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FORT BENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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Fort Benton Secondary School 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan

The Middle School/High School will move their start time forward five minutes to 8:00 AM to allow time for temperature screening each day.

Class Sizes

As much as possible, larger classes have been separated and reduced into smaller class sizes to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

Social/Physical Distancing

We are encouraging students and staff to distance themselves when appropriate and feasible. Within the classroom, staff will work to allow distance (3ft - 6ft) between students. In the majority of situations, students will have assigned seats that will be sanitized at the end of each class period.

Face Coverings

Masks or shields will not be mandatory where social distancing is available. In the few cases where social distancing is not available (few classes and passing periods), masks will be required.

Staff are not required to wear masks or shields when social distancing is available.

*It should be noted that a mandate for face coverings (State, Federal, etc.) could be issued that would supersede the authority of our local Board of Trustees.

Health Screening

Parents will be responsible for monitoring and screening their child(ren) for symptoms of illness before sending them to school. Parents will receive a **Symptom Health Screening Form** that will be required before their child(ren) can return to school.

Temperatures of all students will be checked at their perspective door. Any student testing over 99.9° will be sent home.

Grades 7 and 8 will enter through the Middle School doors

Grades 9 and 10 will enter through the Cafeteria doors

Grades 11 and 12 will enter through the Main Entrance doors

Students, staff, or visitors who exhibit or report signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be immediately sent home until they meet the following criteria:

- 24 hours with no fever without the use of Tylenol **and**
- Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
- If symptoms can be attributed to another illness (i.e. positive flu or strep test) these guidelines do not apply



Busing

Rider temperatures will be taken as they board the school bus. Those with a temperature of 100.0° or more will not be allowed to board. Those with a temperature of 99.0° to 99.9° will be recorded and the building principal will be notified.

Face coverings will be required to board the school bus. Riders' mouths and noses will be covered while inside the school bus.

Seats will be assigned. Riders from the same family will be grouped together. When possible, there will be an empty row of seats between route riders.

School buses will be sanitized after each bus route.

Hallway, Lockers, and Classrooms

Students will be discouraged from congregating in the hallways. During transitions, students and staff will need to wear a face covering. When entering a classroom, students will sanitize their hands. Prior to exiting the classroom all desks/chairs/tables will be quickly sanitized prior to the next class entering the room.

Meals and Cafeteria

Lunch will be served according to the following schedule.

The schedule will rotate bi-weekly, allowing all classes and students the same opportunity.

Group A - Gr. 7 & 10

Group B - Gr. 8 & 11

Group C - Gr. 9 & 12

Dismissal Times:

- 12:17 – 1:00

- 12:22 – 1:00

- 12:27 – 1:00

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* Open campus is available for 9-12 students

** 7th and 8th grade students must remain on campus

*** During the warmer months, students will be able to eat outside

Visitor Protocol

In an attempt to limit the number of interactions and keep our schools open, we are asking that parents and community members - as much as possible - refrain from entering our building, when possible. If they need to enter the building, we will be asking that they please observe the guidelines set in place by the CDC: six-foot social distancing and, when needed, the wearing of a mask or shield.

Organized Field Trips and Extracurricular Activities

All field trips must be approved by the building Administration. The District will follow guidelines set up by the Montana High School Association for all extracurricular activities. The District will work with local health officials to address issues that arise when we are the host team (event attendance, sanitation, concessions, etc.).

Remote Learning

Please contact Mrs. Byle (cbyle@fortbenton.k12.mt.us) as soon as possible so we can get your child(ren) registered.

Parents and students choosing remote learning must notify the District as soon as possible. Those opting out of in-person/onsite learning will have one (1) week from the first day of school where they may choose to return to in-person/onsite instruction. After that week, if the District has not been notified that the student will return to in-person/onsite learning, the student will remain in remote/offsite learning for the remainder of the semester.



Students may only return to in-person/onsite learning at the beginning of the following semester. Students may not transition back and forth between in-person/onsite and remote/offsite learning.

Students who have opted for remote/offsite learning must notify the school immediately, meet with the principal, and enter a remote/offsite learning contract (see attached). These students will not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activities.

Students who have been required to quarantine due to contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and/or their own positive test results will immediately begin receiving remote/offsite instruction for the duration of their time in quarantine. These students will be graded in the same manner as the in-person/onsite students are graded. They are expected to “attend” school during school hours and communicate with their teachers in a timely and appropriate manner.

Any online learning options, dual credit, etc... have to be recognized and approved by Fort Benton Schools in order to be on the school transcript.

This return to school plan will be evaluated, reworked, and presented to the Board for approval for the second semester in December or as the Trustees see fit.

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