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This document provides a framework for our patrons for the 2023-20224 school year.  Plans inform decision-making, but the most effective planning is subject to change as new guidance is received.  As of August 7th, Bowring Public Schools will open its doors for students on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

**COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

**DAILY SCREENING**

1. *Students and staff will be screened before entering the bus or school building. Screened is a visual with possible questions of their health. If needed a temperature will be taken. If a students or staff has over a 99 degree temperature, they will be sent home for observation.*

***PROCEDURES FOR WHEN A STUDENT OR STAFF BEGIN EXHIBITING* A SYMPTOM DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

**Isolation Room:** Any student or staff member who exhibits a fever of 99℉ will be instantly isolated in a predetermined isolation room. Without COVID testing, the student or staff member must not be present at school for 24 hours with no fever. If other COVID symptoms appear and they refuse a test it will be treated as a positive case. If a test confirms a positive case of COVID

* The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
* The student will be counted as present because digital learning will be provided.
* Staff member will be sent home for 5 days.

**POSITIVE CASE**

1. Consult with the Osage County Health Department to begin contact tracing.

2. Communicate to staff that a positive case has occurred.

3. Communicate with applicable parents depending on classroom

arrangement.

4. Thoroughly sanitize the classroom.

5. If the attendance of campus learners at the site and/or district where the

positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district may go to distance learning for 5 days.  The count starts on the first day of distance learning.

7. Grab and Go meals will be provided starting on Day 1 of distance learning.

Delivery schedule will be dictated by the district’s Child Nutrition capabilities.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION**

1. Bus routes will return to normal before COVID procedures.

**CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES**

1. If a building or district enters into a time of quarantine, child nutrition

services will be provided through a Grab and Go service.

**PROCEDURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

**IN THE CLASSROOM:**

1. Maximize classroom space to accommodate for social distancing

2. One directional seating

3. Seating charts (required by all teachers for all classes)

4. **Masks and/or face shields are optional for teachers** (masks and shields

will be provided); However, this is a fluid situation, and if the health conditions within the district rise to the point that it is in the best interest of students and staff, the district may ask students and teachers to wear a mask. Mask are not mandatory. **The CDC and Oklahoma Department of Health state that the best way to control the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a mask, so we can NOT stress enough the importance of talking to your child(ren) about the need for wearing a mask when in public places, such as school.**

**SANITIZING/CLEANING/PERSONAL HYGIENE:**

**Promote Culture of Good Hygiene Practices:** Bowring Public School will ensure each a sufficient supply in supplies needed for maintaining sanitary conditions, such as but not limited to, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes, cleaner, and sanitizing spray. We will ensure an ample supply of hand soap and paper towels is available to maintain proper hand washing techniques. We will promote good hygiene practices such as coughing and sneezing etiquette, keeping hands away from face, and effectively washing hands will be emphasized. A school culture of good handwashing and hand sanitization will be promoted and enforced. There will be signs placed strategically around the building to remind students and staff of good hygiene practices.

**School Cleaning Practices:** Bowring Public School will work diligently with our maintenance staff and suppliers regarding the proper use of sanitizers. Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, bathrooms, countertops, and handrails as much as possible throughout the school day. Classrooms will be sanitized every evening before the teacher leaves the building, and more frequently if the class will be out of the room for a period of time that will allow for drying of surfaces. Appropriate training will be provided to all staff on improvised cleaning routines.

**VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

Visitors will be allowed after checking in at the office.

**ATHLETIC EVENTS AND PRACTICE**

The gymnasium will be open to the public for games and practice

**POLICIES REGARDING SCHOOL BUILDING USE FOR NON-SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

Outsiders will be allowed to use the school building for parties or extra athletic practice. Parents will be able to enter the school building after being screened.