

KILLDEER PUBLIC SCHOOL

2020-2021 HEALTH & SAFETY SCHOOL REOPENING GUIDELINES

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Killdeer School Families,

It has been a challenge for our entire community since March, but we hope you have found ways to cope and embrace this new normal. Thank you to the students, staff, parents, and community members who have helped us succeed in these difficult times. The 2019-2020 school year was challenging but we are proud of our students and their educational accomplishments.

The challenge now is planning for what school will look like during the 2020-2021 school year. This is a daunting task as we all realize how the impact and response to COVID-19 has changed rapidly over the past four months. This plan will try to address these challenges, while providing a flexible framework to guide our response over the next school year.

Currently, Dunn County and the Killdeer School District is classified by ND CDC and the SW Health District Unit as Low Risk/New Normal (Code Green). Having a “Code Green” status; state officials encourage schools to open and instruct students using the face to face instructional model. Not only for academics, but also for social and emotional purposes we are compelled to strive to return to an in-person model. Yet, we cannot disregard that the health and safety concerns associated with the virus remain. The district must consider all practical steps to keep our school from contributing to virus spread in our community.

This plan presents many hours of critical thinking, research, modeling, and work by our educators, staff, school board and other educational personnel across the state.

We realize that reviewing this plan may not address every question you have. We recognize some concepts and actions may be polarizing, and there are strong opinions about what the school should do or should not. But we must remain open to what is possible and consider all options so we can move forward.

Thank you for your time reviewing this plan. We encourage everyone to ask questions and communicate their concerns as we move forward. Together, our school can provide quality education to our children in a safe manner, if we work together to solve problems.

Respectfully,

Mr. Jeff Simmons, Superintendent

Pam Kukla, School Board President

Basic Health and Safety Guidance for School, Home and Out in Public

The district strives to provide a healthy and safe environment for all who occupy our school. The following guidelines are intended to provide a framework for the district's response to COVID-19.

Best Intentions

Despite taking every reasonable precaution, there is not a guarantee that our school will be without risk as it relates to COVID-19. The virus will be present on our buses and in our classrooms. In certain situations, social distancing is not possible in a school setting. Our actions, as outlined in this plan, will not prevent any student or staff member from being in contact with the virus.

- Protect Yourself and Others
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands often throughout the day at school as well as home
- Avoid close contact
- Keep social distance from others
- Sharing of items & materials should be limited as much as possible
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow
- Throw tissues away and wash hands or use hand sanitizer to prevent spread



Who Determines the Color of our State?

- The Governor in consultation with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) will make the determination if and when the state or a specific county may change colors.

Who determines the Color of our School District?

The determination will be local control and ultimately the decision of the school board. The decision will be based on cases in school and guidance from state and local health officials.

How do I know the Color of my County?

- North Dakota's K12 Smart Restart will follow what is identified at the state level. If the state adjusts from a statewide color to a county color, communication will occur among the NDDOH, NDDPI, and the Governor's Office and Local Public Health will be informed. The NDDOH in coordination with Local Public Health will provide updated information to school districts if this occurs.

May our District choose to implement more Stringent Health & Safety Protocols?

- Absolutely. School districts may choose to implement specific mitigation protocols that are more stringent than what is included in the current color risk level.

Health Check: To accomplish our goal of reopening our schools and keeping them open, it will be important for students, staff, parents, and patrons to do their part by following health guidance and monitor their health.

The CDC does not recommend universal symptom screenings be conducted by schools. Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. A decision tree is available for use by parents.

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/NDDoH_COVID-19_Parents_Decision_Tree.pdf

- In addition to general infectious disease exclusion criteria, school will exclude ill children or staff who meet the following criteria: Fever (100.4oF or higher)/feeling feverish, sore throat, new/worsening uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of taste and/or smell
- OR two or more of the following symptoms with new or worsening onset: fatigue, severe headache, muscle/body aches, chills, congestion/runny nose.
- Children or staff should stay home for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) and improvement of symptoms – whichever is longer.
- Children or staff waiting for a test result are asked to self-isolate until they receive the positive or negative test result.

Close Contact: is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 consecutive minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/School%20Resources/NDDoH_COVID-19_School_Decision_Tree.pdf

- Children or staff who are identified as close contacts to a confirmed case of COVID-19 are asked to quarantine until 14 calendar days after their last known exposure to the case.
- Asymptomatic close contact students or staff may return to school if *wearing a mask* and having two temperature checks each day for the 14 calendar days (regardless of negative test). If, at any point, they begin exhibiting symptoms, please refer to guidelines for students or staff exhibiting symptoms.
- In a school setting, close contacts to a case are often friends, teammates, classmates sitting next to, in front of, or behind the case, and potentially children in the same room as a case.

- This may mean that certain classrooms in a school have to be closed for 14 calendar days. If a case occurs in staff or children who are in multiple classrooms, then this may mean a higher number of close contacts have to be excluded from school for 14 calendar days.
- It can take up to 14 days to develop COVID-19. If a parent or other household member tests positive, the child must stay out of school for the case's isolation period (10 calendar days from onset) plus the child's quarantine period (14 calendar days) for a minimum of 24 days from two days before onset of symptoms.
- If a parent is a contact to someone confirmed to be positive for COVID-19 (case), then the child may still attend school if the child did not have direct contact to a case.

Responding to a Confirmed Case of COVID-19: An important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community is identifying those who may be sick, infected or who have been exposed.

- The confirmed case of COVID-19 must be excluded (isolation period) from school for ten days after onset of symptoms (if no symptoms, then exclusion is ten days after collection date of test) and be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) and have improvement of symptoms, whichever is longer.

Students/Family

- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 we ask that:
 - You do not send your child to school
 - Notify the school of the positive test
 - Follow guidance from your health provider regarding isolation and contact tracing

School District

- School personnel will alert Administration and District COVID Coordinator
- The NDDoH will provide guidance to the school and the case or case's parents/guardians.

- District will coordinate efforts to communicate to staff, students, and parents the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/School%20Resources/NDDoH_COVID-19_Recommendations_for_Schools.pdf

Criteria Risk Indicators

If 3% of the school population is COVID positive, the school will move from green (low risk) to yellow (moderate risk) at the discretion of the administration.

If 10% of the school population is COVID positive or if there is not enough staff, the school will *shut down for 72 hours* to move from yellow (moderate risk) to red (high risk) at the discretion of the administration. *Red status will be reevaluated after 14 calendar days.*

Phase I – Critical/High Risk School Closed	Phase II – Moderate Risk School Open	Phase III – Low Risk/New Normal School Open
<i>Greater than 10% of the population is COVID</i>	<i>Greater than 3% and less than 10% of the population is COVID positive or if there is not enough staff</i>	<i>3% or less is considered positive</i>

School-Based Operation Status

Phase I (Critical/High Risk)	Phase II Moderate Risk	Phase III Low Risk/New Normal
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full School Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms • School • District Office • 72-hour closure until teachers return to building • 14-day quarantine • After quarantine period, re-evaluate on return to Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Open (Face-to-Face with all students) • 4 Days in-person learning, 1 Day distant learning. • Staff in building 5 days per week • Mandatory Masks for all students and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Open (Face-to-Face with all students) • 4 Days in-person learning, 1 Day distant learning. • Staff in building 5 days per week
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Educational Delivery

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<p>Students and Teachers will move to Distance Learning Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will be in school 5 days per week • Students not in school will receive their assignments and work through Schoology, Seesaw and Office 365 Teams at home <p><i>Special populations (SpEd, Title I, etc.) could possibly receive some scheduled services in the school building provided health and safety protocols would be in place.</i></p>	<p>Traditional Face-to-Face Instruction 4 days per week – 1 day of distance learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will be in school 5 days per week • Students not in school will receive their assignments and work through Schoology, Seesaw and Office 365 Teams at home <p><i>Special populations (SpEd, Title I, etc.) could possibly receive some scheduled services in the school building provided health and safety protocols would be in place.</i></p>	<p>Traditional Face-to-Face Instruction 4 days per week – 1 day of distance learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students not in school will receive their assignments and work through Schoology, Seesaw and Office 365 Teams at home • Teachers will be in school 5 days per week

Instructional Information

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
Students will receive all their assignments and work through Schoology, Seesaw and Office 365 Teams	Students who are in school will receive all their assignments and work face-to-face in school. Students who are not in school will have obtained information from teachers the day prior.	All teachers will incorporate Schoology and/or Seesaw resources into their weekly instruction

Health Protocols

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<p>Not Applicable, school closed</p> <p><u>Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-coverings REQUIRED 	<p><u>Staff/Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-coverings REQUIRED • Health screening and temperature check completed each morning outside of school by parent/guardian • Immediate notification to administration if directly exposed to COVID-19 <p><u>Communication to families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification via telephone, email, School website, and School Facebook page 	<p><u>Staff/Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students presenting symptoms will be required to wear a mask and will be quarantined until they are picked up • Face-coverings are RECOMMENDED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-foot distance cannot be maintained • Close proximity longer than 15 minutes • Dealing with ill individuals • Prompt notification to school personal about illnesses • Avoid congregate areas and groups • Health screening and temperature check completed each morning outside of school by parent/guardian • Immediate notification to administration if directly exposed to COVID-19 <p><u>Communication to families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification via telephone, email, School website, and School Facebook page <p><u>At Risk Students</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified at risk students will have the opportunity to continue learning via a distance learning platform
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Hygiene

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<p>Not applicable – School Closed Teachers will use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper hand washing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Teachers should wash hands often Use of hand sanitizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After touching frequently used items or surfaces EACH time you ENTER or LEAVE a room Avoid touching face Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of elbow Teachers will NOT share supplies (pencil, notebook, book, eraser, glue, crayons, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will instruct students on proper hygiene techniques and review techniques including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper hand washing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students should wash hands often Use of hand sanitizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After touching frequently used items or surfaces EACH time you ENTER or LEAVE a room Avoid touching face Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of elbow Students will NOT share supplies (pencil, notebook, book, eraser, glue, crayons, etc) Drinking fountains will be disabled but students will have access to re-usable bottle filling station Teachers/Staff & Students observe proper mask-wearing protocols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks should be worn covering the nose and mouth. Do not touch your mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will instruct students on proper hygiene techniques and review techniques including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper hand washing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students should wash hands often Use of hand sanitizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After touching frequently used items or surfaces EACH time you ENTER or LEAVE a room Avoid touching face Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of elbow Students will NOT share supplies (pencil, notebook, book, eraser, glue, crayons, etc) Drinking fountains will be disabled but students will have access to re-usable bottle filling station

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Physical Distancing/Group Size

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<p>School Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing where possible • Group gatherings will take place virtually • Promote & practice daily hygiene and sanitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing where possible • Controlled movement where possible (classes, hallways, common areas) • Group gatherings will not take place (No assemblies, field trips, etc.) • Promote & practice daily hygiene and sanitation & COVID-19 hygiene education • Stagger recess, lunch, specials, schedules • Maximum space between students will be practiced as much as possible • Special Services (SpEd/Interventions) will continue as pull-out services • Students will carry notebooks in backpacks, textbooks will stay in classrooms to limit/eliminate use of lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote & practice daily hygiene and sanitation methods and COVID-19 hygiene education • Limit group gatherings (assemblies, field trips, etc.) • Stagger recess, lunch, specials schedules • Maximum space between students will be practiced as much as possible • Special Services (SpEd/Interventions) will continue as pull-out services

Cleaning Protocol

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and shut down for 72 hours Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas Bathrooms will be disinfected twice daily Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (Ex. Keyboards, phone receiver, door handles, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily & hourly routine classroom cleaning procedures by students & teachers. (Shared tools, materials, etc.) Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (Ex. Keyboards, phone receiver, door handles, etc) Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas Hand sanitization stations in each classroom and common area Sanitation cleaning materials provided in every classroom Bathrooms will be disinfected twice daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily & hourly routine classroom cleaning procedures by students & teachers. (Shared tools, materials, etc.) Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (Ex. Keyboards, phone receiver, door handles, etc) Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas Hand sanitization stations in each classroom and common area Sanitation cleaning materials provided in every classroom Bathrooms will be disinfected twice daily

Food Services

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow state guidelines regarding food services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff & students REQUIRED to wear face-coverings while in the food service line Breakfast and Lunch plated by kitchen staff & served in cafeteria Plexi-glass placed on serving window No self-serve items will be available Lunch service times staggered to permit social distancing No visitors allowed to eat with students Gym may need to be utilized to accommodate student numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafeteria Staff RECOMMENDED to wear face-coverings while in the food service line Breakfast and Lunch plated by kitchen staff & served in cafeteria Plexi-glass placed on serving window No self-serve items will be available Lunch service times staggered to permit social distancing No visitors allowed to eat with students

Access to Buildings

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
Not Applicable – School Closed	<p><u>Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors past entry point • Visitors REQUIRED to wear face-coverings if entering the building • Later Arrival – Guardian will bring student no further than front entrance. • Early Pick-up- Guardian will wait by front entrance for student 	<p><u>Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited visitor access (by appointment; official school business only) • Visitors RECOMMENDED to wear face-coverings if entering the building • Later Arrival – Guardian will bring student no further than front entrance. • Early Pick-up- Guardian will wait by front entrance for student

Activities/Facility Use

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<p>Not Applicable – School Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All school sponsored activities and practices suspended until further notice • No outside use of the facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School sponsored activities and practices continue under the NDHSAA Guidelines • Daily attendance logs will be kept • Staggered locker room schedules with additional cleaning times • Fans are encouraged to wear masks, use social distancing practices and sit as family groups • <i>Athletes & coaches will be required to wear masks when not in play – in locker rooms, on the bench, during travel, etc.</i> • Video streaming of games to limit fan attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School sponsored activities and practices continue under the NDHSAA Guidelines • Daily attendance logs will be kept • Staggered locker room schedules with additional cleaning times • Fans are encouraged to use social distancing practices and sit as family groups • Video streaming of games to limit fan attendance • Hand sanitizer stations at ticket taking and concession areas • Game workers RECOMMENDED to wear face-coverings • No outside use of the facility

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Transportation

Phase I School Closed	Phase II School Open	Phase III School Open
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No student transportation • Follow state guidelines regarding food services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will sit in family groups and have assigned seating • Space between students will be maximized as much as possible • District vehicles will be sanitized before pick up and after drop-off • Staff and students REQUIRED to wear face-coverings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will sit in family groups and have assigned seating • Space between students will be maximized as much as possible • District vehicles will be sanitized before pick up and after drop-off. • Staff and students RECOMMENDED to wear face-coverings

Killdeer Reopening to School Health & Safety Committee:

Jeff Simmons - Killdeer School Superintendent

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Andrew Cook, Karter Kleeman, Brock Pittsley, Kari Schneider – Administration

Dr. LeAnn Nelson – COVID Distance Learning coordinator

Holly Schmidt - School Nurse/Teacher District COVID coordinator

Janell Jepson, Jenni Wallace & Jess Klym - Parents/Administrative Assistant

Nick Klatt – Buildings and Grounds

Margaret Kerr - Food Service

Sarah Krueger - Dunn County Health Nurse

Ruth Adams – School Counselor

Rebecca Boltz, Nicole Nowitzki, Greta Pennington – Teacher Representatives

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President Pam Kukla: _____

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