



## **Forgan Public Schools Return to School Plan**

Forgan Public School believes the safety of our students, staff, and families is of the utmost importance. We have worked urgently to prepare and plan for any situation that may arise due to COVID-19. Included in this plan are the steps the district intends to take to maintain a healthy learning environment where every student, staff, and family can feel protected. Changes may be necessary to further protect our students/staff and community and the district will continue to employ the best communication practices to actively keep our stakeholders informed.

School will remain in person daily (traditional) and will follow the normal school calendar which is put out each year. School will start on August 12th -2021.

Learning Options:

### **1. Traditional Learning**

All students are encouraged to return to school and follow the traditional learning plan/schedule which enhances student achievement, content knowledge, social and emotional skills, engagement and socialization and continue to enhance technical and specialized skills that will prepare students for careers and adulthood.

### **2. Virtual Learning**

This option can be chosen by parents after meeting with administration and staff to properly communicate expectations of academic success in a virtual classroom. Students must be proficient in Google Classroom, Exact Path, or Study Island learning systems. Students will maintain weekly and daily activities online, will be encouraged to communicate frequently with each teacher, and will be plugged into as many online classroom activities as possible to maintain healthy social and emotional interaction with other students. To participate in extra-curricular activities or school sponsored activities virtual students must return and be active in the traditional learning option.

### **3. Blended Learning**

Forgan Public School will continue to employ a blended learning system when and if necessary to help protect students, staff, and families should issues with COVID-19 arise. Blended learning specifically mixes virtual days throughout the traditional calendar as days where students are required to complete/interact on a virtual platform with peers and teachers. Blended learning at times can be a necessity for the school to have thorough cleanings, or for the need of quarantining.

## **Instruction**

1. Teachers will implement and maintain an online classroom/resources for all students who may miss days during the school year. The online classroom/resources will be utilized to help distant students stay engaged with teachers, curriculum, and students along with providing seamless fluidity between methods of instruction.
2. As allowed extra and new elective classes will be added or kept to provide more sparse classroom size, allowing for a minimal teacher to student ratio.
3. All closing(s) will be for the shortest time allowable, all students would follow the district distance learning plan, utilizing the resources familiar to them from their respective classes. Grades will continue to be kept as normal during this time.
4. Attendance: The district policy on maintaining proper attendance will go back into effect; with obtaining over 10 absences resulting in a failing grade for a semester. With any extended absences from school, cases will be handled on a case by case basis. Students participating in the virtual learning system will be required to log in daily to their classroom in order to not be counted absent for that day..

## **Mitigation**

Forgan Public School will continue to closely monitor all health related occurrences and keep all stakeholders aware of any changes and continue to act as a safeguard for all students, staff, and families.

1. Forgan Public School will continue to encourage all families to do home health checks daily to get early diagnosis of any symptoms related to COVID -19.
2. The North and South entrances to the school will be unlocked at 7:40, students or staff who exhibit a fever over 100.1 degrees must immediately be sent home, they will be asked to stay away from school until fever free for 24 hours.
3. We will have hand sanitizer readily available in all classrooms. Students must sanitize hands entering and exiting a class and will be reminded daily to keep hands clean.
4. Bathrooms and facilities will be regularly disinfected, along with areas of high student concentration in and around school.
5. The static electric disinfectant sprayers will continue to be used on a regular basis to keep buses, classrooms, lockers, cafeteria, offices, and locker rooms clean and sanitized.

6. Visitors/parents must check in at the main office and will not be allowed in the hallways or classrooms at this time. Students will be directed to the office at the request of the parents/guardians who are needing interaction.
7. Students will continue to be encouraged to bring their own water bottles for school as limited access to water fountains will be maintained by school staff.

### **Wellness Education**

1. Prevention posters and reminders for students will remain posted throughout school facilities.
2. Training will be provided for teachers and students on common preventative measures and strategies.
3. Mental health resource can be made available to students and staff who are in need
4. Proper hygiene, nutrition, sleep, and other health necessities will be encouraged for students and staff.

### **Leadership/Communication**

1. School administration will actively communicate with parents/guardians concerning any changes that may affect the normal school routine including closure, early dismissal, changes in schedules, or instruction.
2. Teachers will communicate frequently with students and parents regarding in class or distance instruction.
3. Various modes of communication will be utilized to benefit transparent and timely interaction between all stakeholders.
4. Conferences can be in person with proper spacing between conference times, or be virtual, email, or a phone call to best meet the needs of stakeholders involved.
5. Athletics and Activities will follow the normal OSSAA or district guidelines for participation, cancellations, or any health protocols or procedures.

## If Positive Cases are Recorded

### POSITIVE CASE —

1. Forgan Public School will have contact with the county Health Department to begin **contact tracing.**
2. Communicate to staff.
3. Communicate to parents at the site of any positive cases reported.
4. County health department will decide which students or staff will have to be quarantined and go to distance learning dependent on exposure level as determined by the county health officials.
5. If the attendance at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district (dependent on school size and structure) will go to distance learning for two weeks. The count starts on the first day of distance learning. This condition could be altered based on the recommendation of the County Health Department.
6. Grab and Go meals will be provided on request for those students remanded to Distance Learning. Delivery schedule will be dictated by Forgan Public School.