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Montrose
Reunite + Return to Learning
Re-Entry Plan
Fall 2020

This plan was developed with the assistance of Henry County Health Center and follows their guidelines.

Commentary regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols

- The Montrose R-XIV School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- In the event of a positive case in our school, the Montrose R-XIV School District will partner with the Henry County Health Center for safety procedures.
- In order to protect our students, faculty and staff, we will continue to provide regular maintenance, cleaning, and disinfecting of all areas. We have purchased additional resources (EPA approved for use against COVID-19) for the 2020-2021 school year to increase the cleaning of the district.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines, to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- The Montrose R-XIV School District may fully close, partially close, or change status at any time due to the health status of our community or region.

Understanding and recognizing COVID-19

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but will not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council and/or Henry County Health Center. The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

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General information for students and faculty/staff

- Masks are recommended.
 - Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.
 - Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition.
 - Students may not share masks.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the school.
- Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling capabilities.
 - Students should bring personal water bottles from home daily. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.
- Daily sanitizing and disinfecting will be a priority.
- Attendance incentives for students will cease. Staff and/or students who are sick need to stay home.
- Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Anyone with symptoms of illness should stay home.
- Students/staff at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the health assistant. If evaluation by the health assistant suggests potential for COVID-19 infection, the student will be masked until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Students/staff with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home. Students/staff must be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) before returning to school.
- If a child has a fever and two of the other COVID-19 symptoms, they are recommended to remain home and isolate for 10 days from the date of symptom onset or when the symptoms began. They may return to school after:
 - ten days of isolation and are symptom free
 - or after a negative COVID-19 test.
- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the Henry County Health Center. Please understand that guidelines may change over time.

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General Guidelines for when students return in August

- Children should have assigned seating (facing forward when possible) and a record of this will be maintained. High School teachers will work together to create similar seating charts for each classroom.
- Recess is strongly encouraged. The chance of this virus to spread while students are outdoors is considerably lower. Students should wash their hands immediately after recess is over.
- It is strongly recommended that students not share musical instruments, computers or other items unless these items are sanitized between use. Singing is not recommended at this time to minimize droplet spread.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized frequently and there should be a limit on the number of students in a bathroom at a time.

Transportation Information

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off students at school instead of using bus service. Drop-off and pick-up systems will be organized to include social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- It is mandatory that students wear a mask on the bus.
- Students will load the bus from back to front.
- Students will be assigned seating for their bus rides and record of this will be maintained.
- Parents must screen their children in the morning before boarding the bus and keep their child(ren) home if they have any of the symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19
- Students riding the bus from the same household will be required to sit together.
- Buses will be sanitized after each trip (seats, doors, and any area that children could touch).
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses
- Drivers may use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks.

Arrival at school

- Doors will open at 7:35.
- Grab and Go breakfast will be served from 7:35-8:00 in the front entry of school.
- All students will enter the front doors, use hand sanitizer, get their Grab and Go breakfast then report directly to their homeroom/1st hour class. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the gym, hallways or other areas. No Second Chance breakfast will be offered.
- When visiting the school, parents/visitors will remain in the vestibule and will remain 6 feet apart.

During the school day

- K-6 students will remain with their class all day.
- Laptops will be assigned to students on a 1:1 basis during the school day.
- Sharing of supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated.

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At lunch

- Students will pick up their lunch from the cafeteria then eat in their homeroom/4th hour classroom.
- All lunches will be boxed. Self-serve options will not be available.
- No sharing of food will be allowed.

When a student has a positive test

- The HCHC Epidemiologist will contact the family and inform them of the positive test results. They will then contact the school superintendent to obtain contact information for students that sit near the positive student. The superintendent will send out a press release to families to inform them of a positive case while maintaining student confidentiality.
- The superintendent will also be notified of the positive case so that sanitation protocols can be implemented.
- If the child rode the bus, this bus will need to be sanitized again to insure reduction of spread.
- Education is VITAL for children and staff on how the child should be treated. This is not their fault, they will not be contagious when they return, etc.

If a school has multiple cases

- Schools may need to close for up to two days until a thorough cleaning/disinfecting can be completed.

Other information

- The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal conditions and guidance.

Learning Opportunities

- The Montrose R-XIV School District will have three options available to consider for reopening. It is the intent of the school district to open in phase 1 at the time of this publication.

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Full In-Person Instruction	A/B Hybrid Schedule	Full Virtual Instruction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Seated School and regular work environment with additional health-related protocols implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ A/B day method used with students attending school two days a week.★ A/B day will be assigned by households so those living together will attend on the same day.★ May or may not result in 50/50 split in each classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Online learning only through Google Classroom. No face to face instruction.★ For those families without reliable internet, paper assignments will be given and collected on a regular basis. (daily when possible)★ All student work will be graded.

- **Virtual Learning-** The Montrose R-XIV School District's virtual learning opportunity will be instructed by our own district teachers using a Google Classroom synchronous format. Students will learn at home but will be on the same hourly schedule as their classmates. Parents who are interested in this format should contact Mrs. Drehle, Principal, to register by noon on August 14th. Once a student is registered for online learning, they must commit to this learning option for the entire fall semester.

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