



Central R-III  
School District

# Back to School Re-Entry Plan 2020-21

Frequently Asked  
Questions



## The District Mission/Purpose Remains the Same

Although we are faced with the challenge of a worldwide pandemic, our mission remains the same. Central R-III School District continues to strive to develop lifelong learners and responsible citizens in an everchanging society. At no other time in our history has our District mission been challenged as it is right now. We believe that one size does not fit all, as a result, our instruction must be geared to provide for the specific needs of each student. We will work diligently toward meeting the state and federal standards, while challenging all students in the process. We commit to a comprehensive system of support to assure this outcome. As we enter the 2020-2021 school year, we must find ways to overcome the challenge while providing a safe environment for our students.

# Will the District open in-person on August 24<sup>th</sup>?

Yes. The current plan is to open on August 24<sup>th</sup> with face-to-face instruction. We will work to provide the safest learning environment for our staff and students as always.

Our plan takes both CDC and the St. Francois County Health Department recommendations into account.

# What options will the District consider other than traditional/face-to-face school?

- Tiers of operation have been put in place if the current climate of the pandemic changes.
- The District will begin the school year in Tier 2 (tiers outlined on the right)

➤ **Tier 1:** Normal school with **NO** COVID-19 protocols in place.

➤ **Tier 2:** COVID-19 protocols in place as well as an online option for students.

➤ **Tier 3:** Blended learning model limiting students in the building by incorporating both face-to-face and virtual learning.

➤ **Tier 4:** School closure with virtual and online learning in place for all students.

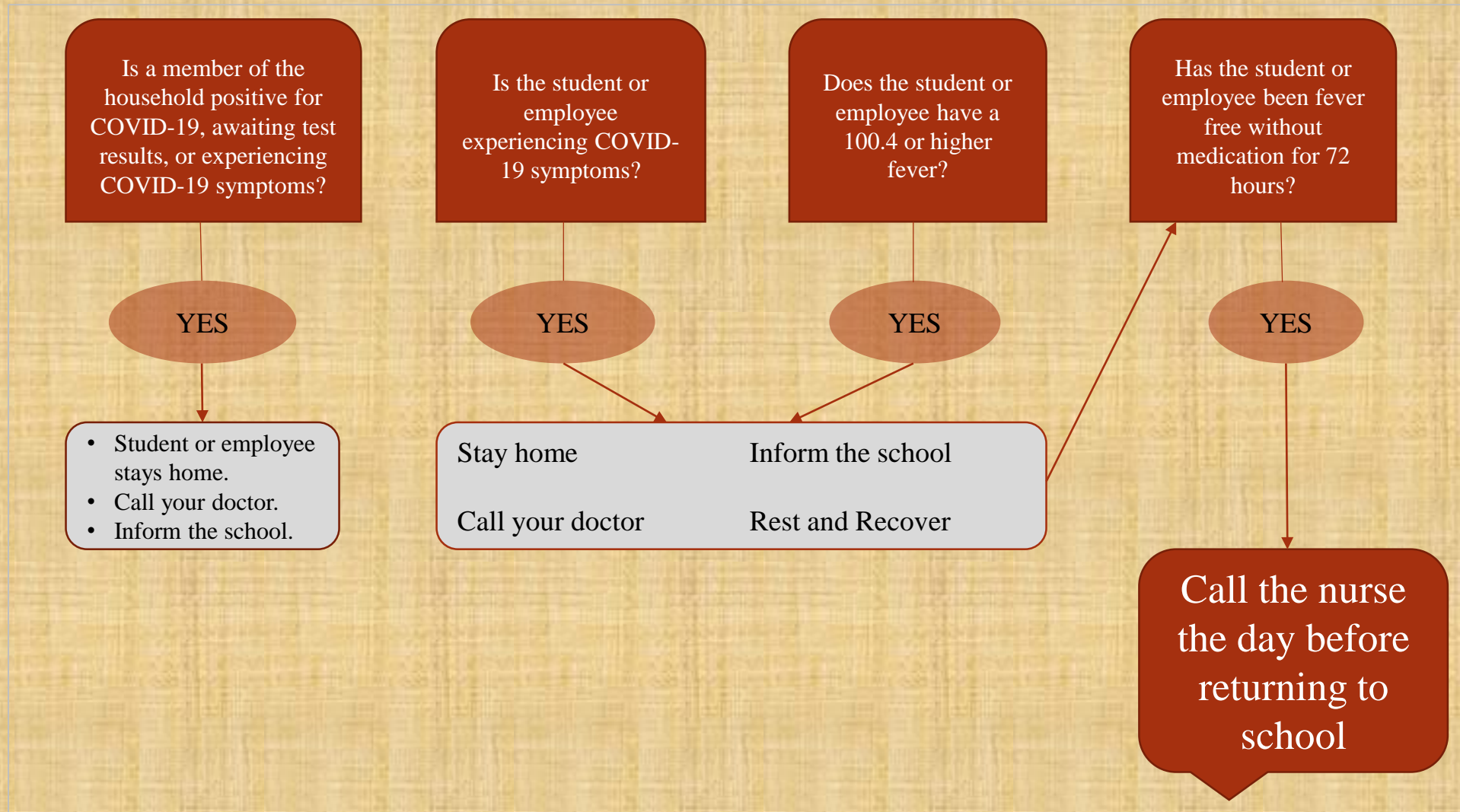


# What can I do at home to help?

1. Take the temperature of each child before leaving home. If the fever is 100.4 or higher...STAY HOME.
2. If a child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms such as cough, fever, chills, shortness of breathe, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, headache, nausea, or vomiting...STAY HOME.
3. If the child has been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has been notified that they may have been exposed to it...STAY HOME.

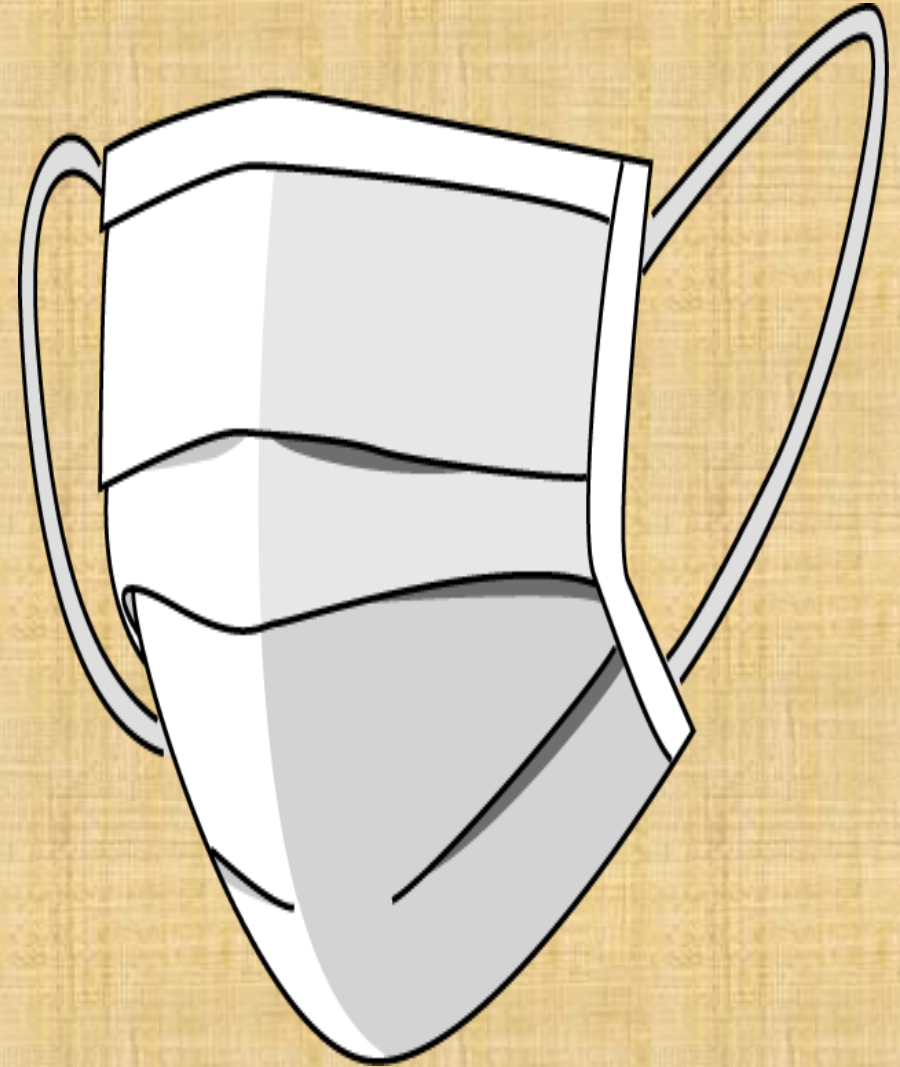


# Deciding When to Stay Home



# Will students and staff be required to wear masks?

- Students will be allowed to wear masks, but not required at this time. The parent will be responsible for providing a mask for their child if they choose.
- Staff members are not required, other than bus drivers while students are present and cafeteria staff while in the serving area.
- Face shields are available to staff.
- The District does have a limited number of masks available for both staff and students.
- Visitors will not be required to wear masks in the building unless the District is directed by local health officials to require it.





# What will building entry/beginning of the day look like?

- Staff will look for symptoms of students at the beginning of the day.
- To begin the year, parents and/or guardians will not be allowed to enter the building at drop-off or pick-up.
- Visitors will be limited to those with appointments. Please call prior to arriving at your child's school.
- Social distancing will take place in cafeteria/gyms upon student arrival off the bus or from parent drop-off.
- Consistent student groupings will be in place upon arrival each day.





# What are cleaning protocols?

- The District has a stockpile of hand sanitizer, gloves, and cleaning products used daily.
- Buildings and buses are also cleaned daily using a fogger.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the buildings.
- The products are applied throughout the day and evenings. Special attention is given to high traffic/high touch areas.





# Will playgrounds at the Elementary campuses be used?

- Playgrounds will be used.
- Recess times will be staggered to limit the number of students on the playground.
- Consistent cleaning of the equipment will take place.





# Will water fountains be used?

- No, water fountains will not be used.
- Students will be allowed to use water bottle filling stations but not water fountains.
- Water bottle filling stations are being installed in each building.
- Parents may be asked to send water bottles with their children by building administration.



# Will the District provide transportation?

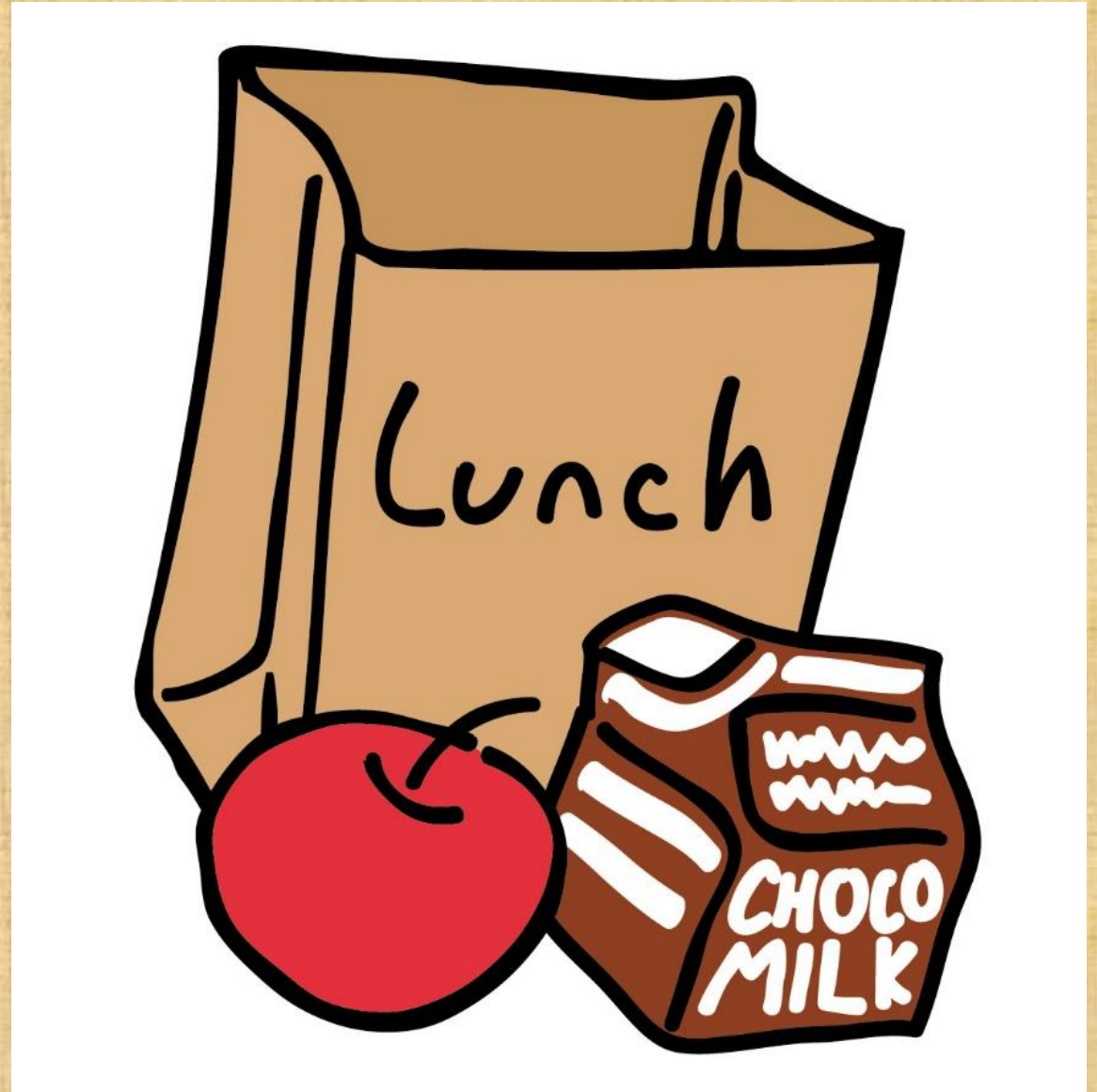
- Yes, District transportation will be provided.
- Buses are the most difficult areas to maintain social distancing.
- Although we are providing transportation, parents may consider bringing their children to school if possible.
- Bus drivers will wear masks when students are present.
- Buses will be cleaned between routes and fogged daily.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.
- Students living in the same house will be seated together on the bus.





# What will be the protocols in the cafeteria?

- Social distancing/consistent groupings will be the focus in the cafeteria.
- Additional shifts have been added to limit the number of students in the cafeteria at the same time.
- Gymnasiums, where possible, will be utilized with tables for additional seating space during breakfast/lunch.



# Will Central students have band/choir available to them?

- The District will have band and choir.
- Practice will sometimes be outside, when possible, or in larger areas.
- Band instruments will be cleaned consistently.
- Social distancing will be focused on when possible.





# What if my child has a health related or other reason not to attend face-to-face school?

- The District has an online option available for students in such circumstances.
- An application must be filled out and returned by August 10<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the application will be in the enrollment packets which are sent home.
- The student will be placed on Edgenuity, the District online platform, and progress will be monitored by District staff. Grades and credits will still be given through Central R-III.
- Students choosing full-time online learning will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.
- If choosing online learning, a student must remain with online learning through the end of the semester.
- A District Chromebook will be provided.



# If the District has to go to Tier 3 (Blended Instruction), how will that look?

- Teachers will deliver a blended instructional program, with students receiving in-person instruction, alternating days with virtual instruction.
- During virtual learning days, the teacher will assign curriculum related lessons and activities via Google Classroom and Edgenuity.
- Feedback will be given to students on all assignments.
- Assignments will cover the same standards whether virtual or in-person.
- Assessments (tests) will be administered in-person to every extent possible.
- Virtual assignments will be required and graded.
- An example of the Blended Instruction Model is on the next slide.



# Blended Instruction Weekly Example

## Week 1

- **Red Group:** At school (in-person) instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Virtual (at home) instruction on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Blue Group:** Virtual (at-home) instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At school (in-person) instruction on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Week 2

- **Red Group:** Virtual (at-home) instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At school (in-person) instruction on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Blue Group:** At school (in-person) instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Virtual (at-home) instruction on Tuesday and Thursday.

What if the District has to shut down school as occurred in March 2020?

If school has to completely shut down again, learning will transition to virtual learning through Google Classroom, Edgenuity, Google Meet, and packets if necessary for younger students.

- All learning will be teacher directed by using the methods mentioned on the left of this slide.
- Students enrolled in online learning at the beginning of the year/semester will remain in that program.
- Student assignments and tests administered via the instructional methods listed on the left of this slide will be graded/recorded.
- Staff members will provide feedback to students and parents on a regular basis.
- Special Education students will continue to receive their services from their special education teacher per Form G of their IEP.
- Students in Grades 1-12 will be provided a Chromebook.
- Wi-Fi hotspots are provided on each campus parking lot and will be considered in other areas of the community as needed.