

Classroom and Building Cleaning Procedures

All school buildings we will undergo standard cleaning after the school day with special measures intended mitigate COVID-19. Joplin Schools will utilize cleaning chemicals that are EPA registered disinfectants for COVID-19. After standard cleaning, an additional EPA registered disinfectant will be used (typically sprayed) and allowed a 10-minute dwell/kill time before a wipe down is initiated. This will take place on hard surfaces and restrooms.

During the school day, when students are on site, custodians will periodically spray and wipe down high-touch areas such as doorknobs, panic hardware, restroom stall latches, sink handles, water fountains, etc. with an EPA registered disinfectant. All schools will have new HVAC filters installed during the summer to improve air filtration. In addition, all buildings will be assessed for soap and paper towel availability at hand-washing sinks. Those will be monitored consistently for stocking of product. Proper hand washing is still one of the best and most effective ways to combat the spread of CV-19.

The district will also assess each site for additional hand sanitizing stations for placement near restrooms, entries, saferooms, and cafeterias. Sneeze guards will be installed at office entrance areas that currently do not have a buffer for public interaction with the clerical staff. Finally, each classroom will be supplied with a spray bottle of the EPA registered disinfectant to use for local application during the day.

Bus Cleaning and Procedures

Bus drivers will assign students seats on the bus and do the best they can to help the students' social distance. Students will be loaded and unloaded in such a manner as to keep social distance as well. Students will be required to wear face masks when riding on the bus and they will get their temperatures checked by the bus driver. If a bus driver records a temperature 100.4 or higher the student will be released back to the parents (if the parent is at the bus stop). If the parent cannot be located immediately then the student will be taken to the school and have their temperature taken again by the school nurse. If the student's temperature is 100.4 or higher, for a second time, the student will remain in the office area till the parent comes to the school and retrieves his/her student.

Bus drivers and bus aides will be wearing face masks while operating the bus. Hand sanitizer will be provided for each bus for student and employee usage. After the AM and PMs routes, the buses will be swept and cleaned, disinfected (spray). All frequently touched surfaces will be wiped down with paper towels or microfiber cloths, saturated with disinfectant, as well as the trash bags taken out daily and replaced with a new one. Drivers will ensure that one rear window, or one roof hatch, and the driver's window will remain open to create a continuous flow of air through the bus.

Food Service Cleaning and Procedures

Our cafeteria workers will continue to follow all typical guidelines for food preparation. Frequent handwashing and gloves are necessary when preparing food. The cafeteria workers will also wear face masks when serving food to the students. Social distancing procedures will be adhered to while students are in the cafeteria. Cleaning processes will follow the facility department procedures.