



Seymour CSD PK-12 Return to Learn Plan

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Welcome to a new school year at Seymour! The administration and staff have been working to provide a safe environment for students and staff to return to school.

We are trying to implement as many precautions as we can and deem necessary as we open the school to lessen the chances of spreading and/or contracting Covid-19 or any other illness. The cleaning procedures will be increased with students and staff contributing to cleaning efforts. We will also be changing a few things to reduce traffic and help with cleanliness and spreading of illness. Even with added precautions, we need to remember that it does not guarantee that exposure to illness or Covid-19 will not happen. All students and staff need to continue with cleaning efforts and personal precautions as recommended. We look forward to a great year of learning that will include many changes and many unknowns. We appreciate your willingness to help and your flexibility to any changes. Refer to more specifics below.

SEYMOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING OPTIONS

1. *On-site Learning (Face-to-Face)*
2. *Remote Learning*

On-site (Face-to-Face):

Students will attend school per our normal 2020-2021 master calendar.

If we need to close down a classroom or the entire district because of a COVID-19 outbreak, our in-person students and teachers would move to Remote Learning. All students will have access to a device. K-2 will have Chromebook tablets and 3-12 will have chromebooks. We will use Google Classroom, Zoom, and other resources to provide instruction. Chromebooks and tablets will be distributed after school starts.

Remote Learning (Online):

In the event of a school closure we will move to remote learning. It may include both direct teacher instruction and independent student work, virtual one-on-one meetings, virtual group meetings, live class sessions and/or pre-recorded videos.

Access to Technology

All students will be assigned a Chromebook tablet (K-2) or Chromebook (grades 3-12) to use for the 2020-2021 school year. Maintenance and virtual supervision of the devices will be ongoing. (GoGuardian and Parental Supervision)

Students will need to have access to a high-speed wireless internet connection. If this is an issue, families should contact their child's school office and leave a message with your contact information.

Health and Safety

We appreciate the patience and grace that you have shown us through this difficult time. Thank you for all that you have been doing to help us in our efforts to protect our community, students and staff.

We are taking every reasonable precaution we can to try to keep our students, staff, and families safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Transportation:

Due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, all students riding a school bus will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus. Because of challenges with social distancing on buses, parents are encouraged to provide transportation for their children to and from school if/when possible.

We will not be able to provide social distancing on the buses, but we will take as many precautions as possible.

- Students must wear masks. (We will have extras on each bus for those that forget)
- Drivers will wear face coverings when students are boarding and getting off the bus.
- We will open windows when possible.
- Drivers will be trained about health and safety precautions for COVID-19.
- All surfaces on the buses at the end of each route will be disinfected.

Students will have assigned seats for when riding the bus, with siblings sitting together when possible. The seat behind the driver will remain empty for driver's safety purposes.

Screening for Symptoms:

Students and staff must stay home if sick. We will provide families and staff members with symptom cards, so our families can screen for illness before coming to school and work each day.

- Fever
(According to the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics, a fever is 100.4 F or greater.)
- Cough
- Rash
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Lack of appetite
- Loss of taste or smell

All members of our school will follow these guidelines to screen for symptoms of COVID-19, and must stay home if ill.

Exposure to COVID-19:

If there is confirmation of a person who has COVID-19 that was in a school building, administration will immediately contact the Wayne County Public Health Department and will follow their recommendations and guidelines which may result in the quarantine of students or

staff. The district will follow state guidelines for building and school closures.

If students or staff have had direct contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the Wayne County Public Health Department will notify them and advise them of the appropriate next steps.

If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher they will be sent home for the rest of the day. The student who had a fever will not be able to return until they have not had a fever or any other symptoms for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Individuals who may have COVID-19 symptoms will be taken to the nurse to be evaluated and/or picked up. Only essential staff and students assigned to this area can enter, and they must wear the appropriate personal protective equipment and adhere to the social distancing guidelines. This room will be disinfected throughout the day and after each student who has symptoms of COVID-19 has been picked up.

These policies will be implemented as stated:

- Having a fever \geq 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit requires the student to be sent home
 - Student MUST remain home until:
 - 24 hours fever free with NO fever reducing medications of any kind being used
 - Symptoms need to be improving/subsided
 - Upon return, temperature checks will occur at beginning of day and again around noon to verify fever has not returned
- vomiting/diarrhea
 - Student MUST remain home until:
 - 24 hours have passed from LAST occurrence without any use of medication

DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

- If sent home sick:
 - Student will not be allowed to attend any after school activities following the same policy rules as stated above

Teachers/staff please contact the nurse if anyone returns to their classroom within 24 hours of being sent home to comply with this policy.

Nurse's Office:

To try to reduce hallway traffic, the nurse will provide a green, yellow, red criteria page that specifies when to send/call the nurse. Mini "nurse" kits will be provided to each classroom with bandaids, lip balm, and ice packs. If the teacher/staff is unsure, please call the nurse to come and assess before sending the student out. The nurse's office will be mostly utilized for sick children or those that require more nursing care. The nurse will be going to classrooms to

reduce traffic through the school as much as possible. The nurse's office will have a separate area for sick kids to be in if they are required to go home.

Those students requiring meds will remain in the classroom and will be pulled by the nurse at appropriate time to receive the medication. Those students requiring or needing regularly prescribed breathing treatments will be seen in the library nurse's station after a quick assessment to rule out other illnesses. The nurses, Tami Swaby and Heather Sharp, will be available Monday-Friday.

Social Distancing:

We will take steps to promote social distancing, although we cannot keep everyone six feet apart. This could look different at each school, due to the difference in the spaces, and it could include:

- Staggering the use of common spaces, including the cafeteria, playground, bathrooms
- Rearranging furniture and equipment to move students farther apart
- Adjusting recess and lunch schedules to allow for more cleaning and disinfection
- Modifying passing periods
- Changing arrival and dismissal procedure

Masks:

All students riding a school bus will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus. The CDC and Pediatric ? recommends that students wear a face covering when social distancing cannot be achieved.

Handwashing, Cover Coughs and Sneezes:

Teachers/staff will be reinforcing hand washing regularly and/or using hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available. We will also be teaching students/staff to cover coughs and sneezes into their elbow joint if possible. Reinforcing when to wash hands and how to wash appropriately will also be a big topic of discussion. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at every entrance including the playground and throughout the building. Please have students/staff use them especially upon entering/exiting and before and after lunch.

Cleaning:

We are increasing our cleaning procedures, including providing hand sanitizer and wipes for every classroom, sanitizing surfaces at least once a day at the PK-4 level and at the end of each period for classrooms with multiple groups of students traveling in/out throughout the day. A deep cleaning procedure will occur midweek and at the end of the week.

Visitors:

Non-educational service visitors or parents will not be allowed in the building past the front doors. If you need to speak with Mrs. Houser, Mrs. Starr, and/or a teacher please call the school and we will schedule a time to meet with you. If you need to pick your child up, please call and we will have them waiting for you. We will continue to work with families when we need to have meetings for students' individual education programs (IEPs), individual health plans (IHPs), and 504 plans.

Food Service:

The Food Services staff is keeping up with the latest federal, state and local guidelines for preparing and serving meals. We have modified the layout of our cafeteria and meal distribution process in order to practice social distancing guidelines as much as possible.

If you are signed up for Remote Learning and would like a lunch provided. Those meals would need to be picked up at 12:00 in the front lobby. These meals will also be changed accordingly. We encourage all families to fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Application in the JMC Parent Portal. Please make sure that you have switched to the 2020-2021 school year in order to do this. If you have questions regarding your account or the food service program please contact Corrie Wray at corrie.wray@seymourcsd.org

There will be ~~no~~ open campus and salad bar this year, as well as a la carte. Student's will be provided with a monthly menu and a lunch count will be taken daily. Students not wanting to participate in hot lunch that day may bring cold lunch with them.

Sharing Supplies:

We will reduce sharing of school supplies, and we will sanitize the supplies we must share. Each student should have their own school supplies for their own personal use. If you need assistance with this please contact the school.

Facilities:

Indoor facility use by outside groups will be decided on a case-by-case basis. We will reevaluate this decision as public health guidelines evolve.

Water:

We are asking students and staff members to bring a water bottle to school/work with you. Students and staff members can refill from one of our water filling stations. The water fountains will be closed to prevent the spread of disease.

Classroom Expectations:

Teachers/students are being asked to help in keeping our school clean. Cleaning kits with wipes will be available in every classroom, when a refill is needed please contact the custodians. The

following is being asked to be completed twice daily by specified people. The expectation would be prior to leaving for lunch and prior to leaving at the end of the day. Any extra per teacher/staff discretion.

Teachers/staff:

- Light switches
- Door handles
- Sink and faucet
- Teacher desk
- Any common areas/items used by multiple students

Students: only items they use personally

- Desk
- Chair
- Locker handle
- chromebook/tablet as specified by manufacturer and/or Mr. Clark
- Any other personal items that have been used/touched throughout the day

Large Gatherings:

We will plan to have assemblies, field trips and special performances for the 2021-22 school year.

Extra-Curricular Activities, Athletics and Clubs:

We will continue offering extra-curricular activities, including athletics and clubs, taking as many safety precautions as possible. We will follow guidelines from IAHSAA, IGSAU, and the IHSMA as we receive them, and we will keep participants updated on their rules.

Developing Student Awareness of Health and Safety Precautions:

We will help students understand how school will look different during this pandemic, teaching them about health and safety. This will include information from public health officials about handwashing, social distancing, covering coughs, wearing face masks, avoiding face-touching, and staying home when ill.

Attendance and Grading:

Attendance will be taken and grades will be given for all students regardless of which plan they are participating in. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact Mrs. Starr or Mrs. Houser.

COVID-19 Response Procedures

How we will respond if someone has COVID-19 symptoms:

Notifications about Cases:

As we work to keep students and staff safe during this pandemic, we will share as much information as possible with you, while still following legal and ethical privacy rules.

While privacy laws keep us from sharing information with you, please take precautions as if everyone has COVID-19, including you and your family. Please use the list of symptoms we gave you to screen before coming to school, and please stay home if you know you or your child have been exposed to COVID-19 until you are evaluated by a medical professional.

For family and staff members, contacts of a positive student/staff will be notified by the school by letter or phone that their child was in contact with a positive COVID case on this date _____ and to watch for symptoms for 10 days. If a parent wishes to get them tested if they become symptomatic, then they can. Public Health can no longer call contacts and quarantine.

Assessing Symptoms:

The school nurses will use their nursing judgement to evaluate the person's symptoms. Even if a student or staff member's fever does not reach the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation of 100.4 F, the nurse will send the student or staff member home after considering all symptoms.

Safety Precautions:

Our school nurse will use the recommended PPE when working with a student or staff member with COVID-19 symptoms, and will try to keep the person with symptoms isolated from everyone else until they can safely leave the building.

Guidelines:

The nurse will send home guidelines to the student's family or staff member, including information about the guidelines for returning to school or work.

Medical Care:

The nurse will recommend the person with symptoms follow up with a licensed medical provider or the health department prior to returning to school.

Cleaning:

We will increase our sanitary measures in the learning space that the student or staff member was in most recently.

If a Student or Staff Member Gets a COVID-19 Diagnosis:

If a student or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test or a healthcare provider diagnoses presumptive COVID-19, we will follow these guidelines:

- Anyone who Tests positive is to isolate for 10 days from first day of symptoms and can return to work, school, activities on day 11 if better
- A positive case family is to isolate starting on day 1 of symptoms for 10 days as well if unvaccinated. Vaccinated family members DO NOT have to be isolated if they have NO SYMPTOMS.

In Case COVID-19 Spreads in Our Community:

General Public

- Anyone who Tests positive is to isolate for 10 days from first day of symptoms and can return to work, school, activities on day 11 if better
- A positive case family is to isolate starting on day 1 of symptoms for 10 days as well if unvaccinated. Vaccinated family members DO NOT have to Isolate if they have NO SYMPTOMS.

You can recommend a positive case to notify any contacts they were in contact with two days prior to start of symptoms if they were less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes and recommend they watch for symptoms-public health can no longer do this.

Returning to School After Illness

If the School Nurse Sends a Student or Staff Member Home:

If a school nurse sends a student or staff member home with COVID-19-like symptoms, they will

use these guidelines to decide about the student or staff member's return to school:

- Must be fever-free a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen
- Must have an improvement in COVID-19-like symptoms
- Might be asked to stay home at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared
- Might be asked to bring medical clearance to return to school signed by their licensed health care provider

If a Student or Staff Member Gets Diagnosed with COVID-19:

If a student or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test or gets a diagnosis of presumptive COVID-19 from their health care provider, we will follow these guidelines to decide about the return to school:

- Must be fever-free a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen
- Must have an improvement in COVID-19-like symptoms
- Must stay home at least 10 days after symptoms first appear OR until receiving two negative COVID-19 tests completed 24 hours apart
- May be asked to provide documentation from a licensed health care provider stating clearance to return to school

Parent Return to Learn Q & A

What will my student(s) school week look like? (8/10/2021)

We will be providing both onsite learning. All students K-12 will have a 1 to 1 device. K-2 will have a Chromebook tablet and 3-12 will have chromebooks.

3 year old and 4 year old Preschool will continue to come on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We have an educational resource page that we will continue to update and post all of our current information on. Please go to:

<https://sites.google.com/seymourcsd.org/seymourcsdextendedresources/home>

What is the arrival/dismissal process? (Updated 8/10/28/2021)

Arrival: All bus riders will be required to wear a mask as we will not be able to follow the social distancing guidelines. If your child forgets a mask we will provide them with one for the day.

Parents are welcome to transport their child to school if they choose not to wear a mask. We ask that you let us know if you will be choosing that option in order to let our drivers know.

Dismissal: All bus riders will exit out the back entrances and load at the tennis courts. Elementary (PK-4) walkers and pickups will exit through the main doors. 5-12 students will exit through the south door by the gym entrance.

How will illness be handled in the building? (8/10/2021)

The nurse's office will be in a separate area this year. If a student is ill they will remain in the nurse's office until they can be picked up. Once you arrive we will bring your child to you.

What will lunch, open campus and snack time look like? (8/10/2021)

There will be ~~no~~ open campus this year. K-4 students will eat in the lunchroom. 5-12 grade students will be staggered to allow for more room and to follow the social distancing guidelines. They are able to bring a cold lunch with them.

We also ask that students bring a water bottle to school as only the refillable portion of water fountains will be used.

Will there be recess and field trips? (8/10/2021)

There will be recess as we feel students need to be outside. All playground equipment will be sanitized after each recess. We will continue field trips this year.

Will visitors be allowed in the building?

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How will the school handle COVID-19 closure?

If there is a closure due to COVID-19 we will go to online learning. All students will have access to a device. K-2 will have Chromebook tablets and 3-12 will have chromebooks. We will use Google Classroom, Zoom, and other resources to provide instruction. This will NOT be optional. All work will be REQUIRED and GRADED. Learning materials will be provided if internet access is not available.

Will my child and school staff be required to wear a mask? (8/10/2021)

All students riding a school bus will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus. The CDC and Pediatric ? recommends that students wear a face covering when social distancing cannot be achieved.

How often will the school be sanitized? (8/10/2021)

The school will be cleaned every day. The school will then go through another deep cleaning each weekend before school starts back up again the following Monday. New touchless faucets are being installed, touchless hand sanitizing stations, handwashing stations at each main entrance. All rooms will have disinfectant wipes and cleaning supplies to wipe down desks throughout the day.

*Even with all of these precautions there is still a possibility of exposure.

What happens if a student or staff member displays symptoms of COVID-19? (8/10/2021)

If there is confirmation of a person with COVID-19 we will work with the Wayne County Department of Public Health and follow their recommendations and guidelines. If school closure is a result, coursework will be required and graded.

Will school start early? (8/10/2021)

No, school will start on August 23rd.

If we haven't answered your question(s) please contact us at jamie.houser@seymourcsd.org or shannon.starr@seymourcsd.org

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