



Safe In-Person Plan

Return to School Plan:

McClave School is committed to maintaining learning environments as normal as possible this school year. In conjunction with local public health, we will review and make adjustments to guidance as needed based on:

- Current Covid-19 data
- Risk of transmission and levels of community spread
- Implementation and compliance of mitigation and prevention strategies
- Other information related to the health and safety of students, staff and community

**The following health and safety protocols have been updated as of April 20, 2022. The plan will be reviewed and updated by our Safety Committee every 6 months, as needed.

Academic/Classroom Guidance:

- McClave School currently offers in-person instruction only at this time.
- Classroom instruction should return to pre-Covid practices as much as possible. Students have remained in cohorts, as much as possible. Teachers will continue to maintain accurate seating charts.
- Social distancing is encouraged when possible.
- Currently, there are no building capacity limitations; however, all staff, students and families are encouraged to practice physical distancing when possible.
- Large group activities should be done outdoors, as much as possible.
- Assemblies and field trips are permitted
- Visitors are welcome in district buildings

Common Areas/Food Service/Water Systems:

- No capacity limits, however, staff are encouraged to utilize larger venues for social distance spacing and use of outdoor venues, when possible.

- Signs encourage social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitizing.
- Water fountains are reopened.
- Water fountains with bottle fillers have been added around the building.
- Concession stands are reopened.

Social/Emotional/Mental Health:

A strong emphasis has been placed on supporting students' social and emotional wellness upon returning to in-person learning.

- Regular social emotional classes are provided for all K-8 students with our school counselor and trained teachers.
- The School counselor is available for individual mental health needs.
- Continued implementation of SEL initiatives
- Regular data analysis by the district SEL/Bully prevention team of trends and patterns of behavior and mental health needs in order to further support students on an on-going basis.

Nutrition Services:

- Cafeteria is open.
- Food service operations have returned to serving off our serving lines
- All students will wash their hands before breakfast and lunch time.
- Hand sanitizer is placed at the beginning of our service lines and throughout the cafeteria.
- Food is protected by shields and covers.
- Utensils and surfaces are cleaned between student cohorts.

Transportation Services:

- As of March 1, 2022 masks are optional on district buses and other district vehicles used for student transportation.
- Buses have returned to full capacity for students

Health and Safety Protocols

- Masks are optional in all district buildings and on school buses.
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the school for students and staff.
- Classroom surfaces are cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.

The district will honor personal and parent choice with regard to mask wearing, Some staff or students may choose not to wear a mask, while others will wear them. As always, we ask that everyone respect the individual choices of others. Our school and classrooms will continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Accommodations:

Consistent with applicable law, accommodations are available for students and staff based on disability or medical condition.

Vaccinations:

Covid vaccinations are an individual and parent choice. Vaccinations are available for anyone five years and older. In conjunction with Bent County Public Health, McClave School District will continue to host Covid vaccine booster clinics for all eligible staff and students.

Quarantines/Contact Tracing:

McClave School District, located in Bent County, has been identified by public health as having a relatively low positivity rate. Therefore, students and staff will not be required to quarantine in the event of an exposure during the school day. If the school is experiencing an outbreak, quarantines may be necessary. An outbreak is defined as five cases or more tied to the original case. McClave School will consult with Bent County Public Health when necessary regarding Covid cases, and when an outbreak has occurred.

Protocol for Staying Home When Sick:

The following guidance may be used to determine when students and staff are ill and should stay home to limit exposure.

Possible symptoms of Covid-19:

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature of 100.4% Fahrenheit or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea