

Oak Grove R-VI
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and
Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022



Oak Grove School District
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Oak Grove R-VI Safe Return to Instruction

Oak Grove R-VI School District is excited to see students return to the buildings for in person learning on August 23rd, 2021. At this time, instruction through the Oak Grove R-VI School District will be fully in person Monday - Friday with a “layered” strategy to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be no Oak Grove Virtual Instruction for the 21-22 school year. Families wishing to attend virtual instruction will use one of the district’s virtual providers. Launch is currently the most widely used online instruction provider used within the district.

As the pandemic has progressed, so has the district’s mitigation strategies. As of January 3rd, 2022, Oak Grove School District has 5 full days of in person instruction. We continue to rely on the county health department for guidance and information.

OGR6 will make every effort to minimize contact to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; however, attending school will inherently introduce a greater risk of exposure.

OGR6 plans on moving forward with school unless the federal, state, county, or local health departments require us to close.

Procedures may or can be modified at any time. It is impossible to plan for every scenario and situation. OGR6 works with the Jackson County Health Department (JaCo), Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Governor’s Office, and Center for Disease Control (CDC). We regularly review new and updated data, recommendations and guidance from these and other health related agencies. We greatly appreciate your feedback to support our collaborative efforts to ensure the education and health of our entire Oak Grove community.

Prevention Strategies

The Oak Grove School District uses a layered approach as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In it’s updated “Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools”, the Center stresses the importance of multiple mitigation strategies. The more strategies an individual or an organization can use the less the risk of exposure.

Mitigation Strategy	Oak Grove R-VI Response
Vaccinations for eligible individuals	➤ “Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.” (CDC)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Family responsibility and decision ➤ OGR6 will host vaccination clinics when possible
Masks - consistent and correct wearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ *On July 28th the CDC updated it's guidance and recommended for all individuals (ages 2 and older) to be masked indoors regardless of vaccination status. As of January 6, 2022 this guidance continues. ➤ Consistent and correct mask use by people is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained." (CDC) ➤ Family responsibility and decision ➤ OGR6 has consistently followed Jackson County's guidance concerning masks. It is a recommendation, so the district recommends masks. If the county, state, federal government or a vote by the OGR6 school board mandates masks, the district will follow. ➤ Per Federal mandate - masks will be required on school buses.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk."(CDC) ➤ OGR6 will make every effort to increase distances between students but cannot guarantee 3 feet can be maintained at all times.
Ventilation, Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "Cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe."(CDC) ➤ OGR6 has hand washing/hand disinfecting areas throughout buildings ➤ Proper hand and respiratory techniques will be discuss with students in classes ➤ Posters with proper techniques will be posted ➤ Proper cleaning and disinfecting agents and procedures will be followed by staff ➤ Bottle fillers installed in all buildings
Screening and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care."(CDC)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Home screening is a critical component to reducing risk of exposure. ➤ OGR6 will continue monitoring and screening students by school staff
Accommodating All Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OGR6 will make appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities.
Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is the hope of the Oak Grove School District that the Jackson County Health Department will complete contact tracing/quarantine and isolation guidance for the coming school year. ➤ “Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free”. (CDC) ➤ For those who are not fully vaccinated, if both people are wearing masks throughout the entire encounter, and greater than 3 feet apart, they do not need to quarantine.(DESE) ➤ Anyone identified as a close contact to the positive case, within three feet for more than 15 minutes, will be mandated to quarantine for 10 days from the date of last exposure with no symptoms. Individuals may test after 5 days and, with a negative test result, end quarantine after 7 days (CDC) ➤ In January updated their quarantine guidance as follows: For positive tests: Isolate for 5 days and return if no symptoms or symptoms are improving. Then mask for an additional 5 days. For exposures for those who are vaccinated, wear a mask for 10 days For exposures with no vaccine, quarantine for 5 days then mask for an additional 5.
COVID-19 Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ COVID-19 testing is available for all district staff and students on campus by appointment or contacting your building health professional. ➤ As of 1-6-2022 the District has ordered more tests but has not received them. It will be up to the families to test as needed.
Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs will be provided for with an adaptive instructional plan to account for lost instruction during the pandemic along with health resources available to not only

	students, but staff as well. These include counseling services, health services and resources.
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Instruction for Students Under Quarantine or Isolation*

Students quarantined or absent due to COVID will live stream into class and follow their daily schedule

Review

Oak Grove R-VI reserves the right to modify, revise and/or delete this plan at any time as information becomes available. A review will take place periodically and at a minimum every 6 months but information and data is gathered daily.

Resources

Centers for Disease Control Updated Guidance for a Return to School

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education COVID-19 website

<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 website

<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/find>

Jackson County Health Department COVID-19 website

<https://jacohtd.org/coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Students returning to school after COVID-19 like symptoms from the CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

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