



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19
REOPENING PLAN



Re-Opening Overview

This plan was developed after consultation with the El Dorado County Public Health Officer, reference to guidelines from the CDC, California Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Education, as well as multiple meetings and surveys of stakeholders.

In determining the plan of action within, the District strove to balance issues including the local prevalence rate (i.e. risk) of the virus, impacts on the student and employee experience, and impacts on home and work life.

Although this plan addresses the general guidelines for reopening schools in Buckeye Union, the unique facilities of each site and program differences will lead to some variation in implementation.

The plans contained within this document have been developed with the goal of reopening our schools using the following points of reference as guiding considerations:

1. Protecting the health and safety of students, employees, and the community, in our schools, is the primary goal of the plan.
2. The manner and/or degree to which CDPH safety guidance is followed will be informed by the local prevalence rate/risk of COVID-19 balanced with practical considerations such as its effect on student learning and well-being, impacts on employees, facility constraints, and fiscal implications.

3. The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and Schools Based Programs serves as a primary guide for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.
4. The Public Health Officer for the El Dorado County Department of Public Health serves as an important consultant and authority for assessing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our communities and schools.
5. In the event the prevalence rate of COVID-19 increases within our community and/or COVID-19 emerges on school sites, the District, in consultation with our County Public Health Officer, will consider modification of the plans contained within this plan.

General Measures

Limit community entrance into and use of facility to essential activities.

- A. EDCOE extended day will provide limited day care on each site.
- B. Parent volunteers will not be utilized in classrooms.
- C. Parent gatherings will not occur before or after school. Special events (e.g. back to school night) will need to occur remotely.

Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.

- A. Foam sanitizer will be available in all offices, classrooms, lunch areas, and near play structures.
- B. All employees and students will be provided with a plastic face shield. Cloth face coverings will be provided to all employees upon request. Non-surgical masks will be available in front offices.
- C. Teachers, School Nurses, and Health Clerks shall provide developmentally appropriate instruction to students regarding the hygiene practices necessary to stem the spread of the virus.
- D. Teachers shall ensure all students wash their hands using hand sanitizer or soap and water whenever entering and leaving the room.
- E. Students shall be taught and prompted to wash their hands using sanitizer or soap and water prior to eating, after coughing or sneezing, and before and after using the restroom.
- F. All service providers will model healthy hygiene practices for students including washing hands when entering the classroom.
- G. Students will be encouraged to use cloth face coverings or a plastic face shield in the classroom. They are most essential when physical distancing of 6 ft. is not practicable. A face covering is mandatory for students riding buses.
- H. All employees are encouraged to wear face coverings. They are most essential when physical distancing of 6 ft. is not practicable.
- I. Food-service workers shall use gloves and face coverings whenever interacting with students.
- J. All members of the public entering school offices are required to wear a face covering.

Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

- A. School facilities and buses will be disinfected each day using electrostatic emitters with FDA approved cleaning solutions.
- B. All drinking fountains will be turned off, and students will be encouraged to bring a water bottle that can be filled at a classroom sink.
- C. Parents may supply their children with cleaning wipes of their choice. The District is prohibited from providing cleaning wipes to students.
- D. HVAC systems will be set to maximize circulation of air from outside buildings.
- E. Attempts will be made to limit use of shared objects/materials, when practical. Handwashing will be required prior to use of playground equipment.

Implementing Distancing Inside and Outside the Classroom

The District's facilities do not allow for strict implementation of social distancing at 6 ft. Given the current low prevalence rate of COVID-19 within El Dorado County and the Buckeye Union School District's Boundaries, and the implication for disruption to parent work and that students will lose educational opportunity if physical distancing is implemented (See Introduction Above),

The District has determined it will begin the school year without physical distancing.

Should the rate of virus within District Boundaries increase to the point that the El Dorado County Office of Public Health indicates that operating without physical distancing is prohibited, a rotating cohort (i.e. every other day) model or full-time distance learning model will be implemented.

- A. Parents of TK, K, and 1st grade students will have access to walk students to classrooms while practicing social distancing of six feet from other children and parents and wearing a face covering. Parents of grades 2-5 students are strongly requested to remain in vehicles at drop off and pick up.
- B. Visitors entering the front office must maintain 6 ft. of social distance and wear a face covering. Some offices can only accommodate 1 visitor at a time.
- C. Meetings between parents and employees should be conducted remotely whenever practical. In-person meeting participants must wear a face covering and practice social distancing of 6 ft.
- D. During elementary morning line-up, classes will be socially distanced. Students will be distanced, when lining up, to the extent practicable.
- E. Front offices will be provided with protective shields at counters where employees engage with the public.
- F. At middle schools, a block schedule will be implemented in order to reduce the number of students using rooms, each day, and to limit the number of students teachers come in contact with each day. Schedules are being created to reduce mixing of student cohorts.
- G. Community organizations will have limited access to facilities outside of school hours. Classrooms will not be available for use.

- H. Gatherings such as assemblies, field trips, and competitive athletic events will not occur.
- I. Students will be encouraged to socially distance to the extent practicable while eating lunch.

Limit Sharing

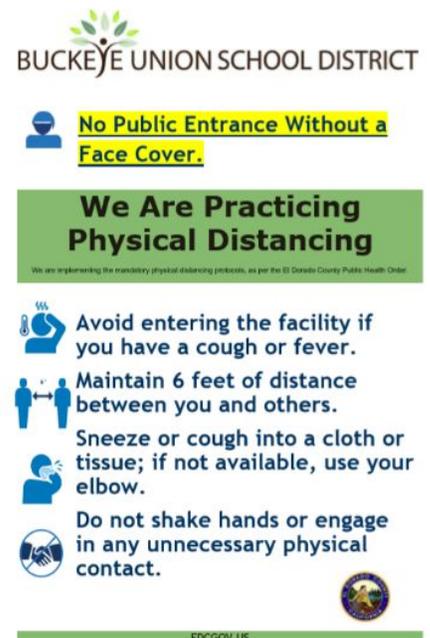
There are many materials that are typically shared within classrooms. To the extent practicable, sharing should be limited. In the event materials are to be shared, students must wash their hands prior to sharing. Some materials can be practically wiped down (e.g., P.E. and Recess Equipment) each day.

Train All Staff and Educate Families

Training and regular communications regarding the following topics will occur:

- Sanitation practices
- Physical distancing
- Face coverings
- Screening practices
- COVID-19 symptom identification
- Proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.

Signage will be posted throughout the site to remind students, employees, and the public of the practices that will minimize the possibility of COVID-19 spreading on campuses.



Check for Signs and Symptoms

- A. Employees will attest daily that they do not have COVID-19 and that they do not have a fever with co-related symptoms.
- B. Teachers will conduct visual wellness checks and see that students who do not appear well receive a temperature check by the health clerk or school nurse.
- C. Any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 will be immediately reported to the El Dorado County of Public Health.

Plan for When a Staff Member, Child, or Visitor Becomes Sick

- A. Isolation rooms will be identified at each school site to separate anyone with symptoms of COVID-19.
- B. Any individual that requires isolation shall wear a face covering as they await transport to home or to a hospital.
- C. Parents are required to immediately pick students up who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- D. If notified that an individual has COVID-19, the El Dorado Public Health Department will assist with contact tracing and further testing of individuals that have been in contact with the confirmed case.

- E. If notified that an individual has COVID-19, the El Dorado Public Health Department will provide guidance on when that person should return to work or school.
- F. Out of an abundance of caution, the District is requesting that parents keep students home for 48 hours after the student has had a fever. If the fever is suspected to be or is associated with COVID-19, then G. below applies.
- G. Per CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation, students and employees that have or suspect they have COVID-19 should stay home for 3 days with no fever, symptoms have improved, and 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

Considerations for Partial or Total Closure

In the event that COVID-19 is confirmed on a school site, the El Dorado County Department of Public Health will be immediately contacted by the District Superintendent or a designee for guidance regarding the need for closure.

Options for closure may range from 3-5 days to indefinite. A closure may impact single sites or the entire District. Again, Public Health will provide guidance.

In the event of a closure, teachers will be prepared to shift to providing Distance Learning that incorporates a combination of direct instruction and independent learning activities.