

HANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT REOPENING PLAN JULY 2020



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Hanford Elementary School District will resume instruction for the 2020-2021 school year on **Thursday, August 13th**. HESD will offer two options for the upcoming school year:



TRADITIONAL

Students will return to HESD classrooms for in-person instruction 5 days a week



DISTANCE LEARNING

Students will engage in learning from a distance 5 days a week following a regular school day

- Kings County is in Stage 3 of reopening
- COVID-19 is still spreading through our community
- COVID-19 will be a factor all next school year
- COVID-19 is predicted to come in waves
- State guidance on COVID-19 is ever changing and **will require flexibility from ALL of us!**

Using the guidance documents provided by the state, HESD has developed a reopening plan to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff members. Hanford Elementary School District's reopening plan was reviewed by the Kings County Department of Public Health.

Thursday, August 13 – First Day of School

Instructional Day Times for Distance Learning & Traditional School:

Grades TK – K	8:00 a.m. – 1:37 p.m.
Grades 1st – 3rd	8:00 a.m. – 1:57 p.m.
Grades 4th – 6th	8:00 a.m. – 2:17 p.m.
Grades 7th & 8th	8:00 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.

We are in this together!



Healthy Practices & Monitoring Health

Clean your hands often



- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- **If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others



- **You could spread COVID-19 to others** even if you do not feel sick.
- **Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public**, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- **The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people** in case you are infected.
- Do **NOT** use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to **keep about 6 feet between yourself and others**. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Clean and disinfect



- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

*Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19
Trouble breathing - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest - New confusion -
Inability to wake or stay awake - Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



HESD's Instructional Settings & Bus Transportation

HESD's Instructional Settings

Traditional School:

- Students will attend school in-person, full-day, five days each week, with minimum days on Wednesdays
- Students will be kept in class cohort groups across the school day
- Students will eat meals in the classroom or on the yard
- Students will have a 30 minute lunch break

Distance Learning:

For parents that are not comfortable sending their children to school, Hanford Elementary School District will offer a distance learning option.

For parents considering distance learning, HESD will offer a rigorous off-site learning program for any parent requesting this placement for their children. Parents considering distance learning for their children should note the following:

- Distance learning students will be assigned to a HESD teacher
- Students will be engaged in a **full day of instruction** Monday through Friday and attendance will be taken each day
- Students will receive live instruction from the supervising teacher, prerecorded lessons from the teacher and/or online resources, and allotted time for independent work
- Students will receive instruction based on sequencing

and pacing of Hanford Elementary School District. This will include participation in local and state assessments

- Students will be required to complete/submit assignments, and work will be graded
- Students will receive a HESD Report to Parents each trimester, and you will be scheduled for a virtual parent conference on November 23rd or 24th (same as peers attending school in-person)
- Distance learning will **require a commitment for the entire school year.** (Students returning to regular school are not guaranteed placement at their home school)
- Students will be issued a computer device (same as peers attending school in person) to use for instructional purposes
- Students will be issued hard copy materials/textbooks (same as peers attending school in person)
- Breakfast & Lunch options will be available

All HESD Parents will need to select their child's instructional setting for the 2020-21 school year.

Please visit
<http://www.hanfordesd.org/20-21choice-form>
to complete the questionnaire

HESD's Bus Transportation

- Parents are encouraged to transport their child(ren) to school
- Parents needing to access HESD Bus Transportation will be required to apply for Transportation
 - Applications for TK – 6 students who live more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the school in their attendance area will be considered
 - Applications for 7th & 8th grade students who live more than 1 mile from the school in their attendance area will be considered
 - Should the district receive more transportation requests than can be accommodated, priority will be given to younger students
- Once a student is granted access for HESD bus transportation, parents will be required to sign a waiver and will be provided with a bus pass for their child
- Students must have the bus pass in their possession to ride the bus of their assigned route
- Students must wear a face covering on HESD buses
- Students will hand sanitize upon entry to the bus
- Students will be seated one child to each seat (30 max riders per bus)



HESD's Campuses – Classrooms, Office Areas, Libraries & Cafeterias

Classrooms

- Student desks and tables will be distanced to the degree practicable
- Students will face the same direction
- Classrooms will be free of unnecessary clutter or furniture
- Limited sharing of objects between students



Office Areas

- School offices will be limiting outside guests
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to call or e-mail rather than dropping by the office
- Face coverings will be required
- Volunteer services are suspended for 2020-2021



Libraries and Cafeterias

- Library usage will be limited to specific days for classroom cohort use
- Students will be eating meals in the classrooms
- Cafeterias may be used as alternate classroom settings to allow for distancing



Common Areas

- Areas will be marked for distancing
- Playground equipment will be off limits
- Students will be assigned restrooms based on classroom cohorts
- Students will be assigned areas of the yard for recess and lunch play
- Restrooms will remain stocked with handwashing supplies



HESD's Cleaning & Disinfecting Practices

- HESD's classrooms and offices will be disinfected each evening using a disinfectant fogger
- Restrooms & high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected across the day
- Disinfecting spray bottles and microfiber cloths will be in all classrooms and offices
- Hand sanitizer will be located in all offices and classrooms



HESD READY, Extra-curricular & Co-curricular Activities



Face Coverings for students are required, pursuant to the order of the Governor of California.



HESD READY

- Parents with applications submitted will need to demonstrate the need for afterschool care
 - Parents will need to submit a letter from their employer showing their schedule
 - Letters will be required on a trimester basis
 - Priority will be given to essential worker (medical, first-responders, etc.)
- Students will be classroom cohort grouped
- Access to READY may be limited to certain grade levels with priority going to younger students



Extra-curricular & Co-curricular Activities

- Extra-curricular activities include our HESD sports programs and co-curricular activities include such things as Student Council and clubs
- HESD extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are postponed for the fall of 2020
- The decision will be revisited on a trimester basis
- November 2020- A decision to postpone or resume will be made
- March 2021- A decision to postpone or resume will be made



Student Illness

COVID-19 will continue to spread in our community. The precautions and safety procedures we are taking will not stop the spread, but will hopefully slow the spread of the virus. Over the course of the last few months we have learned more about COVID-19. We now know that children are least affected and generally recover quickly. We also know more about how the disease spreads and how long a person may be contagious. We are prepared for what to do when a student or staff member exhibits symptoms or tests positive.



- Staff and students/parents will need to self-screen daily
- If anyone is exhibiting symptoms they need to stay home and schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider.

A student that has a positive COVID-19 case of a family member or individual in the home...

- Seek medical care from your healthcare provider in accordance with the CDC and County Health Department Guidelines
- ALERT the school office as quickly as possible
- Return to school upon direction of healthcare provider or the County Health Department

A student becomes ILL at school...

Students that present symptoms at school will be immediately sent to the designated healthcare area to be:

- Evaluated by a HESD Registered Nurse or HESD Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Asked about whom they have been in close physical contact at school
- Held in isolation area until parent/guardian pick-up
- Recommended to be taken for a COVID-19 test at a local testing location
- Asked to remain home until test results come back negative or, after a positive case, follow their healthcare provider's or the Health Departments directions for safe return to the school

Notification of COVID-19 Cases

Classroom Case

- Parents will be notified of a positive case in their child's classroom cohort grouping
- Children in a classroom with a positive case will shift to distance learning for a 14 day quarantine period
- The classroom will be cleaned and disinfected

School Case

- Parents will be notified of a positive case in their child's school, but it will be noted that it was not in their child's classroom cohort



Before school starts please practice these healthy hygiene habits with your children:

- Wearing a mask
- Cleaning hands regularly with soap & water and hand sanitizer
- Keeping their distance from others

