

# Response Plan (Revision)

## Challis School District #181

### 2020-2021

#### Introduction

Our goal is to reopen schools in fall 2020. While reopening schools is the goal in Challis School District, we know we can't control COVID-19 so the district has created a plan that allows us to respond quickly to changing local, regional, state and national conditions. As conditions change, we may be forced to change how we provide instruction during the school year. The Reopening Plan includes a Green-Yellow-Orange-Red system that outlines what students, staff and parents can expect under different conditions.

- **GREEN: Semi-Normal Operations**—Challis schools will reopen with all students attending school full-time and schools implementing reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance.
- **YELLOW: Increased Precautions**—Challis will require increased safety precautions.
- **ORANGE: Increased Precautions**—Challis will require increased safety precautions.
- **RED: Learn at Home & Stay Safe**—In extreme conditions, which could include a local or state stay-at-home order, Challis will close schools and shift to remote learning for all students. Based on conditions, the board could close a single school, a cluster of schools or close all schools.

Challis School District's Reopening Plan includes recommendations from health officials, and reasonable procedures to try and mitigate risks and minimize the spread of COVID-19. To accomplish our goal of reopening schools, it is imperative all students, staff and parents do their part by following health guidance whether they're at school or out in the community. Everyone will also need to monitor their health and stay home if they are feeling sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19.

The Reopening Plan was drafted with input from stakeholders including parents, teachers, staff and officials with Eastern Idaho Public Health. It includes feedback from more than 100 survey responses. The plan is a living document and will be updated in accordance with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor's office, the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, the Idaho High School Athletics Association and other extracurricular governing bodies, Eastern Idaho Public Health and other state and local officials.

#### Challis School District's Focus Everyday

- 1) Provide a rigorous, **comprehensive education** for all students no matter the mode of instruction.
- 2) **Respect health guidance** from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health officials and adopt reasonable practices we can control to mitigate risks and minimize spread.
  - i) Students who **exhibit signs of sickness** or have a temperature of **100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher** will be sent home.
- 3) **Be flexible, empathetic and ready to respond quickly** to support families as conditions change.
- 4) **Clearly communicate shared expectations** for students, staff and parents.
- 5) Provide **parents and teachers with training and support** so they can use tech tools and resources.
- 6) **Update policies** to ensure students and staff who are sick or showing symptoms stay home.
- 7) **Options for parents** uncomfortable about sending children back to school in person.

## GREEN – Semi-Normal

***Challis School District's schools will reopen but incorporate health guidance and protocols to try and mitigate risk and limit the spread of COVID-19. Here's what to expect:***

### **Districtwide Practices**

1. Social distancing where possible and reasonable.
2. Masks or face coverings required when social distancing is not possible.
3. Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines. Special focus on high traffic areas.
4. Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
5. Hand sanitizer available throughout the buildings.
6. Schools share "Stop the Spread" information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.

### **Transportation**

1. Social distancing on school buses will be difficult, so face masks or coverings will be required when social distancing is not possible.

### **Classroom Spaces**

1. Limited use of shared materials and supplies.
2. Desks arranged to allow for social distancing where possible and reasonable.
3. Staff and students working closely (small groups of students) will wear face masks or shields.

### **School Spaces**

1. Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
2. Some school events, assemblies and gatherings may be changed or canceled to limit large gatherings.
3. Access to campus may be limited with new protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.

### **Common Spaces**

1. Lunch times in the cafeteria will allow for social distancing. Some student may eat in other areas of the school or outside when weather permits.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

1. We will follow guidance and directives from the Idaho High School Athletic Association and the governing bodies of other extracurricular activities.

## **PRIORITIES IN GREEN**

1. Ensure students and staff who are sick or showing symptoms stay at home.
2. Implement social distancing where possible and reasonable.

## **YELLOW-Increased Precautions**

***Based on guidance from Eastern Idaho Public Health, the Board of Trustees will shift Challis School District's schools to increased safety and distancing precautions incorporating health guidance and protocols to try and mitigate risk and limit the spread of COVID-19. Here's what to expect:***

### **Districtwide Practices**

1. Social distancing where possible and reasonable.
2. Masks or face coverings required.
3. Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines. Special focus on high traffic areas.
4. Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
5. Hand sanitizer available throughout the buildings.

6. Schools share “Stop the Spread” information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
7. Support and training for parents who need help accessing technology, tools and on-line curriculum.

### **Transportation**

1. Social distancing on school buses will be difficult, so face masks or coverings will be required when social distancing is not possible.
2. Options for consideration, alternate transportation to and from school.

### **Classroom Spaces**

1. Limited use of shared materials and supplies.
2. Desks arranged to allow for social distancing where possible and reasonable.
3. Staff and students working closely (small groups of students) will wear face masks or shields.

### **School Spaces**

1. Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
2. Some school events, assemblies and gatherings may be changed or canceled to limit large gatherings.
3. Access to campus may be limited with new protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.

### **Common Spaces**

1. Lunch times in the cafeteria will allow for social distancing. Some student may eat in other areas of the school or outside when weather permits.
2. Students will move in cohort groups where possible and feasible to try and limit possible exposure.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

1. We will follow guidance and directives from the Idaho High School Athletic Association and the governing bodies of other extracurricular activities.

### **PRIORITIES IN YELLOW**

1. Ensure students and staff who are sick or showing symptoms stay at home.
2. Implement social distancing and cohort groups where possible and reasonable.

## **ORANGE – Increased Precautions**

***Based on guidance from Eastern Idaho Public Health, the Board of Trustees will continue Challis School District's schools increased safety and distancing precautions incorporating health guidance and protocols to try and mitigate risk and limit the spread of COVID-19. Here is what to expect:***

### **Districtwide Practices**

1. Temperature of staff and students will be taken when arriving at school.
2. Social distancing where possible and reasonable.
3. Masks or face coverings required.
4. Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines. Special focus on high traffic areas.
5. Handwashing integrated throughout the day.
6. Hand sanitizer available throughout the buildings.
7. Schools share “Stop the Spread” information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms.
8. Closed campus for staff and students during school hours.

### **Transportation**

1. Social distancing on school buses will be difficult, so face masks or coverings will be required when social distancing is not possible.

2. Options for consideration, alternate transportation to and from school.

### **Classroom Spaces**

1. Limited use of shared materials and supplies.
2. Desks arranged to allow for social distancing where possible and reasonable.
3. Staff working closely with small groups of students will wear face masks or shields.
4. Reduced number of students in classroom where needed.

### **School Spaces**

1. Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in all offices.
2. Some school events, assemblies and gatherings may be changed or canceled to limit large gatherings.
3. Access to campus will be limited with new protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.

### **Common Spaces**

1. Lunch times in the cafeteria will allow for social distancing. Some student may eat in other areas of the school or outside when weather permits. Staggered lunch times may be implemented.
2. Students will move in cohort groups where possible and feasible to try and limit possible exposure.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

2. We will follow guidance and directives from the Idaho High School Athletic Association and the governing bodies of other extracurricular activities.

### **PRIORITIES IN ORANGE**

1. Ensure students and staff who are sick or showing symptoms stay at home.
2. Implement social distancing and cohort groups where possible and reasonable.

## **RED – Learn at Home and Stay Safe**

*In extreme conditions, which could include a local or state stay-at-home order, the district will close schools and shift to remote learning for all students. Based on local conditions, the board could close a single school, a cluster of schools or close all schools. Here's what to expect:*

### **Remote Instruction**

1. Focused, rigorous instruction on key standards in each grade and content area.
2. Traditional grades and accountability.
3. Clear expectations and communication with students and families.
4. Some of the structure of a regular school day with face-to-face online instruction with some flexibility for families.
5. Support and training for parents who need help accessing technology, tools and online curriculum.

### **School Spaces**

1. Closed to the general public except by special appointment.
2. There may be opportunities for in-person small group instruction or intervention.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

1. Athletics and other extracurricular activities would be suspended.

### **PRIORITIES IN RED**

Reduce the risk of further community spread by closing schools.

## **Keeping Schools Open Will Take Community Effort**

**Health Checks:** To accomplish our goal of reopening Challis School District #181's schools and keeping them open, it will be important for students, staff, parents and patrons to do their part by following health guidance and monitoring their health.

In cooperation with Eastern Idaho Public Health, we ask that as students and staff prepare for school each day, they ask themselves these questions:

**Since your last day in school have you had any of these symptoms that are NOT attributable to another condition?**

- Fever or Chills (A fever is considered having a temperature of 100.4 F)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

**If the answer is YES to any of these symptoms, we ask that:**

- You **DO NOT** send your child to school.
- Contact your healthcare provider for guidance to determine if testing for COVID-19 is recommended.

**If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 OR was directed by a healthcare provider or Eastern Idaho Public Health to stay home, we ask that:**

- You **DO NOT** send your child to school UNTIL:
  - Your child has isolated for at least 10 days from symptom onset and at least 3 days have passed since symptoms have improved. (See Eastern Idaho Public Health Tree.)  
..... OR.....
  - Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID-19 and cleared your child to return to school.

**If your child has had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone testing positive for COVID-19, we ask that:**

- You **DO NOT** send your child to school UNTIL your child has isolated for 14 days and experiences no COVID-19 symptoms.
- If symptoms DO present during the isolation period, follow instructions above for seeking medical guidance and possible testing for COVID-19.

**Responding to A Confirmed Case of COVID-19:** An important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community is identifying those who may be sick, infected or who have been exposed, and requires all of us working together to keep the virus in check.

**Students/Families:**

- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 we ask that:
  - You do not send your child to school.
  - Notify your school of the positive test.

- Follow guidance from your health provider and Eastern Idaho Public Health regarding isolation and contact tracing.

#### ***School & District:***

- School personnel will contact Eastern Idaho Public Health and will assist Eastern Idaho Public Health with contact tracing and investigation.
- District will coordinate efforts to communicate to staff, students, and parents the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

#### ***Employee Expectations:***

- Employees will be required to meet the expectations of their job description.
- All employees are expected to report to work during all COVID-19 conditions unless one of the following types of leave is being used: FFCRA leave (through December 31, 2020), FLMA leave, sick leave, personal leave, or vacation leave, etc. Under extreme conditions, the exception is a stay-at-home order from Eastern Idaho Public Health or a State and/or Local Government agency.
- Employees are not expected or encouraged to work during leave. A substitute will be provided to deliver lesson plans developed by the classroom teacher, paraprofessional, or other employee.

#### **Steps:**

- The Advisory Committee for Reopening Schools met Wednesday, July 22 and discussed draft plan.
- July 23, 2020 - The draft Reopening Plan is available to public, a survey link is available on the District website for comment; [www.d181.k12.id.us](http://www.d181.k12.id.us).
- July 28, 2020 – possible Advisory Committee meeting
- July 30, 2020 – Special School Board meeting to approve Reopening Plan.
- Challis School District's Reopening Plan will be shared with the public August 3.
- Training and staff development in new health protocols for all staff as they return in late August.
- October 6, 2020 – Special Board meeting, Amended
- October 14, 2020 – draft of revised plan sent to community, staff, parents for survey
- October 21, 2020 – Board of Trustees Review

#### **Resources:**

- Results of Parent Survey
- Input from Advisory Committee made up of staff and parents.
- CDC Considerations for Schools (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>)
- CDC Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>)
- COVID-19 Guidance for Schools (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>)
- Input from Eastern Idaho Health

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