



Hulbert

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Return To

Learn

2023-2024

Hulbert Public School Riders returning to school in a healthy, safe and orderly manner.

We are returning to school in a traditional format for the 2023-2024 school year. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional and remote or distance learning, as necessary. Hulbert Public School will continue to monitor community spread and adjust this plan accordingly. As we navigate through these everchanging times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff, families and community.

TRADITIONAL-REMOTE

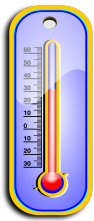
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For the 2023-2024 school year, Hulbert Public School will conduct traditional school. We will activate remote learning for all students if there is a need based on Average Daily Attendance and the local situation.



Hulbert Public School plans to resume traditional transportation. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation.



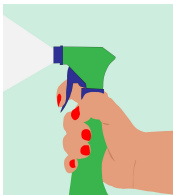
It is important that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher without medicine may enter any Hulbert Public School facility. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students and staff that students remain at home when ill.



Hulbert Public School will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. CDC guidance will be utilized for quarantine. Hulbert Public School will follow county, city, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.



The Social-Emotional well-being of our students is as important as their academic learning. Counselors and teachers will be prepared and available to help our students and families. The curriculum in social-emotional learning introduced will be continued.



Hulbert Public School will continue its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing, with installed hands-free faucets, and other healthy protocols will be continued. We will have hand sanitizer available.

Traditional - Remote Learning

On-Campus instruction

- All courses/classes taken at regularly assigned school site
- In-person instruction
- Traditional academic school day
- Transition as needed between in-class and remote learning*

Remote Learning Days

- Determined by the district, city, or state both scheduled and in the event of an outbreak*
- Can be utilized by individual families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- Counts as a school day
- Google Classroom Assignments given with expectation of completion
- Students continue to learn new material with teacher support
- Opportunities for students to collaborate and learn by interacting virtually with peers/teachers
- May include pre-recorded or live lessons/tutorials
- Regular support and contact from Hulbert teachers until on-campus class can resume

*In addition to potential school closures due to COVID-19, these options may be used as remote learning days in the event of cancellations including, but not limited to, inclement weather or other unforeseen factors.

**All Hulbert Public School students will participate in required on-site state testing.

Rider parents, students and staff,

I would like to thank all of you for your support, patience and diligence through these last three school years. In the true spirit of the Hulbert Rider, determination to overcome all that was encountered, we have made it through and persevered with knowledge and experience that will help us navigate this new school year and beyond.

The leadership team and I recognize the importance of returning students to school campuses for in-person instruction, as well as the overarching need to continue to protect the health and safety of our students, school staff, and broader community. Our goal remains to help reduce COVID-19 transmission in the school setting, while meeting the educational needs of all students. The updated guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from (but not limited to) the following: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Oklahoma Department of Health, Cherokee Nation Public Health, Cherokee and Muskogee County Health Departments and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

While it is our hope and goal to create and maintain the safest environment possible, to say that there won't be risks would be dishonest. We are going to do everything we can to minimize the spread.

Please contact your student's building principal with any questions regarding any of this information. Again, this plan is not meant to be the "end all" for post pandemic efforts and our response to it. It will change as we get more data and information. We realize there are so many levels of anxiety, worry, and unknowns, as we return to some type of normalcy. Our continued wish is to be a stabilizing influence on your students and to provide them the complete education that we all want for our children. I truly believe in our staff, our community, our parents, and our students!

Jolyn Choate
Superintendent

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS

SCREENINGS

STAFF

1. Each employee will complete the "Employee Self-Screening" form before arrival at his/her site.
2. Temperature checks will be administered at arrival. This will be determined by the current guidance available.
3. At any time during the day, if a staff member has a fever, they will be required to go home immediately. They will only be allowed to return to work after 2 calendar days of being fever-free with no fever reducing medication AND a negative COVID test OR a medical release document from a physician.

STUDENTS

1. Each student will be administered the "Student Self-Screening" form, by a parent or guardian, prior to arriving at school. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL.
2. If a fever is detected at any time during the day, the student will be isolated until arrangements are made to pick them up. They will be required to stay home for 2 calendar days until they are fever-free (without fever reducing medication) or they have a medical release document from a physician.

Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature or are symptomatic of any contagious illness. It is extremely important that our families partner with us in monitoring the health of our students and families.

VISITORS

1. All visits must be scheduled and pre-approved by building administration.
2. All visitors will be required to complete the "Essential Visitor Screening" form and have temperature taken before entry into the building. They will also be required to wear a mask for the duration of their visit.

EMPLOYEE SELF-SCREENING Form

The district is concerned for your safety and the safety of your co-workers, students and families. We are monitoring the development of Coronavirus. In the interest of ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment, we recommend that you voluntarily monitor your health status by carefully completing this self-assessment each day before coming to work.

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever (temperature of 100.4° or higher) 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

Self-check is to be completed daily by active employees before coming to work:

1. In the last two weeks, did you care for or have close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?

If you answered YES, please contact your supervisor, you should remain offsite from the school following the last potential exposure to the COVID-19. You may be required to submit evidence of exposure to an infected person. Should you be required to remain offsite, you should keep in contact with a building representative and receive clearance from them before returning to the premises. You will be required to have a medical release document from a physician.

2. Are you experiencing any of the symptoms above?

If you answered YES, but do not know if you have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your supervisor, you should remain offsite from the school and monitor your condition. If your symptoms worsen or you show any of the emergency warning signs for COVID-19: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face, **seek emergency medical care immediately**. You will be required to have a medical release document from a physician.

STUDENT SELF-SCREENING Form

Daily COVID-19 STUDENT SELF-SCREENING Form

In an effort to prevent possible exposure of staff and students to COVID-19, you are requested to review the following questions each morning and PRIOR to your child riding a school bus or entering school.

1. Does your child have a fever of 100 degrees¹ or more?
2. Is your child experiencing (a) a new loss of taste or smell, (b) nausea or vomiting, OR (c) diarrhea?
3. Is your child experiencing two or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19?
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
4. Is your child experiencing **ANY** of the **Emergency Warning Symptoms** of COVID-19?
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion
 - Inability to wake or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face
5. Has your child had, or do you think your child has, COVID-19?
6. Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?
7. Has your child been around a person with COVID-19?

If the answer to any of these questions is "YES," **YOUR CHILD SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME** and you should contact the attendance clerk at your child's school by phone or email. Students remaining home as a result of COVID-19 concerns will not be penalized regarding absences. Assignments, tests, or other school work can be made up by arrangement with teachers.

If your child is showing any of the **Emergency Warning Signs** listed in Question 4, **seek emergency medical care immediately.**

If your answer to Question 5, 6, OR 7 is "YES," please contact your physician and the Cherokee County Health Department at (918)456-8826 or W.W. Hastings Hospital COVID Hotline (833)528-0065 for specific guidance on the criteria to be met before your child returns to school.

¹ This temperature is set per the OSDE *Return to Learn Oklahoma*, June 2020 .

When to Isolate

Regardless of vaccination status, **you should isolate from others when you have COVID-19.**

You should also isolate **if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.** If your results are positive, follow the full isolation recommendations below. If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.

IF YOU TEST

Negative

You can end your isolation

IF YOU TEST

Positive

Follow the full isolation recommendations below

When you have COVID-19, isolation is counted in days, as follows:

If you had no symptoms

- **Day 0 is the day you were tested** (not the day you received your positive test result)
- **Day 1 is the first full day** following the day you were tested
- If you develop symptoms within 10 days of when you were tested, the **clock restarts at day 0 on the day of symptom onset**

If you had symptoms

- **Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset**, regardless of when you tested positive
- **Day 1 is the first full day** after the day your symptoms started

Levels of Contact - Guidelines for Exposure

These guidelines are intended to mitigate, not eliminate, risk. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk. *This situation evolves quickly and you will be updated as the situation changes.*

First Level Contact: If you have been diagnosed with a **lab-confirmed** case of COVID-19 (first level contact) and have been told to isolate (usually for 10 days), please notify the appropriate school personnel immediately. Stay home and quarantine until you are not experiencing symptoms for 3 full calendar days at the end of the quarantine **or** until you have been released to come back by a licensed MD or DO.

Second Level Contact: If you have been in close contact (within 6 feet for >15 minutes without wearing a mask) with a **lab-confirmed** case of COVID-19 (second-level contact), for an extended period of time notify appropriate school personnel, stay home and watch for symptoms for 14 days.

Options to reduce Quarantining when Second Level Contact

After day 10 without testing

After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

After stopping quarantine, you should

Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.

If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.

Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you experience symptoms and/or become a first level contact follow guidelines of a first level contact.

Third Level Contact: If you have been in contact with a person who has been in contact with someone with a **lab-confirmed case of COVID-19** (third-level contact), self-monitor with daily temperature checks and contact your primary-care provider. You may report to work/school. However, if in this scenario you develop symptoms, stay home and contact your health-care provider and appropriate personnel.

Symptoms may include:

- ◆ Fever or chills ◆ Fatigue ◆ Headache ◆ Sore Throat ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Cough ◆ Muscle or body aches ◆ Nausea or Vomiting ◆ Congestion or Runny Nose
- ◆ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ◆ New loss of taste or smell

RETURN to LEARN
General Guidelines for Families
Hulbert Public Schools

PROTECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

The following guidelines are shared with our school communities, including students, families, and staff, in an effort to lessen the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Over the past several weeks, representatives from the district's stakeholder groups, as well as leaders in specialized areas of the school district's service areas, have been researching the constantly evolving literature from the education, medical, and public health sectors. The goal has been to create carefully layered, flexible, and developmentally appropriate practices that will ensure the strongest advice given by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): All policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a *goal of having students physically present in school*. (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4stuh8>)

A host of reasons support this AAP recommendation, from the importance of in-person learning to the damage of social isolation; and Hulbert Public Schools is in complete agreement. The truth remains, however, that ensuring this goal will require **all** of us to work together.

The information presented in this document is shared so that all of our community can begin school with a shared understanding of our responsibility in keeping our students and staff safe from COVID-19. We know we cannot eliminate the virus; but with wise choices, we can slow the spread.

LAYERED MITIGATION PRACTICES

DAILY TEMPERATURE CHECKS - Each morning, families are asked to take their children's temperatures, as a fever of 100.4 or greater may be an indication of an active case of COVID-19. If this is the case, please keep your child home to monitor for additional symptoms.

RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL SYMPTOMS - While many children will present with fever initially, many will not. Other symptoms that may develop initially include the following: chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Any of these are cause for keeping a child home from school.

HYGIENE - Handwashing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating. They will also have access to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the school building when hand washing opportunities are not readily available.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - While it will be difficult to maintain distance between the students at school, each site will be devising plans to provide for this precaution in the common areas of hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, gyms and buses.

FACE COVERINGS - Evidence continues to mount on the role and importance of face coverings in interrupting the spread of COVID-19. The latest indication is that the use of face coverings protects both the wearers and those with whom they come in contact. Face coverings could be mandatory, based on community spread.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - Details on the above practices and expectations for their implementation in Hulbert's Elementary, Middle and Secondary schools follow.

**Return to Learn
Elementary Guidelines for Families
Hulbert Public Schools**

EXPOSURES, DIAGNOSES, & RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID-19

In regard to exposures, diagnoses, and positive tests, the CDC recommends the following:

- Anyone who has had close contact with someone positive for COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days from the last day of contact, based on the time it takes to develop the illness. However, the CDC has listed the following options to reduce the quarantine time period:

Options to reduce Quarantining when First Level Contact

After day 10 without testing

After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

After stopping quarantine, you should

Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.

If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.

Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).

- Any child who tests positive or has COVID-19 symptoms may return to school after at least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours with no fever and not taking fever reducing medication and other symptoms are improving. If a child has been hospitalized, then 20 days must have passed since the onset of symptoms.
- A child who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after 10 days have passed since the test.
- As always, be sure to call the school to report your child's absence.
- For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

MASKS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Face masks for elementary students may be required. If this is deemed necessary, all students are asked to have a mask available at all times, except when eating meals, naptime, recess and physical education when social distancing is not possible. Schools will promote and reinforce the use of face coverings for all students; however, masks may not be provided by the school for the duration of the school year.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL

If a teacher suspects that a student may have COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will contact the office to arrange for an adult to come to the classroom and escort the student to an isolation room. Parents will be contacted immediately to pick up their child and seek a medical opinion.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

As students arrive at school in the morning, they will be directed to go to their classrooms or a general area in which social distancing is feasible. Parents may escort their children into the building, after following safety screening protocols. All parents will be asked to remain in their cars and drive through the drop-off line to ensure a safe exit from and entrance into their family vehicles. While awaiting dismissal, students will be in their classrooms, still following social distancing guidelines by not waiting in large groups.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Students will wash hands prior to eating. As much as possible, the children will be seated in the cafeteria in a manner to allow for distancing. When cafeteria space is limited, students will be directed to eat in another area in order to provide for distancing. No guests will be allowed to have lunch on-site as long as the threat of COVID exposure is predominant in the community. Parents are encouraged to limit the times they check their students out for lunch in an effort to minimize unnecessary potential exposure.

RECESS

The elementary site will develop a recess schedule that allows daily outdoor playtime for all students. Recess schedules may vary due to limiting the number of students in any one area. Plans above are subject to change as new information becomes available or as new situations arise related to COVID-19.

SUPPLIES

Sharing of supplies such as crayons, markers, scissors and pencils will not be allowed. Students will keep their individual supplies separated from those of others in individually labeled containers or cubbies. Any manipulatives needed for instructional purposes will be sanitized prior to use by another student.

SNACKS

No classwide snacks will be allowed or distributed at school. Students choosing to bring a snack to school may bring an individually wrapped snack for themselves. We are exploring options in providing snacks.

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Before and After Care programs at the elementary site will follow the guidelines established by HPS. When appropriate, a parent may escort his or her child to the building to check-in, but the adult will need to be wearing a mask. If a heightened level of protocol is deemed necessary, drop off and pick up for beyond school hours will take place at the entrance to the Before and After Care program without the parent exiting the family vehicle.

WATER FOUNTAINS AND RESTROOMS

The school now has water bottle filling stations available to students and faculty. Students and staff are encouraged to bring filled water bottles or other non-breakable water containers to school with them. Student restrooms will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day by the site custodial staff, who will use portable disinfectant foggers to sanitize the areas. Staff restrooms will also be disinfected periodically throughout the school day.

Hulbert Public Schools Plans above are subject to change as new information becomes available or as new situations arise related to COVID-19.

**Return to Learn
Secondary Guidelines for Families
Hulbert Public Schools**

EXPOSURES, DIAGNOSES, & RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID-19

In regard to exposures, diagnoses, and positive tests, the CDC recommends the following:

- Anyone who has had close contact with someone positive for COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days from the last day of contact, based on the time it takes to develop the illness.

Options to reduce Quarantining when First Level Contact

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After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

After stopping quarantine, you should

Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.

If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your local public health authority or healthcare provider.

Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).

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- A child who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after 10 days have passed since the test.
- As always, be sure to call the school to report your child's absence.
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MASKS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Face masks for secondary students may be required. If this is deemed necessary, Hulbert's secondary students will be expected to wear masks throughout the day. With respect to the spread of the virus, the optimal, safest situation is for all students and staff to wear masks at all times.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL

If a teacher suspects that a student may have COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will contact the office to arrange for an adult to come to the classroom and escort the student to an isolation room. Parents will be contacted immediately to pick up their child and seek a medical opinion.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Arrival routines may look different this year in an effort to allow students to maintain a safe physical distance from one another as they wait for the first hour bell to begin class. Each site will work with the

layout and options in their specific building to maximize opportunities for distancing in the minutes before school begins. At the end of the day, students will be released in a staggered manner to avoid all students traveling simultaneously through the halls toward the same exit.