



**Nicholson Elementary**

**Re-opening Plan**

## Practicing Prevention

- Masks and face coverings are required for all staff and students. If possible, please send in an extra mask in case one gets dirty or lost. Masks will be provided in a forgotten/emergency situation.
- Nicholson will implement social distancing measures to every extent possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be located at building entrances as well as throughout the building and in classrooms.
- Signs will be posted throughout the building to communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols.
- Good hygiene measures will be discussed regularly on the morning news as well as during the instructional day.
- All water fountains will be closed. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottles. Water bottle fillers will be available in two locations.
- Enhanced custodial procedures will be implemented. Classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas will be sanitized multiple times a day. Staff will disinfect high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Additional time has been added between specials to allow for sanitizing.
- The custodial team will do a deep clean of the entire building each Wednesday.
- All staff members will remain vigilant in monitoring student safety and we will adjust as necessary.

## Instructional Day

- Due to safety protocols, we will not be able to have visitors walk students to classes. We will have staff available throughout the building to assist students.
- Due to safety protocols, we will not be able to have volunteers in the classroom or have lunch with students (including birthday treats).
- Classrooms will be arranged to maximize social distancing to every extent possible. Clear plastic tri-folds will be placed on desks/tables.
- Nicholson's instruction will involve small groups, but social distancing will be practiced to the best extent possible. Small group instruction is a key component of the workshop model and essential for differentiated instruction.
- Teachers will be providing instruction both face-to-face and virtually. Please be patient as teachers and students are adjusting to these new procedures.
- Students will bring their own set of supplies to decrease the communal sharing of materials.
- All students will remain home on Wednesdays. Teachers will communicate Wednesday's instructional plan.
- Transitions will occur as normal for lunch, bathroom, and specials. Student traffic flow patterns will follow the blue-tiled lines. Social distancing will be practiced to the best extent possible.
- Masks are required during recess.
- Mask breaks will be given during snack and lunch. Students will be responsible for keeping up with their mask during that time.

## Food and Nutrition Services (Café)

- Handwashing/sanitizing will occur before and after meals.
- Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students will sit every other seat to increase social distancing to the extent possible.
- Enhanced cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in addition to regular stringent cleaning measures for food safety.
- Tables and seats will be sanitized in-between classes.
- No parents/guests will be allowed in the cafeteria.
- Serving lines will be modified to eliminate students touching the line or food products while choosing meals.
- Social distancing guidelines will be followed to the extent possible.
- Lunchroom monitors and other school staff will be available in the cafeteria to monitor/assist students.

## Arrival and Dismissal

- Morning bus riders will be unloaded one bus at a time to avoid mass entry into the building. Students will enter the building in a single file line and maintain social distancing to the best extent possible.
- Morning car riders will enter the front of the building. Building doors will remain open to decrease common touch areas.
- Staff will be unable to physically open or close car doors in the carpool line. Please prepare your child to open and close their door.
- Afternoon bus riders will be dismissed by bus number to avoid mass exit out of the building. This is subject to adjustment if needed.
- We are currently developing a plan to keep students socially distanced while waiting for car pick-up.

## Transportation

- Bus drivers and students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the front of the bus.
- Students will continue to be assigned seating so loading and unloading are as safe as possible and to support effective contact tracing.
- Buses will be disinfected after routes have been completed.
- Bus routes will run as scheduled and stops will remain the same (visit <https://www.cobbk12.org/page/310/bus-route-finder> to find your bus stop and time).

## Clinic

- Please self-screen your child before coming to school for fevers, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, congestion, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, body aches, etc.
- The school clinic will follow Cobb and Douglas Public Health guidance and protocols for sick students and personnel and review local/state regulatory agency policies and orders for updates.
- School nurse will triage sick students/staff during a school clinic visit (assessment, temperature check, etc.) and follow district procedures for when students show signs of illness or injury.
- A designated isolation area will be used for students showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- The school nurse will follow [CDC/DPH guidance](#) after COVID-19 illness or exposure.

