



STARMONT COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Return to Learn- August 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Starmont CSD is committed to bringing staff and students back to school in a safe and orderly manner. We have been working since our closure in March to stay up-to-date on the newest information to ensure that we are ready for students to return on August 24th, 2020. With the help of our school teams, Department of Education, our School board, and the Fayette County Public Health, we have developed the following Return to Learn Plan and COVID-19 mitigation strategies to protect our Star students, staff, and families.

CALENDAR



Our school calendar will remain the same with the follow exceptions:

-School is starting at 8:10 in the morning. Students will not be allowed in the building before 8:00.

-The first week of school we will have 1:00 dismissals all week

August 24th-August 28th

1:00 Dismissals

THREE EDUCATIONAL MODELS

Option 1: <u>Face to Face</u>	Option 2: <u>Hybrid</u>	Option 3: <u>Distance Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-All students present-Teach & Reinforce good hygiene practices (i.e. handwashing)-Parents screen children before sending to school*Social distancing will be difficult and PPE will be encouraged	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-PK students face to face on A/B day rotation *No school on Fridays-JK-8 students face to face M-TH, distance learning on Fridays-9-12 students face to face in A/B groups on weekly rotations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-All students at home-Attendance/participation is required-Grading policies still in effect-Google Classroom (online) or print materials <p>Teachers will have normal office hours from 8-3:30</p>
<p>About 600 students About 125 employees</p>	<p>About 425 students About 125 employees</p>	

LEARNING MODEL DECISION MAKING

RETURN TO LEARN

Reopening Iowa's Schools Safely and Responsibly

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: NONE TO MINIMAL

0-5% positivity in county on average over the past 14 days

* Healthcare resources remain stable

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Stay home if you are sick or exposed to someone confirmed to have COVID-19
- Practice frequent hand-washing
- Stay 6 feet from others as much as possible
- Use face coverings when able to do so safely and correctly
- Maintain frequent cleaning schedule using EPA-approved cleaning products
- Monitor absenteeism among teachers, staff, and students

RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

On-Site Learning following DOE, IDPH and CDC guidance.

- Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:
- Parent or guardian preference
 - Student quarantine

LEARNING MODEL DECISION MAKING (CONT.)

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: MINIMAL TO MODERATE

6-14% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days

* Healthcare resources remain stable

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Continue above strategies
- Reduce group events/gatherings
- Limit inter-school interactions
- Ensure student and staff groupings/cohorts are as static as possible and that interactions among groups of students and staff are limited

RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

On-Site Learning following DOE, IDPH and CDC guidance.

Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:

- Parent or guardian preference
- Student quarantine

LEARNING MODEL DECISION MAKING (CONT.)

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: SUBSTANTIAL CONTROLLED

15-20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days AND 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning
*Healthcare resources remain stable

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Continue above strategies
- Consider regular health checks for any on-site students/staff if feasible
- Cancel school events/gatherings
- Close communal spaces (e.g., cafeterias, media centers)

RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:

- Parent or guardian preference
- Student quarantine

Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days may be requested:

- Please contact the Department of Education by submitting your information via the CASA system.
- Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning.

LEARNING MODEL DECISION MAKING (CONT.)

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: SUBSTANTIAL UNCONTROLLED

>20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days with healthcare resource capacity concerns

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

State and local education and public health officials should work closely together to make decisions on school operations.

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SCREENING



-Parents screen children before sending to school

-Is my child exhibiting any of the following symptoms?

-fever or chills (100.4 degrees or above)

-shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

-muscle or body aches

-new loss of taste or smell

-sore throat

-Congestion or runny nose

-Nausea or vomiting

-Out of the ordinary headaches

-Out of the ordinary cough

-Diarrhea

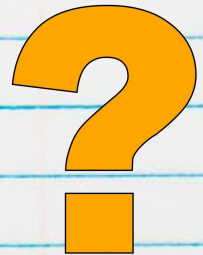
-If your child exhibits any symptoms listed above, please keep your child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours

-Face masks are highly encouraged at school when social distancing is not possible

-School will perform second screening of all students before entering the building

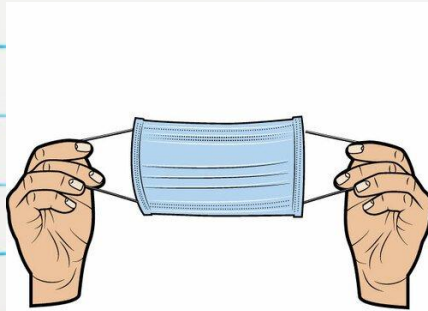
SICK STUDENTS AND EXPOSURE

- Please have plans for when your child shows any symptoms of any illness
- If your child exhibits any symptoms listed on the previous page, please keep your child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- Students exhibiting symptoms at school will report to the nurse and be put in isolation under supervision of the school nurse. Parents will be contacted immediately.
- If anyone in your household has been exposed (within 6 feet for 15 minutes) to a confirmed case of COVID-19, please follow the CDC Guidelines.
- If you have any questions, contact the Fayette County Health Department (563-422-5634), your family health provider, or the school nurse.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- All staff are expected to wear face coverings and students are encouraged to wear face coverings at school when social distancing isn't possible.
- Hand sanitizing stations are set up around the school.
- Face shields are available to all staff.
- Extra PPE is available for students, staff, and visitors who must enter the building.



CLEANING AND SANITATION

- Teach handwashing & increasing frequency
- Providing soap/sanitizer
- Cleaning and disinfecting regularly
- Deep cleaning during scheduled breaks (i.e. weekends)



CLASSROOMS

Face to Face

- Students will be in their regular learning groups with their teachers.
- Social distancing will not be likely in these groups. Face masks are highly encouraged.
- Individual classrooms will avoid contact with other classrooms.

Hybrid

- PK on-site 2 days on A/B rotation *No school on Fridays
- JK-8 on-site 4 days, distance learning 1 day
- 9-12 on-site on A/B rotation
- Enhanced cleaning each night
- Students will be in learning groups of no more than 12.
- Social distancing will be in effect (desks 6 feet apart).
- Minimal hallway travel

- Students will not gather in large groups
- No assemblies, field trips, etc

MEALS - ELEMENTARY

Face to Face

- Students eat in the lunchroom with their classrooms.
- Students are seated with only their classmates.
- Handwashing occurs before and after mealtime
- Hand sanitizer is available

Hybrid

- Students eat in their classrooms.
- Meals are delivered to each classroom.
- Handwashing occurs before and after mealtime
- Hand sanitizer is available

MEALS - MS/HS

Face to Face

- Students will pick up their meals from the cafeteria.
- Grade levels are seated in different parts of the building to assure social distancing.
- Handwashing occurs before and after mealtime.
- Hand sanitizer is available.

Hybrid

- Some students eat in their classrooms.
- Some meals are delivered to each classroom.
- Some students eat in the cafeteria with social distancing enforced.
- Handwashing occurs before and after mealtime
- Hand sanitizer is available

PICK UP/DROP OFF

- Guardians and visitors are not allowed in the building unless prior approval has been given by administration.
- Please call the front office before planning to enter. Screening of visitors will take place. Visitors will be encourage to use face coverings/masks, etc.
- Staggered entry and release:
- High school students that drive will enter and exit through the west gym doors.
- Elementary: Drop off will occur at the front of the building at the marked entrances only. (Circle drive area)
- Daycare entrance should be only used by daycare.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

- IEP meetings and other parent meetings will be held virtually if possible
- Students should bring their own water bottle.
 - Bottle filling stations are permitted for refills.
 - Water fountains are closed.
 - Drinking fountains are turned off.
- Sharing of items is highly discouraged.



DISTANCE LEARNING

- Participation is mandatory- Type of participation will vary depending on grade level of student
- Google Classroom will be used as the learning platform
- Attendance will be taken
- Powerschool will be utilized for grading and attendance
- Grading will be consistent with face to face learning
- Chromebooks will be issued to all students in JK-12
- Print material available upon request
- Parents of elementary students should be prepared to assist their children as a learning coach.

DISTANCE LEARNING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grade Level	Minimum	Maximum	Recommended Length of Sustained Attention
PreK	20 minutes/day	60 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
K	30 minutes/day	90 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day	5-10 minutes
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes/day	10-15 minutes
6-8	Class: 15 minutes/day Total: 90 minutes/day	Class: 30 minutes/day Total: 180 minutes/day	1 subject area or class
9-12	Class: 20 minutes/day Total: 120 minutes/day	Class: 45 minutes/day Total: 270 minutes/day	1 subject area or class

Source: [Illinois State Board of Education, 2020](#)

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for responsible, productive, fulfilling lives.”*