



# SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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## Sunburst Schools 2020-2021 Covid-19 Summary Plan (full plan is available on our website or by request)

Sunburst Schools plans to reopen schools as scheduled on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. The safety of our students, staff, parents, and community is at the forefront of all decisions. We are going to do our best to keep everyone safe, but there are inherent risks and we cannot guarantee that individuals may not be infected at school. With the many variables that exist as a result of this pandemic, we need everyone to understand that this plan may evolve throughout the year to adjust for the mandates or needs in our community, county, and state.

Sunburst Schools will utilize a high risk, moderate risk, and low risk model based on the health conditions and risks in our community in conjunction with the Toole County Health Department. As of August 7, 2020, Sunburst Schools will be utilizing the moderate level.

At Sunburst Schools, we will be taking practical and sensible measures to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. We realize that there are many facets to this pandemic and we cannot cover every situation that may present itself. We are fortunate to have smaller classes that provide us with the opportunity to try to have as much normalcy as possible by having students in “cohort” groups (K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>). Sunburst Schools may take the following measures to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19:

1. If students/staff are sick, they must stay home! Attendance policies will be adjusted for the 2020-2021 school year. The 5 day attendance grading policy will not be followed this year. Attendance awards will not be awarded.
2. Face Coverings at all indoor activities at school as well as the school bus will follow Governor Bullock’s mandate that was issued on August 12. This mandate requires all K-12 students and staff to wear face coverings if Toole County has 4 or more active cases. If Toole County has fewer than 4 active cases, face coverings will be optional for K-6 students in all areas including the school bus. Grades 7-12 will be required to continue to wear face coverings in the hallways, lunch lines, and on the bus. At the discretion of the teacher, 7-12 students may be required to wear them in the classrooms.
3. Social distancing will be encouraged whenever possible.
4. Random temperature/health checks may be taken. Students with a temperature of over 100.4 will be sent home.
5. Hand washing/hand sanitizing will be readily available and will be encouraged for all students/staff throughout the day.
6. All parents or visitors at Sunburst Schools will be required to follow the Governor’s mandate and wear a face covering at all times. Visitors/parents are only permitted to go to the office unless permitted by administration.
7. Bus transportation will be provided with assigned seats and students seated near their “cohort” group. Face coverings will follow the policy as state above.
8. Lunch service will be provided with students seated near their “cohort” group. Elementary students will eat in the lunchroom while 7-12 students will be eating at the high school.



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9. School sanitation will be a priority with all rooms and high touch areas/surfaces cleaned and disinfected frequently.
10. Field trips/out of district travel will be limited.
11. All extracurricular activities will follow the directives from the MHSA

### **What if Someone Contracts Covid-19?**

If a student/staff member contracts Covid-19, the school will follow the direction of the Toole County Health Department. There are a number of possible scenarios if this occurs, but the general protocol will have the student/staff member quarantine at home while the Toole County Health Department does contact tracing to determine others that may have been exposed within a 6 foot area for more than 15 minutes. Those individuals will be contacted by the Toole County Health Department. The school and health department will then coordinate in how best to proceed.

If an outbreak occurs at Sunburst Schools, we may be mandated to close our doors and return to remote learning. Students/staff will be working from the beginning of the year on programs so we can more easily make this transition.

### **Remote Learning Opportunity**

Sunburst Schools will offer a remote learning alternative for students that are health compromised or live with a family member that is health compromised. This program will cover the necessary curricular areas, but it may be taught by an alternative staff member. If the remote learning alternative is chosen, students must remain in this model for the entire semester. Please contact Superintendent Bucklin at either (406) 937-2816 or [tbucklin@sunburst.k12.mt.us](mailto:tbucklin@sunburst.k12.mt.us) by no later than August 21, 2020, if you want to utilize the remote learning option through Sunburst Schools.