



COVID-19 Plan for 2021-2022

Return to **LEARN**

Overview

The Oxford School District is committed to providing a quality educational experience while considering the health and safety of students and staff. The guidelines that follow were determined after considering the following:

- Reviewing guidance from the CDC and MSDH
- Consulting with local and state officials regarding local vaccination and infection rates
- Consulting with other Mississippi school districts and superintendents
- Reviewing feedback from OSD stakeholders
- Analyzing health and safety data from OSD Super Summer School.

Please keep in mind, due to the ever-changing nature of the Coronavirus pandemic, information in this plan is subject to change based on communication from federal, state, and local authorities.

Goals

- Maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for staff and students
- Keep Oxford School District schools open all year
- Return to normal school operations as much as possible
- Sustain the district's academic standards to ensure student achievement

Health Awareness and Education

Students and staff will receive guidance from a health professional on proper social distancing, personal hygiene, cleaning, disinfection, and use of face coverings. Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses, in hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, and at school entrances and exits.

Screening Protocols

Parents and guardians should screen their children each morning prior to school arrival. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, he or she should remain at home. Due to vaccines not being available, students in grades Pre-K-6 will be screened each morning (including a temperature check) by his or her homeroom or first-period teacher. Faculty and staff should be screening themselves before coming to work.

Signage in OSD Schools

Signage will be placed throughout all OSD campuses reminding students and personnel of best health and safety practices, including hand hygiene.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is important to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Social distancing will be practiced on all OSD campuses when feasible.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors will be limited and seen by appointment only at the discretion of the building principal. Any visitor entering the building will be screened (including a temperature check). Lunch guests will not be allowed at this time.

Face Coverings

Face coverings **are recommended, but not required** for all non-vaccinated faculty, staff, students, and visitors inside OSD buildings. The superintendent may require masks for all faculty, staff and students if state and/or local health data indicates a need to do so or if federal and/or state health guidelines call for such measures.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

The Oxford School District will follow the guidance and activities calendar of the Mississippi High School Activities Association for all athletic events and MHSAA sanctioned activities.

Child Nutrition

Elementary students will report directly to classrooms as they arrive to school. Breakfast will be served in the classrooms. Secondary students may choose a grab-and-go meal upon entering the building or eat in the cafeteria.

Lunches will be served in OSD Cafeterias. Elementary students will enter and exit the cafeteria by class on a staggered schedule. Elementary students will sit according to their class, and tables will be socially distanced. Disposable trays and utensils will be used in all OSD cafeterias.

Gatherings

Commons areas at secondary schools will be closed during class changes. Recess at elementary schools and outside gatherings at secondary schools will return to normal operations.

Other School Operations Mitigation Strategies

- Restrooms at secondary schools will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
- Only one class at a time will use restroom facilities in OSD elementary schools. Restrooms at elementary schools will be cleaned frequently throughout the school day.
- Each elementary student will have individual school supplies. Supplies will not be shared among students.
- PreK-1st grade classrooms will remain separated throughout the school day while indoors.
- 2nd-5th grade teams (switch classes) will remain separated from other teams throughout the school day.
- Hall movement at elementary schools will be staggered by class to allow for social distancing.
- Classrooms will be disinfected between classes (elementary and secondary)

Parent notifies school that student has tested positive for Covid-19:

- Quarantine at home for 10 calendar days from the onset of symptoms and
- Fever free for at least 24 hours without medication and
- Decrease in symptoms

Parent notifies school that student has Covid-19 symptoms:

- Negative Test Result

- Return to school after:
 - Fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and
 - Decrease in symptoms

+ Positive Test Result

- Return to school after:
 - Quarantine for 10 calendar days from the onset of symptoms and
 - Fever free for at least 24 hours with fever-reducing medication and
 - Decrease in symptoms

Student notifies school staff of his/her Covid-19 symptoms:

- The student is immediately removed from class and isolated in a designated location
- The parent/guardian is contacted by the school nurse

- Negative Test Result

- Return to school after:
 - Fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and
 - Decrease in symptoms

+ Positive Test Result

- Return to school after:
 - Quarantine for 10 calendar days from the onset of symptoms and
 - Fever free for at least 24 hours with fever-reducing medication and
 - Decrease in symptoms

Student or parent reports that student has had close contact with an individual that has tested positive for Covid-19:

- Student must quarantine at home for 10 days. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Student may return to school after the 10 days provided the student experienced no symptoms of illness during quarantine.*
- Early Return Options:
 - Students who present a negative RT-PCR test result to school officials and have had zero symptoms during daily monitoring may return to school on day 8 of quarantine. The RT-PCR test must be taken on or after day 5 of quarantine.
 - Students who have had zero symptoms during daily monitoring in quarantine may return to school on day 11 without testing.

**Fully vaccinated, symptom-free students are exempt from quarantine requirements.*

Concentration of cases:

- If a class, group, or team of students has three or more cases of COVID-19, the entire class, group, or team must quarantine at home for 10 days.*

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