

## Izard County Schools Reopening Plan

The administration, teachers, and staff at Izard County Schools realize that the reopening of school is very important to both educate the children in our district and to care for their social emotional health. We also understand that we must put procedures in place to protect our students, teachers, staff and the community at large from the Covid-19 virus.

### Social Distancing and the Wearing of Masks

In order to have school in the most safe and healthy way possible we will socially distance our students at least six feet apart as much as possible. We will also strongly encourage the wearing of masks when social distancing is not possible. IZARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT will provide three cloth face coverings for each employee and each student. Knowing that it will be impossible to keep a mask on all day, a lanyard will also be provided to each student and employee to help each person keep up with his/her mask. Also, when social distancing is achieved students will have the opportunity to take their masks off.

### Screening Students at Home

We are asking parents to use the current ADH Guidance to screen each student prior to sending your child to school. Please do not send your student to school if he or she can answer yes to any of the following questions:

- 1) Do you have an unexplained cough?
- 2) Do you have difficulty breathing?
- 3) Do you have a sore throat?
- 4) Do you have a loss of taste or smell?
- 5) Have you been in close contact with an infected person (COVID-19) within the previous 14 days?
- 6) Do you have a temperature of 100.4 or higher?

If your student is not coming to school due to quarantine or answering yes to any of the above six questions, please notify the school immediately. Your student will then be able to join class remotely through our online learning platform

### Classroom Procedures

Classrooms have been organized in a way to maximize distance between students and teachers. Door knobs will be disinfected by teachers each time students leave or enter the room. Teachers and staff will encourage regular and thorough hand washing. Students will be encouraged to sneeze or cough into their elbow. Students and teachers in the high school will disinfect their work station before changing classes. Teachers can encourage students to assist in disinfecting after themselves when needed, but not disinfecting after others.

### Lunchroom Procedures

Extra lunch periods have been scheduled in order for the students to distance themselves during lunch. There will be a grab and go breakfast which the students will eat in their classrooms. Cafeterias will be disinfected after each lunch and breakfast period.

### Transportation to School

The district will train staff to disinfect each bus after each trip based on current CDC and ADH guidance. All students are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when boarding the bus and while on the bus when social distancing is not possible. Bus drivers will wear a mask at all times while driving the bus. Students should utilize district-provided hand sanitizer at the service door of each bus in the morning and before they enter the bus each afternoon. Students should maintain a distance of six feet apart while waiting on the bus to arrive.

### Izard County Schools On-line Learning Plan

A guaranteed and viable curriculum will be implemented by the Izard County School District for the upcoming 2020-21 academic school year. Izard County Schools recognizes that blended learning now replaces what we once considered “traditional” learning. With this in mind, the district will offer families two choices for schooling in the fall.

#### 1. Blended on-site instruction.

Blended Learning will consist of on-site instruction that is a combination of face-to-face instruction in a classroom and interaction with teachers, content, assignments, and assessments in a digital platform. This will also allow the district to transition to digital learning at home if the need arises.

#### 2. Online instruction.

Online instruction through the district’s Learning Management System (LMS) Google Classroom and the online platform of Zoom. Instruction will be provided by the district’s teachers utilizing tools such as Lincoln Learning, NearPod, Kami, iReady, and IxL.

K-6 students who enroll in the online at-home learning program will be required to meet with their teachers through ZOOM meetings up to three hours per week. Grade-level teachers will schedule these meetings with their online classes. Students will also be required to interact with online activities and assignments set forth by the teachers

through the LMS.

Students in grades 7-12 who are enrolled in the online program will be required to attend ZOOM meetings daily with their teachers. Odd numbered class periods (1, 3, 5, 7) will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays while even numbered class periods (2, 4, 6, 8) will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Online students will also be required to complete activities and assignments assigned to them by the teachers through our online platform.

Also available to our 7-12 online students will be academic coaches for Social Studies, Math, Science, and English. These instructors will meet with students after school hours to help them navigate through the online learning activities and assignments.

Izard County Schools will utilize Google Classroom in both the blended learning on-site instruction and the off-site digital learning.

Google Classroom has been utilized in the past in the classroom and during the spring when students were instructed at home. Both the teachers and students are comfortable with Google Classroom and will be able to easily transition to using the management system.

Teachers will also be utilizing instructional technologies that work seamlessly with Google Classroom. These include NearPod, Kami, and Zoom.

Lincoln Learning will be used in both the blended and online instruction. This is an instructional platform that is being provided to school districts across the state to use in educating their students.

Students will be provided a chromebook and charger as needed.

Every effort will be made to help provide internet to families who do not have access to the internet at their home. This will be done through wifi hotspots provided by both the Arkansas Department of Education and Izard County Schools.

Instructional materials will be provided to parents on how to utilize the LMS and the instructional technologies provided to their students. In addition, a designated point of contact for parents will be available to troubleshoot issues if technical difficulties arise.

If your child or children are interested in the online program provided by Izard County

Schools, please contact the appropriate campus between the hours of 9:00-3:00.

Izard County Elementary: 870-322-7229

Izard County Middle School: 870-258-3142

Izard County High School: 870-258-7788