

January 21, 2021

Dear ECS Families,

We are beyond excited to open our doors again, beginning January 25th with K-5 and February 1st to include K-12. This letter details much of what we operated under while in person during October and November and a few extra focus items. To clarify who is returning to on-site instruction, these are the students who attended on-site in Oct./Nov. and any notified students on the waitlist in which there is now room at that grade level. Students who were enrolled in an online format will continue this educational model.

All RSSL safety protocols will be in place as before and continues to limit the number of students in each classroom, per the social distance requirements. Masks/face coverings are still required on campus by all staff, students and persons during drop off/pick-up times if outside of the vehicle or in the designated waiting area. The updated Operational Blueprint will be published on our website for detailed review if you wish. It will be published by Monday, Jan. 25th.

Extensive protocols continue-

Handwashing stations and sanitation stands are at each entrance and use is required to enter the building. Classes will sanitize hands and workstations the last 5 minutes of each class or anytime a cohort leaves the room.

Restroom assignments per cohort (cleaned & sanitized 5x/day):

K-4: Elementary restrooms

5-8: gym restrooms in HS hallway

9-12: Locker room restrooms outside the gym

Staff: MP hallway restrooms and office restroom

Staggered release for recess times and secondary passing periods. Staff will be supervising and enforcing social distance requirements during passing time. Required single file lines and no congregating in groups outside of classrooms.

Visual screenings at each entrance each day. Any symptomatic students will immediately be sent to the health center for nurse review and quarantine protocols as needed.

Our guidance on COVID-19 Exclusions is also posted on our website, in the blueprint as a link. Please follow this closely as it will ensure we successfully operate and remain open for instruction.

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

**Fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath,
difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or loss of smell.**

Please refer to the attached document regarding when to keep your child home, and recall that all classes have an updated Canvas so your student can access class materials in the event of an absence/illness.

Note: ECS has an extensive spreadsheet for tracking all cohorts for contact tracing needs in partnership with our local public health authorities.

Eddyville Charter Staff have been receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through Lincoln County, as we work through risk levels and availability. We will continue to pursue this safety component.

By March 1st, per new state guidelines, ECS will also have testing site capabilities for students and staff showing symptoms. More details to come on this as we work with appropriate agencies for supplies and training.

Finally, as you come up with questions and or concerns regarding COVID-19 and the school, please use our anonymous 'comment cards' on our website: www.eddyvillecharterschool.org Our safety team meets each Thursday and will post answers/explanations to shared concerns the following Monday.

Thank you in advance, we know this has been frustrating, difficult and exhausting, but we are an incredible team of staff, students and families/friends. We will keep moving forward as successful members of society!

Thanks for all you do and your patience.

Ms. Knudson and ECS TEAM

Key Information

January 25th: Grades K-5 only begin on-site (6th -12th continue CDL)

9:00am	<p>Class begins - Grades K-5 Students only need a backpack, PE shoes and a water bottle.</p>
8:10am – 8:45am	<p>Bus or Parent/Guardian Drop-off at appropriate entrance: K-4: Main Entrance 5th: HS/Woodshop Gate Entrance <i>Drop off after making the loop/as you exit so your student isn't crossing traffic.</i> If you are driving, please proceed with caution – DRIVE SLOW – and watch for people in the parking lot.</p>
8:15am – 8:45am	<p>Breakfast is served FREE for all in the classroom. Lunch (FREE) signup and sanitation routine <i>Families who wish to serve breakfast at home may arrive by 8:45.</i> <i>Lunch is also served in the classroom to maintain cohort.</i> <i>Dinner meals are packaged and sent home.</i></p>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	<p>Students line up at Main Entrance Teacher releases to assigned bus or parent/guardian pick-up.</p> <p>If you are picking up your student, please wear a mask, wait in the designated waiting area in the front lawn and socially distance.</p> <p>Once you have your student, please leave to reduce unnecessary exposure and assist with decongestion in our small parking space/driveway.</p> <p>If you are driving, please proceed with caution – DRIVE SLOW – and watch for people in the parking lot.</p> <p>WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAYS WHEN WE CAN SOCIALIZE SAFELY AFTER SCHOOL.</p>

February 1st: Grades 6-12 begin on-site (Now all grade levels on-site)

8:15am -8:30am	<p>Bus or Parent/Guardian Drop-off at appropriate entrance: 6th – 8th: Gym Ramp Entrance 9th – 12th: Woodshop/Building B Gate Entrance <i>Drop off after making the loop/as you exit so your student isn't crossing traffic.</i> If you are driving, please proceed with caution – DRIVE SLOW – and watch for people in the parking lot.</p> <p>FREE Breakfast is served in 1st period classroom and FREE Lunch sign-up. Lunch is served in 4th period classrooms and Free dinner is packaged for take home.</p>
8:30am	<p>1st Period Begins</p>
2:30pm – 2:45	<p>Students are released to assigned bus, student transport or parent/guardian pick-up.</p> <p>If you are picking up your student, please wear a mask, wait in the designated waiting area in the front lawn and socially distance.</p> <p>Once you have your student, please leave to reduce unnecessary exposure and assist with decongestion in our small parking space/driveway.</p> <p>If you are driving, please proceed with caution – DRIVE SLOW – and watch for people in the parking lot.</p> <p>WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAYS WHEN WE CAN SOCIALIZE SAFELY AFTER SCHOOL.</p>

*All schedules are posted on our website: EddyvilleCharterSchool.org