



Halfway R-III School District

"Home of the Cardinals"

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Plan of Re-Entry 2020-2021

Halfway R-III Schools is dedicated to educating our students, while creating a safe and sanitary environment conducive for learning. The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year presents unique challenges to this endeavor, as we face concerns regarding the COVID 19 virus. We surveyed our community and the overwhelming majority of you have said you plan on sending your child back to school. With this being so, we would like to say that we, as a school district, are excited to see our students back in the classroom as we feel it is very beneficial for student learning to have social and face-to-face interaction with our teachers. A few of our parents are contemplating a virtual education option and that is ok too. We know this pandemic has affected each individual family differently and we want to give each family the option that benefits their unique needs.

The Halfway R-III school district re-entry plan will have sanitary, social distancing, student/faculty monitoring, and other safety measures in place. We believe our plan creates a path for students to return to learning in a way that protects the health and well-being of everyone in our schools. The plan also addresses recommendations and guidelines provided by local, state, and federal agencies. Please note that as the school year progresses, we may modify and adjust our plan as necessary. We ask for your understanding, patience, and flexibility, as we navigate through these uncertain times together.

We plan on bringing our students back to school on Tuesday, August 25th. We will follow a three-tiered plan of re-entry until the threat of COVID 19 subsides and our extended daily protocols are no longer needed. After reviewing our plan, I encourage you to call or email my office with compliments, questions, or concerns. Please know that each decision made regarding our re-entry plan, and the modifications that may need to happen in the future, will be guided with the desire to do what is best for our students, employees, and community. If you choose the virtual learning option listed on page 3, or to utilize transportation of your student(s) by the school district, please call our offices at 417-445-2200 and let us know.

The Halfway R-III school district is excited to welcome our students back into our classrooms. Whether we see you in a seated classroom or in an on-line platform, we are going to make the 2020-2021 school year the best it can be!

Stay healthy,
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LEVEL GREEN:

LIMITED TO MODERATE EXPOSURE IN SCHOOL AND OR COMMUNITY

- Students will attend class on a daily basis.
- Cleaning and sanitizing practices will take place in all areas daily.
- Visitors allowed inside building with administrator permission only.
- Parents who visit the school will be allowed to the office only.
- Staff and students will be screened for symptoms and temperature check upon arrival.
- Social distancing will be put in place where possible.
- Students are encouraged to wear masks. (not mandated)
- Faculty and staff will wear masks when social distancing is not possible.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria with assigned seating.
- Students will practice social distancing in the cafeteria during breakfast.
- Students riding the bus will follow strict seating charts.
- Buses will be sanitized after each route.
- Personal water bottles are encouraged.
- Students and Staff will use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.

LEVEL YELLOW:

MODERATE TO SIGNIFICANT VIRUS EXPOSURE IN SCHOOL AND OR COMMUNITY

- Students will attend class on a daily basis.
- Cleaning and sanitizing practices will be increased in all areas daily.
- Visitors allowed inside building with administrator permission only. Visitors must wear masks.
- Parents who visit the school will be allowed to the office only. Parents visiting schools must wear masks.
- Staff and students will be screened for symptoms and temperature check upon arrival.
- Upon arrival, students will report to their homeroom or first hour class.
- Social distancing will be put in place where possible.

- **Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear masks.**
- **Faculty and staff will be required to wear masks.**
- **Students will eat lunch in the classroom.**
- **Student will eat breakfast in the classroom.**
- **Students riding the bus will follow strict seating charts and will be required to wear masks.**
- **Buses will be sanitized after each route.**
- **Personal water bottles are encouraged.**
- **Students and Staff will use hand sanitizer when entering the building.**
- **Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.**
- **Adjustments may be made for use of facilities and or sporting events.**

LEVEL RED:

SIGNIFICANT VIRUS EXPOSURE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

- **The number of days attended per week could be decreased.**
- **If number of days attended per week decreases, the school would use a blended educational approach of face-to-face and virtual learning.**
- **The school could temporarily shut down for cleaning.**
- **Virtual learning will be in place if we shut down for any amount of time.**
- **Meal plans will be in place if we are shut down.**
- **Adjustments and/or cancellations could be made to use of facilities and/or sporting events.**

TWO LEARNING OPTIONS

In-Person Learning Option:

The In-Person learning option will consist of having seated classes Tuesday through Friday as we normally would. We will use our 3-tiered re-entry plan to determine the appropriate way to proceed with our school day/week. We will start in level “Green” and will communicate any changes to our operating status via school messenger and our school website. We will function this way until the COVID-19 situation changes for the better and the Polk County Health Center says we can operate normally.

Virtual Learning Option:

The Virtual option is the best choice for families who desire full-time virtual learning. With this option, students will learn online full time from home with regular virtual interaction with their teacher(s). Due to the logistics associated with delivering the two instruction options, families must commit to the option they select until mid-term or semester, whichever comes first. Seated learners are allowed to change to virtual learner status at any time and will be allowed to return to seated learning at mid-term or semester. Students choosing this option will be eligible to participate in athletics and activities per MSHSAA.

Please note. If you choose the virtual option, or our school is forced to go to a virtual format, all student work will be graded. Proof of learning will be required for student grades just like in a face-to-face setting. Special needs students will have their Alternative Learning Method implemented by their IEP team.

If you choose the virtual learning option, please call our offices at 417-445-2211 to let us know so that equipment & textbooks can be distributed to you.

WHEN YOU ARE SICK

AT-HOME SCREENING

Parents are expected to perform a daily screening before a student arrives at school. Parents and caregivers play an important role in limiting the spread of COVID-19 by actively screening their children for symptoms at home, prior to coming to school. Keeping your child home when they feel sick helps to protect other students, school staff members, and community as a whole.

Sick Students at School

Students who are sick or not feeling well will be sent to the nurse. If the nurse determines the student has COVID like symptoms, a mask will be placed on the student and the student will be sent to a separate room to be monitored. The office will call the parent and we will request immediate pick up of the student.

Employees

Employees are expected to follow the same screening procedures required for students and stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms. Employees must report any symptoms or potential exposures to an Administrator and the School Nurse and follow district directions.

Return to School After COVID

If a student is quarantined for any length of time due to COVID 19, the student will receive virtual learning. Getting back to school could take some time. If we have positive cases with students or staff, we will follow the current guidelines of the Polk County Health Center for return. We will communicate those guidelines on a case by case basis.

SYMPTOMS ALERT

Be aware of these COVID symptoms: fever, cough, rash, sore throat, shortness of breath, congestion/runny nose, diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, lack of appetite and lack of smell/taste.

Transportation

Halfway R-III Schools will provide transportation to and from school. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage parents to provide transportation to and from school as social distancing will be a concern on the school bus. However, if you need to use our transportation services, please call the school at 417-445-2200 to make transportation arrangements.

Masks

If masks are required or a student wants to wear a mask but does not have one, the school will provide a mask. Dress code policy will be applied to the masks that are worn.