



Central Public School

2020-2021

Re-Entry Educational Plan

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These guidelines may be updated frequently based on the changing and fluid environment of the COVID-19 situation. All updates will be based on current information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, and State and Local Health Agencies

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this plan is to provide expectations and guidance to families for the 2020-2021 school year. This plan may be modified as necessary and this document will be updated.

COMMUNICATION:

It is vital that lines of communication remain open. If your child has tested positive or may have been exposed to Covid-19, please notify your school immediately, so we can all coordinate with the Health Department on action steps in an effort to maintain a safe environment. Contact tracing will be done under the direction of the State/County Health Department guidelines.

All communication with parents and community will be delivered through SchoolMessenger (call or text service), the school district website, centralps.k12.ok.us, and our Facebook page. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your site principals at 918-775-5525.

ACADEMIC PLANS:

The 2020-2021 school year will begin on August 24, 2020. Central Public School officials will continually and closely monitor student and staff health and community transmission rates of COVID-19 throughout the school year. Decisions regarding a change in educational plans will be based on current health data and made with the advice of local health care professionals.

All teachers will be trained in Google Classroom.

If it becomes necessary for school closure to take place, all students will be placed on distance learning. Students will be utilizing individual teachers' Google Classroom and/or those without internet access will utilize packets of materials that are current and aligned with in class instruction.

Central Public School will offer two options. The requirements for each option are listed below.

Option 1---Traditional Classroom

1. Traditional in-person learning will resume as scheduled.
2. Traditional school calendar will be observed.
3. Staff will increase cleaning of school buildings, buses and surfaces.
4. Students and staff will observe increased hand washing procedures and have access to sanitizers.
5. Visitor access to buildings will be limited.
6. Students and staff must stay home if exhibiting symptoms of illness.
7. Students are encouraged to drink from personal water bottles rather than fountains.
8. Students can maintain activity eligibility if attendance and grade requirements are met.
9. Masks are required for all staff and students.
10. Full meal service will be provided as usual.

Option 2---Distance Learning

1. Students will receive instruction with their regular teachers through Google Classroom and/or Edgenuity.
2. Students will have access to school resources in order to participate in distance learning.
3. Grades will be taken and students may pass or fail a course or grade depending on participation and performance.
4. Students can maintain activity eligibility if attendance and grade requirements are met. Central Public Schools grading and eligibility policies are in effect.
5. To compete in extra-curricular activities, students must be on campus one class period per day.

6. Students may choose to enroll in distance learning individually. These students will participate in online learning, but may be required to come to school for certain assessments. Students are eligible to return to the physical classroom. Re-entry will be handled on a case-by-case basis by building administration.
7. Parents must notify their building principals in order for their child to participate in distance learning.
8. Grab and Go meal services will be offered, but food must be picked up by family members or students. Meals are free to all students until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

STUDENT GUIDELINES:

1. Parents must keep their student at home if they are sick and notify the school. The expectation of Central Public School is that parents will keep their student home from school if they are experiencing any symptom relating to COVID-19.
2. It is the parent's responsibility to do the daily screening that will be relied upon by the school district.
3. If parents send their child to school, the parent is certifying that they have screened their child that day and determined their child to be healthy.
4. At home checklist for students is attached (See Attachment A).
5. Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be instantly taken to a quarantine room. Parents will be contacted and the student will be required to return home as soon as possible. The child will be monitored while waiting on parent to pick them up.
6. Temperature screenings will be required for anyone who comes on campus until further notice. A student must be fever-free, WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION, for 24 hours to be able to return to school. The CDC considers a person to have a fever when he/she has a measured temperature of 100 degrees F or greater.
7. A student must be cleared by the appointed school personnel before returning to school.
8. Symptoms of possible COVID-19: Cough, Shortness of Breath, Difficulty Breathing, Chills, loss of taste or smell, fever.
9. Please talk to your child about frequent hand washing, social distancing, covering your cough and sneeze, keeping hands from touching their face and stress the eyes, nose and mouth areas.
10. Two cloth masks will be provided to each student at the beginning of the school year. Students may use their own mask. Mask will be required to follow the dress code for students.
11. Students will be required to wear a mask if Sequoyah County is in level yellow, orange or red, according to Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDE) COVID-19 Alert System.
12. To the greatest extent possible, maintain at least six feet distance between individuals at all times.
13. Students and/or parents may not bring food items to school for sharing with others.
14. Students are highly encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school.
15. Please keep your telephone numbers and emergency contact numbers current with office staff.
16. Please be available if the school needs to contact you about your child.
17. If the school tries to contact a parent/guardian and the parent/guardian does not return the call in a timely manner, we will begin calling any and all numbers listed as an emergency contact for the student.

EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES:

1. It is the employee's responsibility to do the self-screening each day prior to coming to work.
2. By coming to work the employee is certifying that he/she has self-screened that day and is determined to be healthy.
3. At home checklist for employee's is attached (See Attachment B).
4. An employee must be fever-free, WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION, for 24 hours before he/she may be able to return to work. The CDC considers a person to have a fever when he/she has a measured temperature of 100 degrees F or greater.
5. Temperature screenings will be required for anyone who comes on campus until further notice.

6. A mask will be provided for employees to wear or the employee may provide his/her own.
7. Employee's will be required to wear a mask if Sequoyah County is in level yellow, orange or red, according to Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDE) COVID-19 Alert System.
8. Reinforce and encourage social distancing as much as possible.
9. Symptoms of possible COVID-19: Cough, Shortness of Breath, Difficulty Breathing, Chills, loss of taste or smell, fever.
10. Staff will instruct students about frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, covering your cough and sneeze, keeping hands from touching their face and stress the eyes, nose and mouth areas.

VISITOR AND SERVICE PROVIDERS:

1. Visitor access to school buildings will be limited.
2. Anyone wanting to visit a building must receive permission from the site principal.
3. Visitors in the cafeteria and the classrooms will no longer be allowed until further notice.
4. Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students. All essential workers will be required to wear a mask until further notice.
5. Temperature screenings will be required for anyone who comes on campus until further notice.
6. School staff will be available at the entrance of the Elementary Building and Early Childhood Building to walk young students into the classroom daily.
7. Parents/Guardians may make appointments to see teachers when students are not present.
8. All visitors who enter Central Public Schools facilities will be required to wear a mask or facial covering at all times.
9. Classroom parties are currently suspended for the 2020-2021 school year until further notice.
10. Parents/Guardians must keep social distancing guidelines during pick-up time.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:

The mental health and well-being of our students is of the utmost importance. We understand that COVID-19 has caused mental hardship, anxiety, and other distress for our students. It is our goal to help any student or family who is suffering from any issue related to mental health.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

1. Students will be physically distanced to the greatest extent possible within the classroom by spacing desks as far apart as possible and leaving empty desks between students when possible.
2. Students will sit facing the same direction in the classroom to the greatest extent possible.
3. A seating chart will be kept and followed daily.
4. Classroom doors may be left open to promote quality air circulation based on best practice recommendations.
5. Masks will be worn at all times in the classroom by teachers and students.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES:

1. To the greatest extent possible, social distancing of students will take place during breakfast/lunch.
2. Grab and Go meals will be provided for distance learners, as needed. Meals are free to all students until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES:

****The following bus rider regulations are in addition to the regular district bus rider rules****

1. Parents are responsible to check student(s) temperature each morning before boarding buses.
2. Masks are required to be worn while riding the bus.
3. All buses will be sanitized and wiped down daily.
4. Regular bus routes will be running as in the past.
5. Recommend alternate transportation, other than school bus, for students, if possible.
6. Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible.
7. Maximize the air flow of the bus by opening windows, if possible.
8. Assigned seating will be implemented for all students.
9. No opening of food or drink will be permitted on buses.
10. Same protocol for allowing a student to re-enter the learning environment after testing positive for COVID-19 will be used for school transportation.
11. NO guest bus riders without written permission from a parent or guardian at least two days prior to boarding (emergency needs will be considered).

SELF CARE AND ENVIRONMENT:

1. Awareness of signs and symptoms will be discussed.
2. Self-Care techniques and healthy habits for students and staff will be discussed and encouraged.
3. Encourage hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer as frequently as possible.
4. Encourage social distancing.
5. Avoid group gatherings and assemblies when feasible.
6. Avoid sharing materials and supplies when feasible.
7. Sanitization will be an ongoing process throughout the school day.
8. Water fountains, restrooms, door knobs will be wiped down frequently throughout the day.
9. Encourage students to minimize items brought to school from home.
10. Desk will be spaced out as much as possible to allow for social distancing.
11. Minimize parents entering the school on the first day.
12. At the end of each day, buildings will be sprayed to disinfect and sanitize surfaces, along with regular cleaning routines.

INSTRUCTION, HEALTH AND ACTIVITIES, MASKS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) has developed the Oklahoma COVID-19 Alert System., a multitiered risk measurement tool with corresponding color categories that identify the current COVID-19 risk level on a county by county basis. These guidelines are recommended by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. Central Public School will use these guidelines to determine safe procedures and policies for students, staff, and visitors.

Central Public Schools will provide 2 washable masks for all school staff and students. Students and staff may provide their own face mask but they will be required to follow school dress code guidelines. Students will be required to wear masks should the school, state, or other prevailing jurisdictions mandate utilization or should the Health Department's Covid-19 Alert System <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/covid-19-alert-system> indicate that Sequoyah County is yellow, orange or red level. The Health Department indicator system will be a driver in determining our mask policy in the following way:

ALERT SYSTEM LEVEL:

Green Level: No requirement to wear masks.

Yellow Level: (More than 1.43 but fewer than 14.39 cases per 100,000 residents)

- Everyone inside building wears a mask.
- Students and staff are allowed to remove their mask in “Mask Free Zones” as designated at each site.
- Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms will wear protective face shields and/or masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students.
- Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students. All essential workers will be required to wear a mask until further notice.
- Temperature checks will be required for all visitors until further notice.
- Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gathering and assemblies. All visitors and spectators are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing during these events.

Orange Level 1: (More than 14.39 but fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 residents)

- Masks are required for all staff and students, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms will wear protective face shields and/or masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students.
- Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students. All essential workers will be required to wear a mask until further notice.
- Temperature checks will be required for all visitors until further notice.
- Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gathering, assemblies and spectators at indoor and outdoor events to decrease community transmission. All visitors and spectators are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing during these events.

Orange Level 2: (More than 25 but fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 residents)

- Central Public School may transition students to distance learning or an alternate A/B schedule.
- Masks are required for all staff and students, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them.
- Students with disabilities, as determined by the IEP teams, who are unable to receive services through distance learning, not to exceed 25% of students enrolled at site, may receive certain services at the school site that is closed or at an alternate site.
- Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms will wear protective face shields and/or masks. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students. IEP teams may need to meet to determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for a student served under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). 504 teams may also need to meet to determine if a student served under Section 504 is in need of any additional accommodations or modifications.
- School visitations will be restricted and any visitors allowed on campus will wear a mask at all times until further notice.
- Temperature checks will be required for all visitors until further notice.

- Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students. All essential workers will be required to wear a mask until further notice. Child Nutrition: Grab and Go meals will be available for students who choose distance learning during Orange Level 2. Meals are free to all students until the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that schools limit gathering, assemblies and spectators at indoor and outdoor events to decrease community transmission. Visitors and spectators are required to wear a mask at all times during these activities and/or events. Spectators may be limited to the immediate family members of participating students only.
- Central Public School will follow recommendations for participation in extracurricular activities provided by the OSSAA and SDE.

Red Level: (50 or more cases per 1000,000 residents)

- Central Public School may close buildings and provide distance learning until community transmission declines to Orange Level 1 or 2 on the COVID-19 Alert system or as advised by local and state health officials and Oklahoma State Department of Education. Students with disabilities, as determined by the IEP teams, who are unable to receive services through distance learning, not to exceed 15% of students enrolled at site, may receive certain services at the school site that is closed or at an alternate site. Teachers and staff may be on campus as assigned. A Red Level designation will continue for a minimum of 14 days.
- Masks are required for all students, staff and visitors until further notice.
- Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms will wear protective face shields and/or mask. In addition, additional PPE may be required when providing services for medically vulnerable students. IEP teams may need to meet to determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for a student served under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). 504 teams may also need to meet to determine if a student served under Section 504 is in need of any additional accommodations or modifications.
- Essential workers such as mental health providers and therapists are not considered visitors and will still be allowed on campus. These people will follow the same safety protocols as staff and students. All essential workers will be required to wear a mask until further notice.
- Temperature checks will be required for all visitors until further notice.
- Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that school buildings and campuses not be used for extracurricular activities, including spectator sports, or other group activities such as assemblies and performances. It is recommended that buildings and campuses not be utilized for public events and meetings.
- Central Public School will follow recommendations for participation in extracurricular activities provided by the OSSAA and SDE.
- Spectators may be limited to the immediate family members of participating students only.

**** Students who desire not to wear a mask may choose an alternate pathway to receive their education. Choosing an alternate pathway may be accomplished by visiting with the building principal.****

Central Schools will monitor the changing conditions of COVID-19 and our policy may change at any time under the advisement of health officials. CDC guidelines provide scientific reasons why wearing masks can help limit the spread of the virus. COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Cloth face coverings may slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

AT SCHOOL STUDENT PROCEDURES:

1. Any student who exhibits a fever of 100 degrees will be quarantined in a predetermined room and immediately sent home.
2. A student must be fever-free, WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION, for 24 hours to be able to return to school.
3. Any student who resides in a household with an active positive case of COVID-19 will be required to stay home for a period of 10 to 14 days. (See “*Definition of Student/Employee COVID-19 Exposure*” below.)
4. The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school. The student will be counted as present because digital learning and/or paper/pencil packets will be provided.

DEFINITION OF STUDENT/EMPLOYEE COVID-19 EXPOSURE:

1. Individuals with close contact with an affected person. Close contact includes:
 - a. Living in the same household as a person with COVID-19.
 - b. Caring for a person with COVID-19.
 - c. For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (cumulative during the day) starting from 2 days before illness onset or for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection until time patient is isolated.
2. Individual has been near but NOT in close contact with confirmed COVID-19 case, there is a low risk of infection and individual may continue to go to school/work but should monitor their health for 14 days. Wearing a mask is required.
3. Individual in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - a. Contact your principal
 - b. Contact your physician and do not come to school.
 - c. **Individual may return to school after 14-day quarantine period from the last day of contact. If you remain free of symptoms up to day 10, your quarantine can end at that point, but you should continue to monitor for symptoms and wear face covering when around others for at least 14 days after last exposure.**

QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT/EMPLOYEE:

If an individual is quarantined: *The CDC and OSDH still strongly recommend a 14-day quarantine for students and staff who are identified as close contacts, as the safest way to guard against viral infection.* Quarantine starts from the last day of contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

1. The quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, as long as no symptoms consistent with COVID develop, and the person wears a face covering in public for at least 14 days.
2. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if the individual has received a negative test and has not had symptoms during the quarantine period, as long as no symptoms consistent with COVID develop, and the person wears a face covering in public until at least 14 days after exposure. The test may be a PCR or antigen detection test, but must be taken within 48 hours of the end of Day 7. Under no circumstances can quarantine be discontinued earlier than the end of Day 7.

Under each scenario, continued monitoring and wearing of masks must be met.

After stopping quarantine, the CDC advises:

1. Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
2. If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority or a healthcare provider.
3. Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash hands, avoid crowds and take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

STUDENT/EMPLOYEE RETURNING TO SCHOOL/WORK IF CONFIRMED TO HAVE COVID-19:

If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19, this individual may not come to school/work, or attend any school event or participate in any way until the follow conditions have been met:

1. Isolation is a minimum of 10 days from the date symptoms started or, for those with no symptoms, from the date of a positive COVID-19 test.
2. Those with symptoms may need to isolate longer than 10 days.
 - a. Symptomatic individuals should remain in isolation until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared,
 - b. At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, and
 - c. Until other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.

It is the duty of the parent or guardian, and the school, to exclude such person until the period of isolation ordered for the case expires, or until permission has been given by state or local health officers.

CLOSING THOUGHTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Our success in responding to the 2020-2021 school year during COVID-19 conditions will require a community effort and strong communication between home and school.
- All plans and procedures established by Central Public School are subject to change as new information becomes available or if positive cases become more prevalent within our district.
- For any assistance with this plan, please contact your building principal at 918-775-5525 or Larry Henson, Superintendent. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to partner in providing a safe and quality education for our students.