

Remote Learning

Remote learning will be made available for students who are medically fragile. Medically fragile refers to those students who are at an increased risk of severe illness or live with someone at an increased risk of severe illness. For the 2021-2022 school year, per Illinois State Board of Education guidelines, students who are medically fragile (or live with someone who is) and have a verified doctor's note will be able to engage remotely.

Monroe will utilize Edgenuity to deliver our remote learning instruction. Medically fragile students learning remotely will not have contact with Monroe staff and cannot participate in any Monroe extra-curricular or co-curricular activities. Home school students will also be exempt from engaging in any extra/co-curricular activities.

Quarantining & Contact Tracing

Students who test positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 must quarantine or isolate per CDC/IDPH guidelines. Parents of students in close contact will be notified that their student was near a student/staff member who tested positive. Anyone who is fully vaccinated or has had a positive diagnosis in the last 3 months and deemed a close contact will not need to quarantine if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Monroe will follow the IDPH decision tree rules for quarantine guidelines. Monroe's MITIGATION LEVELS will also impact the appropriate course of action for quarantine guidelines.

For students who are quarantining due to contact tracing per school/IDPH, remote learning will be offered. K-1 students will utilize packets while grades 2-8 students will utilize recorded or remote in and participate in live lessons.

Remote learning will ONLY be available to students who are mandated to quarantine per IDPH guidelines and not for extending vacations, late, tardy, etc. Remote learning participation is required for quarantined students unless a parent calls to report their child sick. Expectations for participation will be provided by teachers. If students are sick outside of a quarantine situation and unable to learn parents should call into the office and work will be made up on their return.

Mitigation Procedures

To start the school year, 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. Monroe will implement the following mitigation measures:

- Masks will be mandated 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 thoroughly 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 required for all individuals
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department guidelines
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level, or building if needed
- Students and staff will stay home when exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms
- 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 required for all individuals
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department guidelines
- Implement remote learning for classes, grade level, or building if needed
- Students and staff will stay home when exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms
- 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 required for all individuals
- Quarantines for students/staff per local health department guidelines
- 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

Masks

For the 2021-2022 school year Monroe is following the updated guidance from Governor Pritzker, IDPH, and ISBE. Masks will be required for all individuals, including while riding the school bus. If the mandate by the Governor is lifted Monroe's plan will revert back to masks as optional.

Lockers & Drinking Fountains

Students will have access to lockers and drinking fountains. Water bottles will be allowed for all students. Teachers will communicate appropriate use and storage for water bottles.

Cafeteria

Students will resume utilizing our main cafeteria for breakfast and lunch during the 2021-2022 school year. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible. If necessary we may utilize other areas for eating. As soon as a student is done eating they will be dismissed to their designated recess location. Our breakfast program will begin on Tuesday, September 14th.

Extracurricular / Co-curricular Activities

Medically fragile remote learning students and home school students will NOT be able to participate in any extra-curricular or on-site activities. This includes all athletics, all in-person learning, and special courses such as band, choir, and technology. Quarantining or

symptomatic students will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular or onsite activities until they return to in-person learning with medical documentation approving their return.

Visitors, Guests, and Parents

Visitors, guests, and parents will not be permitted inside the school building unless special permission is granted.

Return to Traditional Bell Schedule

Monroe will return to our traditional school day utilizing our 2:30 dismissal time. Some curriculum days will dismiss at 1:30 and school improvement days will dismiss at 11:05.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

We will follow the same arrival and dismissal procedures we did last year.

- Students should not arrive earlier than 7:45. A 7:45 bell will ring to let students into the building.
- Buses will drop off and pick up in the back of the building.
- Prek-4th grade students will drop off in the main parking lot.
- Grade 5-8 students will enter the junior high doors.
- Multi-grade families will drop off in the front of the building (Monroe side of the street only).

After School Program

Students in our after-school program will follow all regular school protocol. Our after-school program will start on August 23rd and run from the end of the school day until 5:30 p.m.. Please contact Mrs. Kleist for enrollment or if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued support of Monroe School.

