



Carroll County Schools
2021-22 Opening Plan - July 15, 2021

The purpose of this plan is to ensure the health and well-being of students, teachers, and other staff members. The three phase approach based on guidance from state and local agencies, outlines procedures to maintain premier educational opportunities for all students. Carroll County Schools will open the 2021-2022 school year in Phase III. To stay up to date on opening plans and any changes to the 2021-22 school year, please visit us at www.carrollcountyschools.com.

Area	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Teaching and Learning	Schools will be closed and students will participate in an at-home distance learning model. A continued focus will be placed on students' learning loss from the pandemic.	Schools will use a blended learning model that could include onsite learning, hybrid learning or at-home distance learning to meet student needs and provide for safe learning environments. A continued focus will be placed on students' learning loss from the pandemic.	Schools will use a traditional onsite learning model. Safety protocols may be used to provide for safe learning environments. A continued focus will be placed on students' learning loss from the pandemic.
School Operations	Only essential staff will be onsite at district facilities and will follow enhanced safety guidelines, preventive measures and mitigation strategies. Other staff may be expected to telework.	Schools will be open for modified activities and functions. Enhanced safety protocols such as extra cleaning, preventive measures and mitigation strategies will be implemented. Communication and training will be used to minimize impact.	Schools will be open for traditional activities and functions. Standard operating procedures will follow safety guidelines, use preventive measures and may use mitigation strategies to ensure safe learning environments.
Transporting Students	No student bus routes.	Buses will be available as needed using enhanced district safety guidelines and preventive measures.	Buses will run normal routes using district safety guidelines and preventive measures.
School Nutrition	School Nutrition will use a distance food service approach.	School Nutrition will use hybrid serving models following enhanced district safety guidelines and preventive measures.	School Nutrition will use standard operating procedures following district safety guidelines and preventive measures.
Large Group Gatherings	Schools will be closed. Large group gatherings will be limited per guidelines.	Schools will adhere to modified guidelines limiting the size of groups allowed to gather. Enhanced district safety guidelines and preventive measures will be followed.	Schools will adhere to standard operating procedures for group gatherings following district safety guidelines and preventive measures.

Athletics, Arts & Activities	Limited extracurricular activities sanctioned by GHSA.	Extracurricular activities will follow modified operating procedures using enhanced district safety guidelines and preventive measures.	Extracurricular activities will follow standard operating procedures following district safety guidelines and preventive measures.
Protecting Vulnerable Populations	Vulnerable essential staff will be encouraged to telework. Vulnerable students will participate in an at-home distance learning model.	Modified operating procedures will be used to protect vulnerable students and staff.	Standard operating procedures will be used to protect vulnerable students and staff.
Climate & Social Emotional Wellness	Staff will use strategies to stay connected with and focus on the social-emotional wellness of students and employees while ensuring safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments.	Capturing Kids' Hearts and other social emotional wellness strategies will be used to connect with and support students and staff. An emphasis will be placed on ensuring safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be provided to any employee or their immediate family as needed.	

General Operations:

- The district will invest ESSR funds to enhance the physical environment and safety measures of all facilities to include, but not limited to, sanitization, cleaning, air filtration, distancing, bottle filling stations, etc.
- Age-appropriate activities will be used to promote awareness of preventive measures and symptoms of sickness during the first week of school.
- Safety protocols, frequent hand washing and hygiene best practices will be taught and reinforced continually.
- Hand sanitizer will be stationed around facilities and students will be encouraged to bring water bottles from home.
- Face coverings are optional for students, staff and guests to Carroll County Schools. Health officials suggest use of face coverings for unvaccinated individuals. Masks will be available upon request.
- Routine disinfection of classrooms, commons areas, bathrooms and high touch areas will continue to be performed.
- Physical distancing will be encouraged where appropriate.
- Signage will be posted around facilities encouraging use of safety protocols and preventive measures.
- Staff will limit sharing of student supplies, equipment and technology in classrooms.
- Parent/school meetings/events may be held in-person, virtually or in blended fashion.
- Buses will have hand sanitizer and masks available.
- Buses will be wiped down and disinfected regularly.
- If a student or employee is sick, the parent or employee should work with their school nurse, clinician and/or school designee on appropriate procedures to follow.
- Carroll County Schools, in collaboration with local health officials, may deem it necessary to close parts of schools, specific schools, clusters of schools or the district to help mitigate the spread of illness. Closures could be targeted to isolate and disinfect specific areas, short-term to close for a facility-wide deep cleaning or extended to close facilities for a longer period of time as needed.
- For more information regarding the Coronavirus, visit the Carroll County Schools Website and click on the Resources tab.