



SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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Sunburst Schools 2020-2021 Covid-19 Staying Open Plan

Sunburst Schools intends to remain open by following the established protocols listed below for dealing with Covid-19 that have been effective in maximizing the safety of our staff and students while maintaining in-person, quality instruction.

We are going to do our best to attempt to keep everyone safe, but there are inherent risks and we cannot guarantee that individuals may not be infected at school. Following the established protocols and CDC guidelines will help to maximize the safety of our students and staff while limiting the liability to our school district. Because of the variables that exist as a result of this pandemic, this plan may continue to evolve to adjust for the needs in our community, county, and state.

The practical and sensible measures taken by Sunburst Schools to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 have been effective. We will continue to utilize “cohort” groups (K-2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, 9th-12th). 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 continue as they currently exist. All K-12 students and staff will be required to wear face coverings as advised by staff/administration. Grades K-6 will follow their current protocols which include wearing their masks in most hallway situations and in classes/other areas as directed by staff. 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, 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 established protocols 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 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. All students will eat in the lunchroom at designated times (K-2: 10:55, 3/4: 11:20 5/6: 11:40 JH/HS: 12:30
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 may be limited.
11. All extracurricular activities will follow the directives from the MHSAA



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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 over a 24 hour period. 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 have worked throughout the year to make this transition.