



## **Back to School COVID-19 Plan 2020-2021**

There are many questions about returning to school amidst a global pandemic that is beginning to surge locally. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) and the Oklahoma State Health Department in determining the best possible practices to providing quality education, while prioritizing the safety and health of our students and teachers, their families, and the community at large. The following guide will provide some insight to the anticipated start of school.

1. Duke Schools will utilize 3 learning models:

1. **Traditional brick & mortar-** Traditional classes in the building with social distancing.
2. **Virtual-** 100% on-line classes completed in the home, with weekly guidance and support of certified teachers.
3. **Distance-** Blended content including virtual curriculum combined with teacher regular directives and support, using a structured daily schedule. This will be used to maintain learning objectives during quarantine or isolation for an individual, or for all traditional students in the event of building shut-down.

2. Mask requirements will be determined based upon recommendations from the OSDE, local health officials, and the CDC. At this time, 7/29/2020, masks are highly encouraged but not required. School will be open to students taking the required safety measures.

3. Temperature over 100.00°F:

Students with a temperature over 100.00°F will be required to stay home. If that student is otherwise asymptomatic to COVID19, has had no known exposures, and been fever-free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) then they may return to school. Duke Schools will be checking student temperatures daily or weekly as advised based on current local, county, and state health department guidelines.

4. In accordance with current OSDE guidelines, confirmed Positive COVID cases will require the following:

- a) The individual with COVID must be in quarantine for 14 days and must be fever-free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication. A copy of negative COVID-19 test results must be submitted upon the return to school.
- b) All students in a household with a COVID19 positive case, must quarantine at least 14 days, making sure to isolate 10 days after their last exposure with the infected person. (Therefore, it is possible to be out of school beyond the 14 day minimum.)

- c) If a student or staff member tests positive, we will follow CDC guidelines for school site/district closure. A positive diagnosis does not necessarily mean shutting down a school site or the entire district. Working with health officials will mean completing contact tracing and possibly suggesting students be tested for the virus.

**Potential Exposure Scenarios:**

- Within 6 feet of someone who has COVID 19 for at least 15 minutes.
- Provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID 19.
- Had direct physical contact with the person with COVID 19 (touching, hugging, kissing, etc...).
- Sharing eating or drinking utensils with person with COVID 19
- Person with COVID 19 sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.

5. Extra sanitation and safety measures will be implemented, including:

- Periodic sanitizing of classroom surfaces throughout the day
- Sanitizing buses daily
- Temperature checks
- Water bottle fill stations in place of water fountains
- Strategic meal times and seating arrangements
- Outdoor class time when possible
- Social distancing to the extent possible, given the nature of children

Duke Public Schools has invested in virtual curriculum to ensure the best possible provision of engaging content that, combined with teacher expertise, will challenge student minds and stimulate their curiosity. Regardless of the learning model chosen or the circumstances at hand, we maintain our commitment to create environments where learning is fun and opportunities to succeed pave the way for continued success.

There is a buzz of excitement as we anxiously await the return of students. Students are ready to return and we are ready for them to do so! However, we are grounded with caution, as we prepare to take the new school year one day at a time, fully expecting the unexpected. We hope that you too, will be prepared to be flexible as, together, we once again navigate the unpredictable obstacles of COVID-19. Please know that we are committed to making the most of our 2020-2021 school year. We ask that you as parents help us with the guidelines above as much as possible. In addition:

1. Please help with morning temperature checks before sending your child to school.
2. We ask that you keep a clear line of communication with the school in the instant your child is feeling ill and or requires treatment of any kind, through self-reporting, which will be very important for all of us.
3. Be sure your child always has a mask available, as we may face a time that they are required.
4. Encourage students to use sanitizers that will be available and to thoroughly wash hands often throughout the school day.
5. All outside visitors will be required to wear face covering & will need to check in at the Superintendent Office during school hours or call and make an appointment. We always

welcome our families, but understand during this time we must limit traffic in halls, classes, and offices during the regular school day.

6. Please remain in your vehicle during morning drop off, as staff will now meet and escort elementary students into the building. Likewise the children will be escorted out of the building for parent pick-up. Please refrain from entering during that time as well.

Pre-enrollment packets will be available 9am-4pm starting Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Superintendent Office. We ask if at all possible, you pick up packets for your students and prepare them as much as possible prior to enrollment on August 6th from 5-7pm.

More details will be released as they are available. If you have questions please call 580-679-3311.

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