

# Treynor Community School District

## 2020-2021 School Year

# Return to School Plan



All K-12 students  
will return to school on  
Wednesday, August 19!

**WELCOME BACK!!**



### RETURN-TO-SCHOOL GOALS:

Goal #1: Have all K-12 students return to school for daily face-to-face quality instruction.

Goal #2: Protect the health, safety, and well-being of all students, teachers, and staff.

Goal #3: Remain responsive to all guidance and changes that impact Goals #1 and #2.

# A Note from the Superintendent...

During the last several weeks, the Treynor Community School and all other Iowa school districts have been preparing return-to-learn plans designed to help schools meet the challenges of the pandemic during the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of this work is to have different plans ready to educate students dependent on the status of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, Treynor administrators and the teacher leadership team have developed our Return-to-Learn Plan, which includes online learning, a hybrid learning model, and an on-site learning plan. Our Online Learning Plan will be used for required online learning in case of an emergency, such as the resurgence of COVID-19. The Hybrid Model is a combination of online learning and on-site learning. Students will physically attend school on assigned days and learn remotely from home on the other days. This would be used for a partial opening of school. The third plan is On-Site Learning. This means that all students will attend school, with health and safety measures in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In addition to our summer return-to-learn planning, the reopening of school activities has progressed in a positive direction. On June 1, the state allowed high school baseball and softball to begin practice, and games began on June 15. On June 25, the Iowa Department of Education issued guidance to begin offering other school activities with health and safety measures in place. Summer conditioning workouts for high school students began on July 6, followed by other small group workouts for fall athletes. Band lessons and small group work for marching band began on July 13. On August 10, fall sports practices will begin. That means our athletes will be participating in football, volleyball, and cross country. We are now prepared to welcome back all K-12 students on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 19. We are excited for the return of all students, teachers, and staff!

In order to welcome back all students, teachers, and staff in a safe manner, we are sharing our plan for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. This plan was developed with guidance from the state and national levels, the local county public health department, district legal counsel, and survey feedback from parents, teachers, and staff. This planning process evolved over the last several weeks, and we learned how to adapt to ever-changing mandates, requirements, and guidance. Because things often change quickly, it is important to note that this plan is subject to change.

The health and safety of all students, teachers, and staff is very important, and we will remain responsive to that as we move forward. In addition, we know that students need school, their friends, and the teachers and adults who help them grow and learn every day. If we all work together, we can safely bring students back to school—and keep them in school. Together, we can help all students have a productive and successful 2020-2021 school year. I am truly looking forward to the return of our students!!

After reviewing the information in the plan, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. You can reach me at 712-487-3414 or [mhopkins@treynorcardinals.org](mailto:mhopkins@treynorcardinals.org).

Dr. Mark Hopkins

# Middle School and High School On-Site Learning Plan

On-Site Learning: Middle School and High School	
<p><b>What is the plan for delivery of content/curriculum?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person classroom instruction. Curriculum focus will be on the power standards for each academic area. Teachers will reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year as needed.</li> <li>• Google Classroom will be used for posting of all class-related materials, assignments, and information.</li> <li>• JMC will be used for grading and lesson plans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will the school calendar be affected?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first day of school for students is set for Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The current school calendar can be found on the school website.</li> <li>• All K-12 teachers report to school on Tuesday, August 11 to begin the implementation of the return-to-school plans and other necessary changes to begin the school year.</li> <li>• If any changes become necessary, they will be communicated to families as early as possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is remote/online learning available for the On-Site Plan?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online learning will be offered for students with a medically diagnosed condition or for students who have family members residing in the same home who are vulnerable to health conditions. Families will need to complete a Request for Remote/Online Learning. The forms are available by contacting the superintendent's office.</li> </ul>
<p><b>When would we use the other learning plans (online learning and hybrid model)?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will use our backup plans if Governor Reynolds requires another school closure or limits the number of students allowed in a school building.</li> <li>• We will also use the plans if deemed necessary by local county health officials.</li> <li>• The plans will be available on our school website soon.</li> </ul>

## Health and Safety Guidance: Middle School and High School

**Will students and staff wear face coverings or masks at school?**

- Yes. It is the District's expectation that all students and staff wear face coverings/masks when social distancing is not possible.
- Students are encouraged to provide their own face covering/mask that is comfortable and school appropriate. As needed, the school will provide cloth masks or 3-ply disposable masks.
- Face coverings/masks will not be required during some activities, including outdoor activities and activities where it is possible to practice safe social distancing. Face covering/mask breaks will be provided throughout the day.

**Why are masks required?**

- **The use of face coverings/masks will help us return to school and stay in school! Our goal is to keep students in school and keep the school doors open for in-person instruction.**
- The Pottawattamie County Public Health Department and other health organizations strongly recommend the required use of masks when indoors and unable to social distance.
- In the event that a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19, wearing a mask is a key factor in determining what students and staff need to be quarantined from school or activities. The use of masks limits how many individuals may have to quarantine.

**Will students be screened prior to coming into the building?**

- No. Parents/guardians are expected to complete a screening of their children at home before sending their child(ren) to school.
- Parents should screen for the following: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- Call a medical professional if symptomatic. Students should not report to school if symptomatic.

<p><b>What sanitation practices will be implemented in the school building?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custodial workers will continue to sanitize and clean every classroom and common space in the school on a routine basis. We will utilize cleaning equipment such as electrostatic sprayers to disinfect classrooms.</li> <li>• Each classroom will have hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes for use during and between classes. Hand sanitation stations will be available for students and staff to use as necessary.</li> <li>• Proper education in handwashing, sanitation, and social distancing will be provided for all students and staff. Frequent handwashing and hand sanitation will be encouraged.</li> <li>• Doors will be propped open as much as possible to eliminate the touching of door knobs and to allow for better airflow.</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Water fountains will be shut off, but bottle filling stations will be available for student/staff use.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What will happen if a student shows signs of illness at school?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will report to a holding room near the nurse's office until a parent/guardian is able to take their child(ren) home.</li> <li>• School nurses will use the holding room for students who are feeling ill. Students will remain in that room until the nurse has an opportunity to ensure all necessary safety precautions are taken.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What happens if a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each case will be handled on an individual basis. Treynor School administration and nurses will work closely with the Pottawattamie County Public Health Department to determine what steps need to be taken.</li> <li>• The district is also waiting on further guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Education regarding how to handle these situations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Will students be able to use shared school-issued items such as library books?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sharing of school-issued items will be discouraged. However, in a setting where the sharing of items is necessary, proper sanitization and cleaning will take place between uses.</li> <li>• Students should not share non-school supplies or resources.</li> </ul>

<p><b>What mitigation practices will be implemented for school transportation?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students will be required to wear masks on the bus when social distancing requirements cannot be met.</li> <li>• All bus drivers will be required to wear masks. Buses will be sanitized after each use.</li> </ul>
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### Other General Guidance: Middle School and High School

<p><b>How will arrival at school be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are expected to wear face coverings/masks when entering the building.</li> <li>• Extra social distancing measures will be used during before-school hours.</li> <li>• Parents should remain in their cars during drop off and pick up.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will classroom transitions be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be expected to wear their face coverings/masks in the hallways and while at their lockers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will lunch protocols be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cafeteria seating capacity will be limited and some students may eat in other designated areas in order to socially distance.</li> <li>• Lunch tables will be spread out in the commons area, and seating will be limited. Increased lunch times with staggered dismissal times may be implemented.</li> <li>• Students will be expected to wear their face coverings/masks while waiting in line for lunch servings. Food service staff will wear masks, gloves, and other PPE as needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Will visitors be allowed to come to the school?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only visitors that are deemed necessary for school function will be allowed to enter the school building.</li> <li>• No student visitors will be allowed.</li> </ul>

# Elementary On-Site Learning Plan

On-Site Learning: Elementary School	
<b>What is the plan for delivery of content/curriculum?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-person classroom instruction. Curriculum focus will be on the power standards for each academic area. We will prioritize reading, math, and social-emotional learning. Teachers will reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year as needed.</li><li>• SeeSaw (K-2) and Google Classroom (3-5) will be used for posting of all class-related materials, assignments, and information.</li><li>• Academic progress and grades will be communicated to students and parents on an ongoing basis.</li></ul>
<b>How will the school calendar be affected?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The first day of school for students is set for Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The current school calendar can be found on the school website.</li><li>• All K-12 teachers report to school on Tuesday, August 11 to begin the implementation of the return-to-school plans and other necessary changes to begin the school year.</li><li>• If any changes become necessary, they will be communicated to families as early as possible.</li></ul>
<b>Is remote/online learning available for the On-Site Plan?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online learning will be offered for students with a medically diagnosed condition or for students who have family members residing in the same home who are vulnerable to health conditions. Families will need to complete a Request for Remote/Online Learning. The forms are available by contacting the superintendent's office.</li></ul>
<b>When would we use the other learning plans (online learning and hybrid model)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will use our backup plans if Governor Reynolds requires another school closure or limits the number of students allowed in a school building.</li><li>• We will also use the plans if deemed necessary by local county health officials</li><li>• The plans will be available on our school website soon.</li></ul>

## Health and Safety Guidance: Elementary School

<b>Will students and staff wear face coverings or masks at school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes. It is the District's expectation that all students and staff wear face coverings/masks. K-2 students will wear face coverings/masks during classroom activities except when they are seated at their individual desks or designated areas. 3-5 students will wear face coverings/masks when social distancing is not possible.</li><li>• Students are encouraged to provide their own face covering/mask that is comfortable and school appropriate. As needed, the school will provide cloth masks and 3-ply disposable masks.</li><li>• Face coverings/masks will not be required during some activities, including outdoor activities and activities where it is possible to practice safe social distancing.</li><li>• Face covering/mask breaks will be provided throughout the day for all students. Face covering/mask breaks will take place outside or in designated areas indoors.</li></ul>
<b>Why are masks required?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The use of face coverings/masks will help us return to school and stay in school! Our goal is to keep students in school and keep the school doors open for in-person instruction.</b></li><li>• The Pottawattamie County Public Health Department and other health organizations strongly recommend the required use of masks when indoors and unable to social distance.</li><li>• In the event that a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19, wearing a mask is a key factor in determining what students and staff need to be quarantined from school or activities. The use of masks limits how many individuals may have to quarantine.</li></ul>
<b>Will students be screened prior to coming into the building?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No. Parents/guardians are expected to complete a screening of their children at home before sending their child(ren) to school.</li><li>• Parents should screen for the following: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call a medical professional if symptomatic.</li> <li>• Students should not report to school if symptomatic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What sanitation practices will be implemented in the school building?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custodial workers will continue to sanitize and clean every classroom and common space in the school on a routine basis. We will utilize cleaning equipment such as electrostatic sprayers to disinfect classrooms.</li> <li>• Each classroom will have hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes for use during and between classes. Hand sanitation stations will be available for students and staff to use as necessary.</li> <li>• Proper education in handwashing, sanitation, and social distancing will be provided for all students and staff. Frequent handwashing and hand sanitation will be encouraged.</li> <li>• Students and staff will wash/sanitize hands prior to attending lunch.</li> <li>• Doors will be propped open as much as possible to eliminate the touching of door knobs and to allow for better airflow.</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Water fountains will be shut off, but bottle filling stations will be available for student/staff use.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What will happen if a student shows signs of illness at school?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will report to a holding room near the nurse's office until a parent/guardian is able to take their child(ren) home.</li> <li>• School nurses will use the holding room for students who are feeling ill. Students will remain in that room until the nurse has an opportunity to ensure all necessary safety precautions are taken.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What happens if a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each case will be handled on an individual basis. Treynor School administration and nurses will work closely with the Pottawattamie County Public Health Department to determine what steps need to be taken.</li> <li>• The district is also waiting on further guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Education regarding how to handle these situations.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Will students be able to use shared school-issued items such as library books, tools, etc.?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sharing of school-issued items will be discouraged. However, in a setting where the sharing of items is necessary, proper sanitization and cleaning will take place between uses.</li> <li>• Students should not share non-school supplies or resources.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What mitigation practices will be implemented for school transportation?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students will be required to wear masks on the bus when social distancing requirements cannot be met.</li> <li>• All bus drivers will be required to wear masks. Buses will be sanitized after each use.</li> </ul>

### Other General Guidance: Elementary School

<p><b>How will arrival at school be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will wear face coverings/ masks when entering the building. Students may enter the building or report to designated areas at 8:00 a.m.</li> <li>• All students will report to their classroom when arriving at school.</li> <li>• Parents should remain in their cars during drop off and pick up.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will classroom transitions be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be expected to wear their face coverings/masks and travel on the right side of the hallway.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will lunch protocols be handled?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cafeteria seating capacity will be limited and some students may eat in other designated areas in order to socially distance.</li> <li>• Food service staff will wear masks, gloves, and other PPE as needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Will visitors be allowed to come to the school?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only visitors that are deemed necessary for school function will be allowed to enter the school building.</li> <li>• No student visitors will be allowed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are other strategies being utilized by the elementary?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will primarily remain with their classrooms group throughout the day.</li> <li>• Teachers will be encouraged to be outside as much as possible (weather permitting).</li> </ul>