

Reopening Haysville USD 261

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance. To that end, our plan will include options for parents in terms of how they decide to have their children return to school. Given the current status of the pandemic in Sedgwick County, we will be requesting that the first day of school for students be delayed until after Labor Day. This will give our staff and teachers time to make alternative plans for how to teach students who return to school in a variety of ways. In addition, it will provide our county with time to reduce the number of daily positive cases of Covid 19.

The options for students returning to school will include traditional face to face at school, remote learning via the Internet, or a hybrid model that incorporates both of the first two methods. The hybrid model would provide for students to attend school remotely and come to school face to face for selected classes.

While our preference is to provide parents with choice for their students, certain circumstances may require all students to use the remote model for a period of time. For example, if the number of positive Covid 19 cases continues to rise the board of education or the county may choose another shut down in order to reduce the number of positive cases.

We will be following the state's guidelines regarding wearing of masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. These are three simple methods that will reduce the number of positive cases of Covid 19.

Reopening Decision

- 3 options:
 1. All on-site
 2. All remote
 3. Choice

Note: No in person Open House this year... P/T Conferences will be decided at a later date

USD 261 Decision

CHOICE

Transitions

Buses

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Decision

Learning

Next Steps

Continuous Learning

(spring 2020)

1. No attendance taken
2. No grades were taken at the elementary level & secondary grades were only to "help, not hurt"
3. Some standards were reviewed & there was no new learning
4. Assignment turn-in was not required
5. Weekly contact by teacher
6. Use of district-wide, grade-level choice boards (PK-8th) were available online or a packet option was available
7. Live meetings were centered around social-emotional learning, not teaching new skills
8. The Kansas Department of Education set learning time limits by age/grade level & focused on "less is more"
9. Multiple learning platforms (district website, Google Classroom, paper packets, etc.) were used

Remote Learning

(fall 2020 & future)

1. Daily attendance will be taken & expected
2. Learning will be measured & graded as it has in previous years
3. New skills & standards taught daily
4. Assignment turn-in will be required
5. Daily contact by a teacher
6. Lessons provided by classroom teachers via live streaming or recorded lessons
7. Meetings with students to provide new instruction & build relationships
8. The Kansas Department of Education will require a minimum of 6 hours of learning to be logged by parent/guardian each school day
9. Our new remote learning platform, OTUS, will be used consistently across the district

Attendance

Grades

Teaching

Contact

Meetings

Time

Next Steps

- Send out a 2nd parent survey (*coming 7/29/20*)
- Gather choice data (who is on-site, remote, etc.)
- Building principals & teams will develop plans
 - Consistency is recommended between buildings
- Communication for all stakeholders



- Professional learning for staff to prepare
 - What do staff, students, & parents need to know & be able to do to come back to school on-site? remotely?
 - Develop the details



Operations Guidelines

These guidelines are a summary of the procedures that will be followed for safe opening and operations for Haysville USD 261. Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations distributed by the Kansas Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) procedures were used in the development of these guidelines.

Health

Nursing staff in each building will be the primary resources. They will communicate directly with the Sedgwick County Department of Health for concerns and notifications.

Individuals entering all public or private K-12 attendance centers shall have their temperatures checked before entering the building for the first time each day.

All students, staff, and other visitors are required to cover their mouth and nose with a mask or other face-covering at all times except as described as follows. Exceptions include children five years of age or under, persons with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face-covering, persons who are deaf, and persons for whom wearing a face-covering would create a risk to the person related to their work.

Masks or face-coverings are to be worn during athletics and activities except when sports activities allow athletes to maintain a 6-foot distance from others with only occasional or incidental moments of closer proximity or when engaged in an activity that a professional or recreational association, regulatory entity, medical association, or other public-health-oriented entity has determined cannot be safely conducted while wearing a mask or other face-covering.

Students, staff, and patrons should bring their own masks or face-coverings with them. However, a few masks and gloves will be available while supplies last. Each facility will have a hand sanitizer station available for those entering the building.

Mask or other face-covering means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. A mask or other face-covering can be made of a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. Ideally, a mask or other face-covering has two or more layers. A mask or other face-covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

Proper hygiene measures will be the focus of all school students, staff, and patrons. Here are some tips you can take to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

- Wash your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact
Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.

Put distance between yourself and other people outside of your home.

Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. Stay at least six feet (about two arms' length) from other people.

Do not gather in groups.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water before disinfection.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and items.

Potential exposure and exclusion from school will follow the recommendations outlined in the Operations section of the Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations distributed by the Kansas Department of Education.

Common Spaces

Shared spaces are to be modified to limit the potential for exposure and cross contaminations. Procedures will be developed to allow for safe transitions between classes and to protect students, staff, and patrons.

The use of facilities will be limited to Haysville USD 261 sponsored activities, and the use of Therapy Animals will be suspended during pandemic operations. This does not include service animals. The use of lockers and will be limited. One-way traffic and social distancing procedures will be developed.

Extra and Co-curricular Activities

Recommendations from the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) and recommendations from Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations distributed by Kansas Department of Education will be used in developing procedures for all extra and co-curricular activities.

Facilities

Building related recommendations and considerations include the use of PPE, social distancing markers, modification, and limited use of space. Each facility will only use one set of doors that will allow visitors to come and go. The exterior doors will be labeled with ENTRANCE and EXIT. Interior vestibule doors will be propped open to the offices to minimize the amount of door handles touched. Each facility will have a hand sanitizer station available for those entering the building. Masks and gloves will be available for any visitor while supplies are available. This includes all Haysville USD 261 facilities and property.

Plexiglas screens will be used in the building when staff come into contact with the public. There will be markings on the floor that represent 6-foot spacing. Custodial staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. These include tables, doorknobs, light switches, counter-tops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. There will be a cleaning crew that cleans and disinfects after the facilities close for the day. Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be used for all cleaning and disinfecting.

Training will be reviewed monthly for custodial and maintenance staff for proper safety protocols. Water fountains will be turned off, and only water bottle fill stations will be usable. Playground equipment will be blocked off, and their use will be suspended during pandemic operations.

Food Service

Foodservice will continue safe operations similar to the summer feeding program. The exception will be that food will only be offered to students and staff currently enrolled and assigned to reach school. The use of cafeterias for large group eating will be suspended, and principals and staff will develop alternative small group eating procedures.

Bus Transportation

Regular bus routes will be modified to minimize the potential exposure for each student. All bus riders will be required to wear a mask or proper face-covering. Buses will be loaded from the rear to the front and will disembark from the front to the back.