



Edgewood-Colesburg

Return to Learn Town Hall

July 28, 2020



# Welcome! Thanks for joining us.

- Please enter questions into the chat box to be answered at the end.
- FAQ will be updated after this town hall Zoom.
- A parent letter will be coming early in August outlining details.
- This PPT is being recorded and will be posted to the COVID tab on our website.
- We are all in this together!

# Guiding Principles

1. Student and Staff Safety
2. Student Learning
3. Things will CHANGE!

# Agenda

1. Prevention
2. Why?
3. Option 1: Face-to Face Learning
4. Option 2: Online Learning
5. Option 3: Hybrid
6. Question & Answer

# Prevention Practices

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Know how the virus spreads

Wash your hands often

Avoid close contact when possible

Cover your mouth and nose

Clean and disinfect regularly

Monitor your health daily

# Personal Protective Equipment

## Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be required for all staff and students in all areas where social distancing is not possible (in hallways during transitions, bus rides, lunch lines, etc.)
- Face coverings will be required in classrooms that require face coverings. Face coverings will be required for all school transportation.
- Face coverings must be appropriate and provide coverage. The school reserves the right to determine appropriateness.

Hand Sanitizer - All students and staff are encouraged to carry personal bottles of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the building.

Face shields and gloves - Will be available for staff upon request.

# What the AAP (American Association of Pediatrics) says....

- “Although children and adolescents play a major role in amplifying influenza outbreaks, to date, this does not appear to be the case with SARS-CoV-2”
- “....preponderance of evidence indicates that children and adolescents are less likely to be symptomatic and less likely to have severe disease resulting from SARS-CoV-2 infection”

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

With the above principles in mind, **the AAP strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.** The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families.

*“Policies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within schools must be balanced with the known harms to children, adolescents, families, and the community by keeping children at home”*



# SURVEY RESULTS

286 families responded to the survey - THANK YOU!

Only 7% = 20 families had concerns of returning to face-to-face education in August.

# Option 1: Face to Face Education

The District recognizes the benefits of face-to-face instruction are difficult to replicate in an exclusively online setting. For all of the reasons discussed, **face-to-face education has been selected** as the district's primary learning method when returning to school on August 24th.

If your family has safety or health concerns and you wish to discuss an online learning option, please contact one of the administrative team members.

# Screening

Students and staff should stay home if not feeling well.

Families are encouraged to screen their children according to CDC Guidance for symptoms of COVID-19. Students and staff are not allowed to attend school if their temperature is 100.4 degrees F or above. At this time, the school leaves the screening up to families, but that may change depending on further guidance from Public Health.

All POSITIVE COVID-19 tests must be reported to the school immediately. The District then will report the information to the Public Health Department to begin the contact tracing process.

# Cleaning and Sanitization

Custodians will sanitize high touch surfaces each night using a hospital grade disinfectant that can have a residual effect up to 24 hours.

Custodians will increase the frequency of daytime cleaning of common touch surfaces using hospital grade disinfectant.

Custodians will increase the frequency of restroom checks to ensure hand soap and paper towels remain available. Additional classroom cleanings will be made as well.

Regular inspections of ventilation and air handling systems will be conducted to ensure normal operations.

# Transportation

Staff and students will be required to wear masks on buses.

Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school.

Assigned seating will be utilized for all students riding and family units will be kept together.

All buses will be deep cleaned each morning and evening with a hospital-grade disinfectant that carries up to 24 hour residual effect.

Students will have one pick-up and one drop-off location for busing purposes-unless other arrangements have been made.

# Secondary Arrival/Dismissal

The GYM WILL BE CLOSED until further notice except for PE classes and in-season sports practices.

The COMMONS WILL BE OPEN and students may arrive when the building is open but MUST WEAR MASKS in the commons.

Those students eating breakfast in the commons will eat in a designated area, and must be at least 6 feet away from another student.

Students will wear masks in the hallways and may go to their first period class if they don't want to be in the commons. The library space has yet to be determined.

At the end of the day, all students will again have masks on and be released at 3:13.

# Elementary Arrival/Dismissal

<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
<p>Arrival times: <b>7:50 Colesburg Bus</b> <b>8:00 Parent Drop off and Walkers</b> <b>8:15 Edgewood Bus</b></p> <p>Student will use different entrances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Gym</b> - Eating Breakfast</li><li>- <b>Main</b> - PK-3 Classrooms</li><li>- <b>South</b> - 4-6 Classrooms</li></ul> <p>Students will use hand sanitizers when entering the building</p> <p>Students will be allowed in classrooms at 8:05</p>	<p>Dismissal Times <b>3:10 Edgewood Buses Load</b> (Depart by 3:20) <b>3:25 Parent Pick-up</b> - (After buses leave) <b>3:30 Walkers</b> <b>3:40 Colesburg Buses</b></p> <p>Classes dismissal times will be staggered and used to limit the number of students in the hallways</p> <p>Parents will pick up students at the circle drive.</p>

# Classrooms

Hand sanitizers will be placed near the doorway.

Classrooms will be setup to maximize social distancing as much as possible.

Teachers are encouraged to take students outside for class when possible.

Note: While many steps will be taken to provide social distancing, there is no way to guarantee it in all instances.



# Breakfast/Lunch

Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after lunch.

Additional spaces may be utilized to reduce cafeteria capacity to 50%.

Students may eat in their classroom and/or outside when allowed.

Students may be released to lunch at staggered times to minimize large lines.

Lunch tables will be disinfected after each shift - as they always have been.

# Elementary Recess

Students will wash hands or use sanitizer before and after recess. Equipment will be sanitized after each day.

Structured activities will be used to break students into smaller groups: kickball, walking, basketball, etc.

Social distancing will be encouraged. Elementary students will utilize different play areas in cohort groups.

# Transitions

Students will be required to wear face coverings during transition times.

Passing times will be staggered when possible.

Students are encouraged to go directly to their classes and not linger in hallways.

Classrooms will be open and ready for students to enter immediately between classes.

# Open House - 7th Orientation

**Elementary Open House-** JK- 6th Aug. 19 1:00-7:00 pm  
Preschool Aug. 18 & 19 1:00 - 7:00 pm  
Families will sign up for time to attend thru Sign Up Genius.  
Newsletter first week in August with specific information.

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**7th Grade Orientation:** Monday, August 17th    **MASKS REQUIRED**

Group 1 @ 5:00pm - Alphabetically by families last names A - H

Group 2 @ 6:00pm - Alphabetically by families last names I - Z

# Student Illness & Exposure

Students who present a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or who are experiencing other symptoms of COVID-19, will be placed in the school infirmary and must wear a face covering. Family will pick up student as soon as possible.

Ed-Co School District will work closely with Clayton County and/or Delaware County Public Health and will follow guidance for contact tracing and returning to school.

# Activities/Athletics

Activities and Athletics provide an integral part of education.

The Associations that govern each of these activities are providing additional information as it is finalized. Example: Our fall 2020 football schedule has been changed to a shorter season.

A Covid-19 waiver is required for all participants and can be found on the COVID tab on our website. Please turn it in to the office if one hasn't been turned in.

2019-20 Athletic Physical deadlines have been extended to December 31, 2020.

Roger Wright's famous saying, "You will know when we know."

## Option 2: Online Learning

In the event of wide community spread COVID-19, or high transmission with the school, the district is committed to providing online learning. Please understand that Online Learning is not the same as a home-school options and is still handled by Ed-Co instructors.

Students have already been quarantined this summer. We anticipate students will need to be quarantined during the school year also, and online learning will take place at that time.

Unlike this Spring, participation will be **required**. Assignments, projects, and assessments will be **required** to be completed.

A “one-stop-shop” PK-12 document will be posted to the website that will include zoom links, assignments and tasks, and needed emails to communicate with teachers.

## Option 2: Online Learning - Elementary

The elementary will use the following framework to provide online learning:

- Students and teachers will focus on reading & math. Sessions will be recorded due to technology challenges for families. These sessions are expected to be approximately 15 to 30 minutes each.
- Additional assignments for specials (music, tech, PE, art) will be provided.

If we are certain school will be closing prior to the end of the day, technology devices will be sent home with students. If the decision to close is made after dismissal then a plan to pick up technology devices will be shared with parents.



## Option 2: Online Learning - Secondary

The JH/HS will use the following framework to provide online learning:

- If a sudden closure: all assignments and due dates will be posted the following day once announced.
- For long term online learning, initial weekly assignments will be posted by 8:00am each Monday morning.
- Students will complete all assignments and submit all work by timelines established.

# Option 2: Online Learning

## Primary Technology Tools

**PK-2nd grades:** The SeeSaw platform will be used to share educational resources and to communicate.

**3rd-6th grades** will use Google Classroom to share educational resources and to communicate, post, and collect assignments.

**7th-12th grades** will use either Google Classroom or Schoology, depending on the teacher.

\*\*\* all information for a teacher will be found on the “one-stop-shop” document found on the website

**Zoom:** The video conferencing tool used to support synchronous (live) class interactions and lessons.

# Option 2: Online Learning

## Attendance & Grading

Knowing that Face to Face education is the most effective but also living through March, April and May; part of the learning will have to be asynchronous learning. This is when instruction and learning do not happen at the same time for all learners (for example, a pre-recorded lesson). The teacher provides learning resources and tasks in Google Classroom, Schoology, and/or Seesaw.

Students will be assessed in a variety of ways to determine a student's level of progress toward mastering standards. Students will need to complete activities by the date given so teachers can provide feedback in a timely manner, and most classes will have a **daily check-in task** as well.

## Option 3: Hybrid Model

PS students would attend Monday through Thursday in a face-to-face setting.

All JK through 2nd grade students would attend face-to-face Monday through Friday.

3rd -12th grade students would be on an A/B schedule; face to face 2 or 3 days a week, and learning virtually on the opposite days.

A/B lists are being developed and will be shared if needed. Lists are being reviewed to ensure family units will be on the same schedule.

# Questions & Answers

At this time: we will spend 10 to 15 minutes to address questions in the chat.

Unanswered questions will be added to Frequently Asked Q&A on the COVID tab on the website.

[Ed-Co FQ&A webpage](#)

To get additional questions answered after the town hall, please email  
COVID@edge-cole.k12.ia.us

# Do Your Part: We're in this Together.

## Communication

Follow CDC guidelines.

Eat Healthy and get recommended sleep.

Wash clothes and face coverings.

Encourage washing of hands and using hand sanitizer.

Stay home when you are sick!

# Thank You!

If you think of additional questions, please send them to [covid@edge-cole.k12.ia.us](mailto:covid@edge-cole.k12.ia.us)