

**Dent-Phelps R-III School District**  
**COVID-19 Pandemic Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year**

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District believes in the importance of students being educated directly by teachers. The best way is for every student to be at school every day possible. The district takes the student's safety very seriously and this plan was created to address concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we cannot completely eliminate all the risk associated with the transmission of this virus and have the students in the building, we are taking the steps listed below to minimize the transmission as much as possible and still educate.

This plan was created with input from the Dent-Phelps R-III Local School Board, Administration, The Leadership Team, the school Counselor, the school Nurse, Dent County Health Department, and the other Dent County Schools. This is a working document and is subject to change as the situation changes within the county.

The Dent-Phelps R-III School's first line of defense is you, the parents/guardians, students, and staff. If you are sick or running a fever – do not come to the school. Attendance accountable has been removed for the 2020-2021 school year. There will be no recognitions for perfect attendance. Parents will still receive attendance letters, however, it will be ONLY for your information. Students will still need to do the work that is missed and will receive full credit for the work, but no penalties will occur for student absences. The most important step to this pandemic is – if you are sick stay home.

On recommendation from the Dent County Health Department, the following **RULE WILL APPLY** for the 20-21 school year during this pandemic:

- All Staff and Students who have a fever of 100.4 or greater will need to be **FEVER FREE WITHOUT medication for 24 hours BEFORE they can return to school**. All Staff and Students will be screened daily, and visitors to the school will be limited and screened as well and adults will be required to wear a face covering with the exception of health issues that prevent them from doing so during school hours. Any student developing a fever during the day will be separated until picked up; staff with fevers will be sent home immediately. This is different than the fever guidelines in the Student/Parent Handbook and only applies during this pandemic.
- School Closure due to Positive test results - If there are over 5% of the student body in the building that test positive any day, 4% that test positive over 2 days in row, or over 3% for 3 days in a row that the building or district close for 10 days. (Percentages may change as we get closer to school and better scientific data becomes available).

Open House will be August 21, 2020 3:00-6:30. Students with the last names A-L will be from 3:00-4:30, M-Z will be 5:00-6:30. The first group will need to exit the building by 4:30 so that we may disinfect prior to the second group coming in.

School will begin August 24, 2020 at 8:00 am. with students in-seat and the following is what the district plans to do to minimize transmission throughout the school day. Dent-Phelps will offer COVID-19 related Distance Learning and parents must declare their intentions by August 17, 2020, and Distance Learning will remain in effect for the first quarter. Distance Learning will be provided by the district's

staff and will be of the same content that the in-seat students receive. At the end of the first quarter parents will be given the opportunity to declare again.

There are three plans should we need move to another level as the situation dictates.

- In-Seat – All Students attending
- Half Time – Half the students In-Seat, Half the students Distance
- Distance – All Students virtual, learning from Home.

<b>Typical Day During COVID-19 Pandemic</b>			
	<b>IN-SEAT</b>	<b>HALF TIME</b>	<b>DISTANCE</b>
<b>Before Students Arrive</b>	Staff Screening.	Staff Screening.	N/A
<b>Busing</b>	Assigned Seating. Load Back to Front. Families Sit Together. Close Contacts Noted by Driver Daily. Disinfect between Routes. Unload Front to Back	Assigned Seating. Load Back to Front. Families Sit Together. Close Contacts Noted by Driver Daily. Disinfect between Routes. Unload Front to Back	N/A
<b>Screening of Students</b>	Bus Riders – as they exit the bus. Car Riders – as they enter the building. Periodic Screening during the day as needed.	Bus Riders – as they exit the bus. Car Riders – as they enter the building. Periodic Screening during the day as needed.	N/A
<b>Breakfast</b>	PK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – eat in cafeteria. 3rd-8th Grade – eat in their classroom.	PK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – eat in cafeteria. 3rd-8th Grade – eat in their classroom.	Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.
<b>Classes PK-2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Self-contained except for Specials and Intervention/RTI/Special Education Instruction. Assigned Seating. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily. No sharing of supplies.  Students in PK-3 need parent permission for student gmail accounts to be created for access to Google Classroom.	Self-contained except for Specials and Intervention/RTI/Special Education Instruction. Assigned Seating. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily. No sharing of supplies.  Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments  Students in PK-3 need parent permission for student gmail accounts to be created for access to Google Classroom.	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments  Students in PK-3 need parent permission for student gmail accounts to be created for access to Google Classroom.
<b>Classes 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></b>	Change Classes coordinated by teachers. Disinfect in between class. Assigned Seating. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily.	Change Classes coordinated by teachers. Disinfect in between class. Assigned Seating. Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily.	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments  Students in PK-3 need parent permission for

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<b>Special Classes – PE, Computers, Art, Library</b>	<p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Outside as much as possible.</p> <p>Disinfect between classes.</p>	<p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Outside as much as possible.</p> <p>Disinfect between classes.</p>	<p>Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments</p>
<b>Whole Class Restroom Breaks</b>	<p>Limited and coordinated by teachers.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily.</p>	<p>Limited and coordinated by teachers.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers Daily.</p>	N/A
<b>Water Fountains</b>	<p>Water bottles Recommended.</p> <p>Fountain use by water bottle filling station or by disposable cups.</p> <p>Drinking directly from fountain not allowed.</p>	<p>Water bottles Recommended.</p> <p>Fountain use by water bottle filling station or by disposable cups.</p> <p>Drinking directly from fountain not allowed.</p>	N/A
<b>Lunch/Recess PK-2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p> <p>Recess – PK-K lower playground. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> upper playground.</p>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p> <p>Recess – PK-K lower playground. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> upper playground.</p>	<p>Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.</p>
<b>Lunch/Recess 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p>	<p>Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.</p>
<b>Lunch/Recess 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup></b>	<p>In cafeteria</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p>	<p>In cafeteria</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible</p> <p>Close Contacts noted by teachers daily.</p> <p>Disinfect Cafeteria between lunch groups.</p>	<p>Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.</p>
<b>Lunch/Recess 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></b>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p>	<p>In cafeteria.</p> <p>Spread out as much as possible.</p>	<p>Pick-up meals will be available on a sign-up basis.</p>

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<b>Additional Classes – Interventions, RTI, Gifted, Special Education</b>	Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Disinfect between groups.	Close Contacts noted by teachers daily. Disinfect between groups.  Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments	Google Classroom/Meets Instruction MobyMax Assignments
<b>Masks/Face Coverings</b>	Staff Required to wear (optional face shield for health issues of the wearer) in the building during times where they are unable to maintain social distancing (6 feet) from others.  It is highly recommended that students wear. Students wearing masks will be instructed not to play with them or share with others.	Staff Required to wear (optional face shield for health issues of the wearer) in the building during times where they are unable to maintain social distancing (6 feet) from others.  It is highly recommended that student wear Students wearing masks will be instructed not to play with them or share with others.	N/A
<b>Hygiene Instruction</b>	Will be conducted by Nurse/Counselor and will focus on hand washing, coughing/sneezing, and personal space.	Will be conducted by Nurse/Counselor and will focus on hand washing, coughing/sneezing, and personal space.	
<b>In-School Activities- Classroom Parties Grandparents Day Veterans Day Christmas Program</b>	Maybe cancelled or postponed based on the current situation.	N/A	N/A
<b>Afternoon Dismissal</b>	Car Riders – Parents stay in or by vehicle. Buses loading by grade level, Upper to lower, organized to load back to front before loading.  Students who want to bring home friends for sleepovers, parties, etc. will need to be car riders.	Car Riders – Parents stay in or by vehicle. Buses loading by grade level, Upper to lower, organized to load back to front before loading.	N/A
<b>After School Activities</b>	Sports – Voluntary participation. Will follow MSHSAA guidelines. Close Contacts noted as much as possible. Spectators – Limited, family units sit together, younger	Sports – Voluntary participation. Will follow MSHSAA guidelines. Close Contacts noted as much as possible. Spectators – Limited, family units sit together, younger	N/A

	siblings stay in gym with parents. 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Postponed. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Will begin practices and assess situation prior to first game.  Clubs – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible.  AR Reading Nights – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible.  Disinfecting as much as possible.	siblings stay in gym with parents. May be cancelled or postponed.  Clubs – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible. Maybe cancelled or postponed.  AR Reading Nights – Voluntary participation. Close Contacts noted as much as possible. Maybe cancelled or postponed.  Disinfecting as much as possible.	
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ALL Distance Learning whether it be part or full time will be valid instruction and students will be required to participate.

There will be a technology survey in the enrollment packets that is important for every family to fill out so we can better assist and ensure that instruction will continue should we have to close the school building again.

Student electronics will be checked in with the Homeroom teacher, and checked out at the end of the day with the Homeroom teacher. This will eliminate student grouping in the small office area. An office representative will pick electronics up from the teachers and secure them in the office. A similar office representative will deliver them back to the classrooms at the end of the day.

**See Attachment A for Fall Sports – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball**

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