly. 😊
- Once the student enters the building, they will hang their backpacks in their designated spots and take out their lunches and any work that needs to be turned in. They will place anything that needs to be turned in, in the turn in bin.
- They will have designated bins in the refrigerator for their lunches and in addition they will have a place identified for their lunch boxes if refrigeration is not necessary.

Hand Washing

- Motion detecting soap and paper towel dispensers will be used in addition to hand sanitizer.
- Signs and staff will be available to assist students with hand hygiene.
- After hanging up their back packs and putting away their lunches, they will proceed to the sink and will wash their hands while singing “Happy Birthday to Me” twice. Once done, they will go to their classrooms and begin their morning work.
- All students, staff, and others present in the any school building will engage in hand hygiene at the following times, which include but are not limited to:
 - ✓ Arrival to the facility and after breaks

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- ✓ Before and after preparing, eating, or handling food or drinks
- ✓ Before and after administering medication or screening temperature
- ✓ After recess
- ✓ After use of the restroom
- ✓ Hand hygiene includes but is not limited to washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (singing “Happy Birthday to Me” twice) or hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Grade level appropriate posters describing handwashing steps will be hung near the sinks.

Physical Distancing

- The district has implemented physical distancing protocols and will ensure those present in the school maintain a six-foot distance from one another. (Note: Last year desks were closer together and students stayed in their seats. The only difference this year is that the desks will be further apart. The students will still be able to interact with each other in the same manner during the class period as they did last year.)
- Teachers/aides can work with individual students within that six-foot distance as long as they have their face shields/mask on.

Masks and Personal Protective Equipment/Supplies

- Currently, the School District does not require that students wear masks based on a review of the input from parents in the community and consultation with local health officials on issues including but not limited to the possibility of exposure.
- If at any time it is mandated by the county health department or governor that students must wear masks in the school, the parents will be notified immediately and the school district will have to amend the policy of no masks for students.
- Students may wear a mask while present in the school building if the parents prefer. If your child does not have a mask, the district will supply one for your child at no cost to the parents.
- Staff will wear face shields and can include a mask, if they decide, when they are working within a six-foot distance to students during the school day.
- The district has sufficient equipment and supplies for the staff to use for disinfecting during and after school.

Teaching

- Students will be broken up into two rooms.
- Library – 2 students with a six-foot distance to teacher/aide and other student during the school day.

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- Main Classroom – 4 students with a six-foot distance to teacher/aide and other students during the school day.

Snack

- Students will wash their hands one at a time and then get their snacks. Please have all oranges peeled, fruit cut up when sending them to school. Staff will have a visual view of the student while they are getting their snacks. Once they are done a staff member will wipe down all areas touched in the kitchen area by the student. Then the next student will proceed.

Lunch

- Students will wash their hands one at a time, get their lunches and heat them up if needed. Staff will have a visual view of the student while they are getting their lunches. Once they are done and get back to their desk, a staff member will wipe down all areas touched, in the kitchen area, by the student. Then the next student will proceed.

Recess

- Students will have recess in different groups and will maintain a six-foot distance at all time.

Playground:

- Only students enrolled at the school will be allowed to use the playground during their designated recess and P.E. time. No other family or community members will be allowed on the playground during the school day.

Bathroom:

- Students can use the restroom at any time during the day. They will wash their hands at the sink outside of the bathroom and will wash their hands while singing Happy Birthday to Me “twice.” Once done, they will go back to their desk and continue to learn.

Parents and Visitors:

- Parents are asked to drop their children off at the front door. If a family is already at the door, please wait in your vehicle until they leave.
- Currently, we are not allowing any parents or community members to enter the school due to the pandemic and following guidelines provided by the state, county, CDC, and county health department. We are fortunate to have windows that have a direct view into both classrooms, and you are more than welcomed to view your child through the window. While this may sound odd, it is implemented in order to prevent any unnecessary additional microorganisms into the building and possibly making a staff member or other student in our school ill. (If you use the library window, please remember no other children can play on the playground equipment during the school day).

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- Last year, Mrs. Sabre' spoke with the majority of the parents outside of the building and is more than happy to speak to you outside after school, as she did last year, while maintaining social distancing, to discuss any questions or concerns. You may also call her at her home number, 295-9983 after school hours as well, as many did last year.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- School district personnel will routinely clean to remove dirt and impurities and disinfect to kill germs on all surfaces and objects in the school building and on school property that are frequently touched.
- This process shall include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily. Personnel will clean with the cleaners typically used in school settings and will use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.

Public Awareness

- The School District will communicate and keep updated information available to parents, citizens, and other necessary stakeholders about the protocols established and the steps taken to implement the protocols through all available and reasonable means.