

**WELCOME HOME WHERE YOU BELONG!
BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLANNING FOR A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2020-2021**

Dear Families,

Schools will reopen on August 10, 2020, for students. The following health and safety guidelines have been reviewed and will be updated as needed in partnership with the Baker County Department of Health. The reopening of schools will be based on current information and new data regarding COVID-19.

SCREENING AT HOME

- Prior to sending children to school via the bus, walking, or parent drop-off, it is highly recommended that families take temperatures daily. Any person with a fever of 100.0° F or higher should not go to a school site.
- Students and adults should also screen themselves for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath prior to coming to school each day. Students and adults experiencing those symptoms should not attend school.



GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- Students will travel on buses that include assigned seats and the use of hand sanitizer. Students will have the option to wear a face mask.
- Schools will follow appropriate disinfection procedures and guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, workspaces, and common areas.
- Physical distancing will be implemented when feasible throughout the school day. Schools will use directional signage and signs encouraging social distancing.
- All students and staff will be encouraged to wash and clean their hands regularly throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be made available in all classrooms and common areas where hand washing stations are not present.

ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM

Physical distancing is not always feasible when on a school campus, especially in grades with younger students. To help limit the spread of the virus, schools will consider the following strategies to maintain smaller groups of students in shared spaces:

- Keep students in cohort groups when possible.
- Serve meals in smaller group settings and various locations throughout the campus.
- Space desks further apart and facing the same direction when feasible.
- Stagger lunches, recesses, and other transition times.
- Identify a sick room for students who are not feeling well to minimize contact with others until a parent/guardian is notified for pick up.
- Students will have the option to wear a face mask.

This plan is subject to change as public health guidelines are updated. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools