



## Hale R-1

# COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan

It is essential for the school community to work together to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment and in the community while still providing a quality education program. Hale R-1 School will follow the guidelines provided by the Missouri Department of Health and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The use of personal protective equipment, physical distancing where possible, and in-depth cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be implemented. In accordance with DESE guidelines, on-site (face-to-face) instruction for students will resume on August 24, 2020.

**Hale R-1 has created two possible learning scenarios to address varying levels of COVID-19 spread. The district's plan is to begin and remain in Option A, since this provides the greatest opportunity for learning; however, Option B can be used.**

### LEARNING SCENARIOS

#### ***Option A: REGULAR START***

Each student level (elementary, junior high, and high school) reports to school five full days a week.

- Cleaning and sanitizing of all occupied areas consistent with CDC guidelines & our custodial protocols.
- Daily screening and reporting of symptoms (Students & Faculty).
- Limitation of outside visitors and vendors.
- Use of consistent, stable groups for students to minimize contacts with other groups (as possible).
- Face coverings will be required by all Hale R-1 employees and students when physical distancing is not possible (transportation & hallways).

#### ***Option B: DISTANCE LEARNING***

All students attend virtually using digital, analog, synchronous, and asynchronous, or hybrid instructional models.

- Students continue to engage in virtual learning at home.
- Students are provided with virtual learning materials (digital, analog, or hybrid formats) to support learning on those days when they do not report to school for in-person learning.
- Students continue to receive any additional learning support(s) beyond general education learning support. Best practices, outlined specialized supports, and least restrictive environment should be central to decision making.
- School building is closed for deep cleaning.



### COMMUNICATION

In the event of a closure the school will notify parents/guardians via:

- telephone calls,
- Textcaster,
- school's Facebook page,
- local radio stations.

There will also be a AMI/Distance Learning icon on our District's web page that explains expectations. Directions and pertinent information will be delivered by each teacher through their choice of delivery method (email, Zoom, Google Classroom, SeeSaw, etc.).

## **EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL**

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or who are liable to transmit the disease after having been exposed to it. See 167.191, RSMo. In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine. 19 CSR 20-20.05.

Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately. The symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance are:

- A. fever or chills (100.4 or higher)
- B. cough
- C. shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- D. fatigue
- E. muscle or body aches
- F. headache
- G. loss of taste or smell
- H. sore throat
- I. congestion or runny nose
- J. nausea or vomiting
- K. diarrhea

## **CONFIRMED CASE COVID-19**

If there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in a school building, the school district will contact the local health department immediately. The district will work with the local health department to assess factors such as the likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building, the number of cases in the community and other factors that will determine when closure of school and canceling activities is necessary. School personnel will contact parents/students and employees and notify them that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was in the building and encourage cooperation with the school and the local health department to trace contacts with the individual. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school

community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the health department. While the school building is closed, all school activities will be cancelled or rescheduled, regardless of whether the activity was to take place in the building or another location, including extracurricular activities, before and after-school programs, and field trips. Parents/students and employees will be encouraged to stay at home until more information is provided by the school or the health department.

## **RETURN AFTER EXCLUSION**

Once a student or employee is excluded from the on school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently those guidelines are:

### ***1. Untested***

Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following three conditions are met: They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers)

- a. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- b. At least ten (10) calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

### ***2. Tested***

Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following three conditions are met:

- a. They no longer have a fever (without the use of medicine to reduce fever).
- b. Other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved).

- c. They have received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

### 3. *Tested with NO Symptoms*

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID19 may return when they have gone ten (10) calendar days without symptoms and have been released by a healthcare provider. Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student's healthcare provider. Siblings or other students in the household if a student is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive COVID-19 test, his or her siblings or other students living in the same household will be questioned and if they exhibit symptoms, they will also be excluded from school. If they do not exhibit symptoms, they may still be excluded from school and asked to self-quarantine.

### **SEPARATION WHILE IN SCHOOL**

The Hale R-1 School District will have a room or space separate from the nurse's office where students or employees who may have COVID-19 or another communicable disease will wait to be evaluated or for pickup. Students will be given a mask to wear. Only essential staff and students assigned to the room may enter, all will sign in so that there is a record of the persons who entered the room, and the room will be disinfected several times throughout the day. Strict social distancing is required, and staff must wear appropriate PPE. Students who are ill will be walked out of the building to their parents.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- Hand Sanitizer stations will be in place as well as provided to each classroom and cafeteria.
- Handwashing procedures should be followed before and after lunch as well as

before and after recess. Additional hand washing may be necessary.

- Water bottles and using the fountains with water bottle filling stations are encouraged.
- Typically parents congregate in front of the office and on the library ramp (PK) this will not be permitted due to social distancing guidelines. Parents may pick up their children and remain outside the building. PK students will be walked outside to their parents by their teacher.
  - Visits to the school will be limited to educational meetings (IEP, 504, etc.), medication drop off, etc.
- Breakfast and lunch will be in the cafeteria with precautions put in place for distancing.
  - Lunch deliveries **will NOT** be permitted.
  - Microwave in the cafeteria will be available, but precautions will be in place.
- Steps will be taken to promote social distancing; although we can't always keep everyone apart. This could look different in each classroom, class sizes vary, etc.
  - Rearrangement of furniture & equipment
  - Staggering use of common areas, bathrooms, etc.

*As we move into the transitioning of reopening schools, Hale R-1 School District faculty, stakeholders, students, and parents need to be proactive and understanding of the attempts to reduce risks. Hale R-1 recognizes that family's views and beliefs are different based on personal experiences. Moving forward we need to make a collective group effort to maintain and take extra effort to follow guidelines and minimize risk.*

*Please note guidelines and plans are subject to change. We will continue to notify you of the most updated plan.*