



Sussex School Covid-19 Response Plan 2020

*Sussex School is projecting to start in-person learning for all grades/all days on August 26 as indicated by Sussex Directive Level 2 of this matrix. However, this is subject to change based on **disease growth** of Covid-19 in Missoula County **which constitutes new cases, infection rates, current hospitalizations, and testing capacity and veracity**. We will be utilizing [Covid Act Now](#) and the [Missoula County Health Department](#) websites to garner the above data to help inform decisions about which level to institute. Sussex will continue to monitor cases and the aforementioned criteria daily, leading up to August 26 and beyond. Our directive levels are tied to phases set by the state government and local health department but may depart from a phase based on disease growth in Missoula County. Sussex School Administration will check criteria daily and will update families weekly on our Level status. Based on the evolving nature of Covid-19 information, this plan is subject to change.*

Sussex Directive	Health and Safety Protocols	Teaching and Learning Approach
Level 0	Campus closed to the public.	All students will utilize remote learning.
Level 1-this hybrid model is shelved at this time.*	Health screenings done by parents at home before sending students to school.	K–8th grades will learn in a hybrid model (2.5 days in person, 3.5 days remote), socially-distanced and wearing masks. Students will not move classrooms (outside or inside) except for art and PE.
	Staggered start and end times for students. K–4th: 8:30am–2:50pm and 5–8th: 8:40am–3:00pm. Early out Thursdays K–5: 12:50pm, 6–8th: 1pm.	Families can opt for remote learning content access if desired. This will include Google classroom assignments and material, once-per-week conferencing with core teacher(s) and once-per-month conferencing with specialists. Additional opportunities may be available.
	Temperature and smell-response checks performed every morning by homeroom teachers.	Students will be kept in their own individual learning cohorts all day, i.e., K, 1/2, 3/4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, to limit spread and to help with contact tracing.
	Handwashing protocols for staff and students specified and implemented.	Outdoor learning preferred to reduce viral loads and contagion.
	Handsanitizer wall mounts will be installed at entry points for student and staff use.	No in-person afterschool activities, including AfterCare.
	Increased janitorial services.	No renting of facilities to the general public.
	Frequent sanitizing of surfaces.	
	Face coverings required for all students and staff.	
	Buses will travel with windows down, and students will wear face masks. Student capacity is limited to 7 per bus. Parent drivers will not be allowed, unless 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained in a vehicle.	
	No public visitors on campus; parent access restricted.	
	Students will need to eat lunch outside or in classrooms with social distancing and doors and windows open. We will utilize open classroom spaces to spread students out and favor eating outside as much as possible.	
	Recess will be staggered and zoned by grade to ensure students can spread out adequately and learning cohorts can be maintained.	
	Hallways, lockers, and classrooms designed for optimal flow and distancing.	
	Purchase equipment that will create better opportunity for distancing, outside learning, and reducing the risk of contagion.	
	If Missoula is experiencing poor air quality (orange or red range) due to wildfire smoke, we will institute a flexible schedule.	

	In order to increase airflow, when inside we will keep all doors and windows open as much as possible to increase air circulation and ventilation. If needed for airflow, classrooms will have fans.	
<i>Level 2</i>	Health screenings done by parents at home before sending students to school.	On-campus learning for all students, all grades, all day. The school schedule will remain intact.
	Staggered start and end times for students. K–4th: 8:30am–2:50pm and 5–8th: 8:40am–3:00pm. Early out Thursdays K–5: 12:50pm, 6–8th: 1:00pm.	Families can opt for remote learning content access if desired. This will include Google classroom assignments and material, once-per-week conferencing with core teacher(s) and once-per-month conferencing with specialists. Additional opportunities may be available.
	Temperature checks performed every morning by homeroom teachers.	Limits on afterschool offerings to minimize mixing of students. AfterCare available with kids outside, with masks, and no shared snack.
	Handwashing protocols for staff and students instructed and delineated.	Students will be kept in their own individual learning cohorts during all classtime, i.e., K, 1/2, 3/4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, to limit spread and to help with contact tracing.
	Increased janitorial services.	No renting of facilities to the general public.
	Frequent sanitizing of surfaces.	Outdoor learning preferred to reduce viral loads and contagion.
	Face coverings required for all students and staff.	
	Buses will travel with windows down, and students will wear face masks.	
	No public visitors on campus; parent access restricted.	
	Students will need to eat lunch outside or in classrooms with social distancing and doors and windows open. We will utilize open classroom spaces to spread students out and favor eating outside as much as possible.	
	Recess will be monitored to ensure students are spread out.	
	Hallways, lockers, and classrooms designed for optimal flow and distancing.	
	Purchase equipment that will create better opportunity for distancing, outside learning, and reducing the spread of germs.	
	If Missoula is experiencing poor air quality (orange or red range) due to wildfire smoke, we will institute a flexible schedule.	
	In order to increase airflow, we will keep all doors and windows open as much as possible to increase air circulation and ventilation. If needed for airflow, classrooms will have fans.	
<i>Level 3</i>	Continue with best practices for handwashing and sanitation.	On-campus learning for all students, all grades, all day. The school schedule will remain intact.
	Parents continue to health-screen at home.	Students will be kept in their own individual learning cohorts, i.e., K, 1/2, 3/4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
	Staggered start and end times for students. K–4th: 8:30am–2:50pm and 5–8th: 8:40am–3:00pm. Early out Thursdays K–5: 12:50pm, 6–8th: 1:00pm.	After school activities will resume.
		Facilities rentals will resume.
		Families can opt for remote learning content access if needed.

**Whenever the school moves to a distinct level, a day of planning will be required, and the school will be closed to students.*

* The Covid task force recommended to shelve hybrid learning model due to health concerns of expanded contacts and the board unanimously voted in support of this decision, 11/6/20.