**Bliss School Operational COVID Protocol 2022-2023**

# Green: Traditional

School/district may return to a traditional school setting. No or minimal community spread and the following plans are in place:

1. Designate a COVID-19 point of contact (POC) to liaise with public health and respond to COVID-19 concerns (Kevin Lancaster)
2. Approved cleaning/disinfection plan
3. Teach and reinforce hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. (As directed by the CDC website)

**Yellow: E nhanced Traditional**

If there is minimal community spread and the following plans are in place:

## ALL of the measures in G

1. Maintain social distancing:

## REEN with the following additions:

* 1. **Assess the risk of** classroom activities that don’t allow for social distancing and limit if necessary.
  2. **Assess the risk of** large group activities where social distancing can not be maintained and limit if necessary.
  3. Immediately separate and send home students/staff who present COVID-19 symptoms at school.

## Plan for vulnerable students/staff

1. Staff: provide face shields or masks to vulnerable staff if they request them.
2. Students: allow for digital instruction and provide masks to the vulnerable student if they request it.

# ORANGE: Modified Schedule

If moderate community spread (community or schools) and the following plans are in place and approved:

## ALL of the measures in G REEN and Y ELLOW with the following additions:

1. Schools/departments **may** create a schedule designed to limit contact by reducing the number of students in the building at any one time allowing for social distancing.
2. Because social distancing is possible during a full/partial closure; staff will report to school to provide digital instruction and children of employees will be provided guidance on digital instruction or child care services from classified staff.
3. Ensure policies don’t encourage students/staff to come to school sick (student attendance policies put on hold until further notice)
4. Limit activities with large gatherings and implement enhanced safety protocols
5. Have an off-site education delivery plan ready and available in the event students remain home for extended periods of time and/or schools shut down

## Protocols for social distancing:

1. Maintain social distancing as much as possible
2. Discuss social distancing with students
3. Limit classroom activities that don’t allow for social distancing
4. Limit mixing of student groups to reduce potential exposure

## The District will use an approved portion of ESSER II funding to update the “old elementary”, including the ventilation system, to allow for additional social distancing.

**Red: Full Distance**

School/district **may** close for full distance learning if there is substantial community or substantial numbers of impacted staff/students as determined by administration and the local School Board.

1. Remote learning plans will be implemented for students including digital instruction and packets when necessary.
2. As long as it is deemed safe; Staff will be on site providing services
3. Lunch will be provided to students during closures. They will be available for pickup and delivery will also be provided as necessary.

## School Closure Protocols:

* 1. Contact public health
  2. Notify parents and staff
  3. Deep cleaning of school/facilities

## School cleaning

1. Disinfect according to CDC and public health guidelines.

## Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks:

The Murtaugh School District will not require students or staff to wear masks at any time, but masks will be available and provided to students or staff who request them.

## Contact Tracing:

Contact tracing will be conducted using the most current guidelines from the CDC and the SCPHD.

## Vaccine Information:

For vaccine information please contact the South Central Public Health District.

# Social/Emotional Mental Health:

**Students**: The District believes it is in the best interest of students' social, emotional and mental health to be in school with face to face instruction. Students will have access to our school counselor and other available resources as needed.

**Staff**: Staff are provided with four visits per incident through our Employee Assistance Program through the District insurance policy to use at their discretion.

## Diagnostic and Screening:

If you or your child have any symptoms of COVID, please contact your physician or get a COVID test before returning to school. See the link below for a description of the symptoms including cough, fever, fatigue and body aches.

**Return to School:** When students/staff can return after testing positive for or being exposed to COVID-19:

The District will follow the most current guidance from SCPHD and the CDC:

1. If student/staff member tested positive or was presumed positive for COVID-19 *and had symptoms*, they can return to school after:
   1. It has been 5 days since symptoms first appeared AND no fever for 24 hours
2. If a student/staff member tested positive for COVID-19 *but did not have symptoms,* they can return to school after:
   1. 5 days have passed from the first symptoms

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html)l This plan will be reviewed at a public School Board Meeting every six months through

September 30, 2023. Patrons/stakeholders will be notified of this review through a posted agenda. Public input will be taken at each review of the plan.