



Halfway R-III School District

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Plan of Re-Entry 2021-2022

Halfway R-III Schools is dedicated to educating our students, while creating a safe and sanitary environment conducive for learning. The beginning of the 2021-2022 school year is upon us and we are still dealing with lingering effects of COVID 19. DESE is requiring schools again to have a plan of Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services posted on our website. 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.

The Halfway R-III school district Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 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 government guidelines and protocols.

We plan on bringing our students back to school on Tuesday, August 24th. We will follow a 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 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.

The Halfway R-III school district is excited to welcome our students back into our classrooms. We are going to make the 2021-2022 school year the best it can be!

Sincerely,
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Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

REVISED PLAN EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2021

- Students will attend class on a daily basis.
- Social distancing will be put in place where possible.
- Cleaning and sanitizing practices will take place in all areas daily.
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria as normal.
- Walk and talk for JH/HS will be as normal.
- Buses will be sanitized after each route.
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing will be reviewed with students and encouraged.
- There will be reasonable accommodations made for students with disabilities.
- Some diagnostic and screening testing may be done to determine gaps in learning due to COVID-19.
- Halfway Schools will follow state statute 167.191 and will exclude students from school who have a contagious disease or who are “liable to transmit” a communicable disease. Students who test positive for Covid will follow the CDC guidelines regarding a return to participate in school and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- Halfway R-III Schools will follow Polk County Health Center guidelines regarding the wearing of masks. It is recommended to wear masks.
- Vaccinations for faculty and staff will be provided as requested.
- Counselors will be available in our school daily to provide emotional support for students and staff.
- If requested this plan can be offered in an alternate language. Please contact the district office if you require assistance in this option.
- Students who miss an extended period of school due to Covid, will be offered virtual education, packets of work, and any other methods of education deemed necessary to ensure that the educational process continues.
- We will review and revise this plan every 6 months, but will be able to adapt and adjust as needed to respond appropriately to the Pandemic.
- This plan was developed with public input and when we review our plan we will again ask for our community’s input and support.
- In the event of a Suspected Case of COVID-19, the following protocols will be followed:
 - An employee or student doesn’t feel well will visits the school nurse.
 - The nurse determines symptoms may be COVID related and a mask will be offered.
 - The employee or student will be temporarily separated from others and sent home.

Remember that schools are not expected to screen students or staff to identify cases of COVID-19. If the school has a positive case of COVID-19, individuals identified as close contacts will be notified by the school district (parent/guardian will be contacted) and will follow up on the next steps. Testing is available at the Polk County Health Department, CMH, or your local medical provider and area pharmacies.

EMPLOYEE

- The employee will contact their primary healthcare provider and the provider will arrange for testing.
- If the employee tests positive for COVID, the provider will call the employee with the positive result.
- An employee who is positive for COVID-19 needs to stay home for 10 days after symptoms appeared, and at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications and other

symptoms are improving. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

- An employee identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 patient is recommended to stay home for 14 days since their last exposure. However, an employee who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does NOT need to stay home:
 - Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 or
 - Someone who has had COVID-19 within the previous 3 months and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 or
 - Remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath).

STUDENT

- The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian. On arrival, the nurse will encourage to have the child tested.
- A student who is positive for COVID-19 needs to stay home for 10 days after symptoms appeared, and at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms are improving. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.
- A student identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 patient is recommended to stay home for 14 days since their last exposure. However, a student who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does NOT need to stay home:
 - Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 or
 - Someone who has had COVID-19 within the previous 3 months and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 or
 - Remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath).

Surveillance, Screening, and Triage

Students and staff who have a fever (100 or higher) should stay home and report the absence to the school office or supervisor. Students and staff who have been traveling must complete a daily self-check. This self-screening outlines that you should not enter a building if, in the past 14 days, you have experienced two or more of these symptoms that are unusual for you personally:

- fever (100 or higher) or a sense of having a fever (you don't feel well);
- chills, cough, sore throat, headache;
- new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches;
- if you or a close contact has been diagnosed or presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19.

Those allowed into the school buildings may be screened. Those who are identified to have concerning symptoms may be instructed to go to a designated area to be picked up by parents and sent home. Students/staff must be fever/symptom/medicine free for 24 hours to return to school. Temperature will be taken before re-entry. Parents should consider COVID testing when their child has multiple symptoms.

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.

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.