



# 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.
- Review of 2019-2020 student achievement data

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. Secondary students should screen themselves prior to arriving on campus. Faculty and staff should screen 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

Visitors are allowed into the building for instructional purposes 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

Well-fitting face coverings (such as 3-ply surgical masks) are strongly recommended, but not required on Oxford School District campuses. The superintendent may require masks for 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.

In order to reduce risk, lunches will be served in a variety of locations on a rotating schedule so that students can spread out while eating- staggered visits to the cafeteria, outdoor areas, classrooms. Elementary students will sit with their class. Tables and seats will be spread out for social distancing. Disposable trays, bags, 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 will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
- Only one class at a time will use restroom facilities in elementary schools.
- 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 while indoors.
- 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 the school that student has tested positive:

- Students must:
  - Isolate at home for 5 calendar days from the day of the positive test,
  - Be fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication,
  - Have a decrease in symptoms, and
  - **Wear a mask 5 calendar days after returning to school from isolation.**
- Parents of students in close contact will be notified as soon as possible by email.

## Employee notifies the school that he/she has tested positive:

- Employee must:
  - Isolate at home for 5 calendar days from the day of the positive test,
  - Be fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication,
  - Have a decrease in symptoms, and
  - **Wear a mask for 5 calendar days after returning to work from isolation.**

## Parent notifies the school that student has Covid-19 symptoms:

### - Negative Test Result

- Return to school after:
  - Being fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and
  - A decrease in symptoms.

### + Positive Test Result

- Return to school after:
  - Isolating at home for 5 calendar days from the day of the positive test,
  - Being fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and
  - A decrease in symptoms.
- **Student must wear a mask 5 calendar days after returning to school from isolation.**
- Parents of students in close contact will be notified as soon as possible by email.

# QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

## Student notifies the school 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:
    - Being fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and
    - A decrease in symptoms.
- + *Positive Test Result*
- Return to school after:
    - Isolating at home for 5 calendar days from the day of the positive test,
    - Being fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and
    - A decrease in symptoms.
  - **Student must wear a mask 5 calendar days after returning to school from isolation.**
  - Parents of students in close contact will be notified as soon as possible by email.

## Students in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for Covid-19:

- If a student is identified to have been in close contact with a positive case, the student may be exempt from quarantine upon proof of a negative test. Students are allowed to be tested immediately upon notification of close contact.
- Students who are not tested must quarantine for 5 calendar days **and wear a mask for an additional 5 calendar days upon returning to school.**
- Quarantined students must participate in virtual learning.
- **The date of exposure is considered the first day of quarantine.**

## **Employees in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for Covid-19:**

- Employees are considered essential workers and are not required to quarantine due to close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic and continue daily self-screening.
- Employees who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms must provide a negative test to be exempt from quarantine.
- Following exposure, employee must wear a mask for 10 calendar days.

## **Concentration of cases:**

- If a class, group, or team of students has an outbreak, the entire class, group, or team must quarantine at home for **5 days and wear a mask for an additional 5 calendar days upon returning to school.**
  - An outbreak is defined as 3 or more cases of COVID-19 in a classroom or group (sports team, group activity, band, or other) of 30 or less or 10% or more of larger groups within a 14-day period.

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