

Morgan County students will return to school on August 5, 2020.

It is our priority to create a feasible plan that reflects deep consideration for student and staff safety, successful academic provisions, and a supportive, caring environment.

Schools will open in a traditional manner with a remote option for families. This choice must be made for planning purposes no later than Friday, July 17, 2020. Parents will declare their intent for remote learning using the following Google form link or requesting a paper copy version from their school or district office. <https://forms.gle/rpWCNmck2kpXvZ5g9>

Because information and guidelines related to COVID-19 are fluid, flexibility is important and continuous review of this plan will be necessary.

Health and Safety Protocols

Precautions will be implemented including, but not limited to:

- Increased access to hand-sanitizing stations will be available in common areas.
- Handwashing breaks will be provided where feasible.
- Intensive cleaning will be conducted throughout all buildings.
- Thoughtful group sizes will be established that are practical in a school setting.
- Face coverings for students will be optional in school buildings.
- Face coverings for staff will be encouraged.
- Signage will be posted in all buildings promoting frequent handwashing and social distancing.
- Parents are requested to complete temperature checks prior to sending children to school.
- Temperature checks will be conducted on all persons prior to entering the school building.
- School buildings will open at 7:45 A.M. to admit students.
- Field trips and large group assemblies will resume when health guidelines permit.
- LPNs will be available to each building.

Academic Instruction

Traditional Instruction

- Daily instruction will be provided for all students in-person while adhering to additional safety guidance related to group sizes, handwashing, and cleaning.

Remote Instruction

- Remote learning will be provided for families seeking an alternate option. Specific guidance about requirements for remote learning including grading and expectations will be provided.
- Electronic devices (Chromebooks) will be provided to appropriate grade levels.
- Internet access at home is recommended but not required. For families without access, a removable storage device will be provided. In addition, school parking lots will have mobile hotspots open for after hour student use.

Student Supports

- Attendance modifications and remote options will be made as necessary to support immunocompromised students. Meetings will be conducted at the school level to determine specific supports for each student's unique needs.
- Student Wellbeing Teams will be available at each school to connect families to needed resources.
- Students with an IEP, 504, or ILP will continue to receive academic supports and related services according to their individual plan.

Operations

Visitors

- Visitors to buildings during normal operating hours will be limited.
- All visitors will have a health and temperature screening.

Custodial Services

- Daily and weekly cleaning protocols will be enhanced.

After School Program

- The after school program will continue operations at each school.
- Cleaning and safety protocols will be enhanced.

Extracurricular Activities

- All extracurricular activities will follow updates and guidance from TDOE, TSSAA, and the CDC.

School Nutrition

- Schools will provide spaced seating, alternate eating locations, and staggered schedules to limit group sizes where feasible.
- Cleaning protocols will be enhanced including the increased use of PPE.

Transportation

- Drivers will assign one student per seat for social distancing purposes where feasible and practical while adjusting seating throughout route.
- Family members will be seated together.
- Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick-up students to lower bus capacity.
- Buses will be cleaned daily.
- Masks will be required for all students on a bus. Masks will be made available.
- Future modifications will be made once bus capacity is known.

Procedures for a Confirmed Case of COVID-19

- If a positive case for COVID-19 occurs in a school building with a student or staff member, district and school administrators will work with local health officials who will take the lead on notifications and contact tracing.
- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators should notify other staff while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).
- Potential school closure will be based on the level of risk determined by the school, district, and other health agencies.
- If the school is closed due to COVID-19, remote learning will be initiated for all.
- A student who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be allowed to return to school when at least ONE of the following conditions are met:
 1. A health care provider has confirmed that the individual's illness is NOT due to COVID-19 because another explanation has been identified.
(Fever due to UTI, strep throat confirmed by a positive strep test, rash from poison ivy, etc.)
 2. The student has evidence of a positive COVID-19 test and has isolated for 14 days including 72 hours of resolution of symptoms.
 3. The student has been well for at least 72 hours and has documentation of TWO negative COVID-19 tests at least 24 hours apart during the most recent absence due to symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
 4. The student has self-isolated for a period of 14 days including 72 hours of resolution of symptoms, regardless of test results.