

Monroe Elementary School District #70

Back To School Plan 2023-2024

Our Back to School Plan will be reviewed every six months to evaluate if any changes need to be made. Anyone from the public who would like to give input can call Dr. Reiley at 309-697-3120, email at dreiley@monroe70.org, or make public comments at any regular scheduled Board meeting.

Communication

Our number one goal is always to ensure we have a safe and secure school environment. For the 2023-2024 school year our hope is to keep all students healthy and safe. We are continuing 100% in-person learning. Unless we move to a level 2 or 3, Monroe will not be emailing out or identifying COVID numbers school wide on a weekly basis. If individual classrooms start to have multiple students out due to COVID, parents of that class will be notified. Our back to school plan is a layered plan with prevention strategies designed to prevent the spread of COVID. Our plan was developed to help our students achieve their fullest potential while providing a safe and secure learning environment.

Remote Learning

For the 2023 -2024 school year Monroe is returning to 100% in-person learning. Remote learning will not be an option unless extreme circumstances and high levels of community/school level transmission of COVID.

Quarantining & Contact Tracing

Quarantine guidelines and contact tracing guidelines sometimes change over time. Monroe will review suggestions from the Center for Disease Control, Illinois State Board of Education, and Local Health Department for guidance.

Mitigation Procedures

Monroe will begin at Mitigation level 1. We will monitor positive cases and if numbers increase at Monroe, we will move into Mitigation level two or three.

- Masks will be optional for all individuals
- Students will be socially distanced to three feet, or to the extent possible without significantly impacting the education of students
- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily
- Promote personal hygiene, hand washing, sanitizer, etc.
- Seating charts will be used for classrooms, cafeteria use, and buses
- Electronic equipment (chrome books, laptops, IPADS, calculators, etc.) will not be shared between students

Mitigation Level 1 - Minimal (We will remain at level 1 until positive case numbers exceed 10 individuals for two consecutive weeks)

- Masks optional for all individuals
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Students and staff will stay home when exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms or ill
- Self-certification at home should occur for symptom screening prior to sending students to school.

Mitigation Level 2 - Moderate (We will remain at level 2 until positive case numbers exceed 20 individuals for two consecutive weeks or fall back below 10 students for two consecutive weeks)

- Masks optional for all individuals
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Students and staff will stay home when exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms or ill
- Self-certification at home should occur for symptom screening prior to sending students to school
- Field trips, assemblies, and other programs may be cancelled or postponed

- Review alternatives for lunch seating
- Drinking fountains will be eliminated with the exception of bottle fillers

Mitigation Level 3 - Substantial (We will remain at level 3 until positive case numbers fall below 20 individuals for two consecutive weeks)

- Masks may be required for all individuals
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level, or building if needed
- Students and staff will stay home when exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms
- School certification to screen for symptoms and temperature screening upon entry to the building
- Field trips, assemblies, athletics, and other such programs may be cancelled or postponed
- Review alternatives for lunch seating
- Consideration of students staying in homeroom classes for instruction and elimination of specials
- Drinking fountains will be eliminated with the exception of bottle fillers

Masks

Masks will be optional for all students and staff.

Cafeteria

Students will utilize our main cafeteria for breakfast and lunch during the 2023-2024 school year. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.

Visitors, Guests, and Parents

Due to safety concerns, visitors, guests, and parents will not be permitted inside the school building unless special permission is granted.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

The arrival and dismissal of students is listed below:

- Students should not arrive earlier than 7:50. A 7:50 bell will ring to let students into the building.
- Busses will drop off and pick up students in the back of the building.
- Prek-4th grade students who are car riders will drop off in the main parking lot.
- Grade 5-8 students who are car riders will enter the junior high doors and utilize the circle drive.
- Multi-grade families will drop off students who are car riders in the front of the building (**Monroe side of the street only**).

Thank you for your continued support of Monroe School.

