



Draper Park Middle School COVID-19 Mitigation Plan 2020-2021

Dear Draper Park Community,

At Draper Park Middle, we are committed to re-opening and running our school in the safest way possible in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This draft edition of our COVID-19 mitigation plan has been created to meet guidelines that have been provided by the Governor, the Utah State Board of Education, and the Canyons District Board and administration. It outlines procedures and expectations that will be implemented in our school this year to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our superintendent has acknowledged that there are risks associated with opening schools during the pandemic. While we cannot guarantee that no one in the DPMS community will contract the virus, we are committed to following the guidance that we have received and implementing this plan to keep students, teachers, families and staff as safe as we can. The response to COVID-19 has been a divisive and controversial subject in many places. It is our hope that the DPMS community will come together during this difficult time to promote a culture of caring and respect as we all do our best to make school a positive, fun and safe place to learn in spite of the pandemic.

In the following table we have identified 17 areas in which we can all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please review each area and feel free to respond to me with feedback and ideas about how we could improve the plan. I believe all teachers and parents should have a voice in this process. I will do my best to review all of the feedback I receive and make changes/adjustments to the plan before it is submitted to the board.

Sincerely,

Chip Watts
Principal
DPMS

At Home

- Parents monitor for symptoms and check students' temperature daily.
- Keep students home if they are ill or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Encourage students to show care and respect for others by wearing face coverings at school.
- Parents and students will care for face coverings by washing reusable masks frequently.
- Communicate with school about risk factors/concerns.
- Work with teachers to ensure access to online materials during long periods of absence.
- Reduce the number of visits to school and schedule appointments in advance.
- Access online materials provided for Back-to-School Night, performances, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay informed through the DPMS school website, school newsletters, social media, and Skylert communications.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 7:25 a.m. with physical distancing protocols in place. ● Cafeteria employees will wear face coverings or face shields and gloves at all times. ● Students will be required to wear face covering while waiting in line and after they finish eating. ● Sanitization stations will be set up at the entrance of the cafeteria. ● Lunch dismissal times will be staggered to reduce the number of students in line at one time. ● Signage will indicate the flow of traffic and physical distancing in the lunch lines. ● Given the number of students in each lunch, it is not feasible to follow physical distancing guidelines in our cafeteria. Additional seating will be provided inside and in the courtyard, and students will be encouraged to spread out as much as possible. Tables will be cleaned and sanitized after every lunch. ● Food areas will be sanitized between each lunch and at the end of each day. ● Students will be asked to sanitize their hands upon leaving the cafeteria. ● For students who go outside, additional points of entry will be provided after each lunch period to reduce traffic through the cafeteria when lunch is over.
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teachers and students will wear a mask or face shield at all times. ● Physical distancing will be maintained as much as possible. ● Students will be instructed to limit contact with other students and classroom objects. ● Students will be required to stay in their assigned seat. ● Students will be asked to report safety and sanitation concerns to their teacher. ● Unneeded furniture will be removed from the classrooms to promote physical distancing. ● Student desks will be sanitized at the beginning and the end of each class period. ● Student desks will be arranged in columns and rows facing the front of the classroom to promote physical distancing. ● Teachers will sanitize their equipment as often as possible. ● Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available for student and teacher use.
Drinking Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signage will be placed on the floor indicating a separation of 6 ft. ● Water bottle filling stations have been ordered for the drinking fountains in each hall, the cafeteria, and the gym. They will be installed ASAP.
Entry/Exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exterior doors will open at 7:10 a.m. ● While waiting for classrooms to open, students should be in common areas, wearing face coverings, and maintaining 6 feet of physical distance. ● Administration and teachers will be given rotating supervision assignments to promote adherence to hallway routines before and after school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classroom doors will open 7:20 a.m. Students should report directly to their first period class at that time. ● Interior doors will be propped open during school hours to promote ventilation and reduce the use of doorknobs as high frequency touch-points. ● Dismissal will start a few minutes early and be staggered to reduce the number of students in the hall at one time after school.
Hallways and Stairwells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teachers and students will be required to wear face coverings in the hallways and stairwells. ● A staggered bell schedule that will reduce the number of students in the hall at one time is under development. ● Students will walk on the right side, indicated by signage and floor markings. ● Students will walk on the right side of the stairs, indicated by arrows. ● Adults will be present in the hallways to remind students to stay on the right side. ● Signage will be placed throughout the school as reminders to stay 6 ft. apart. ● Hall passes will be closely monitored by teachers and administrators. ● Full sanitization and cleaning will be done at the end of each day. ● Hand sanitizing dispensers have been installed throughout the school.
Health Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students exhibiting symptoms will wait in the main office health room for parent pick-up. ● After each use, disposable paper on the sick bed will be changed, the blanket (if applicable) will be laundered, and the general area will be cleaned. ● Temporary dividers will be placed to separate students in the event there is more than one student in the health room at one time. ● The school follow district flowchart and will coordinate with the health department in the event of COVID-19 exposure/outbreak.
Large Group Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Per state and district requirements, we will postpone large group gatherings. ● Assemblies will be pre-recorded or streamed live. ● Field trips will be cancelled until further notice. ● Back to School Night will be held virtually. ● Plans for Student Led Conferences are still under development.
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Library books will be accessed through a digital request form. ● Books will be quarantined and cleaned before the next checkout. ● To reduce contact with high-frequency touch points and reduce congregation of groups of students, the library will be open to a limited number of students at lunch.
Lockers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lockers will not be used at this time to reduce congestion in the hallway. ● If/When recommendations to avoid congestion in hallways change, lockers will be assigned.

P.E./Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students in P.E. will change in shifts to reduce the number of people in the locker room at one time. ● Students will be required to wear masks while changing and during roll call. ● P.E./Weight Room equipment will be sanitized between class periods. ● Dance routines will be choreographed to avoid contact such as lifts, etc.
Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teachers will work with district specialists to implement the safest environments for students and teachers, including using face coverings where possible. ● Curriculum will be adjusted as needed to allow for a greater variety of groupings and distancing. ● Teachers will coordinate to use larger practice spaces as often as possible.
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Labels on the floors will indicate 6 ft. of physical distancing. ● Signage will indicate maximum capacity for each restroom. ● High-frequency touch points in the restrooms will be sanitized regularly throughout the day. ● Students will be encouraged to practice good hygiene when using the restroom. ● Restrooms will be sanitized nightly.
Special Education/Related Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work on flexible scheduling to ensure that students' IEP requirements are met whether they opt for in-person or online schooling. ● Provide clear face shields for speech students so articulation and observation are not impeded by a cloth mask. ● Arrange rooms to accommodate physical distancing where possible. ● Offer online/electronic options for IEP and other meetings to reduce the need to families to come in to the school
Student Supplies	<p>The school will provide each student with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chromebooks will be checked out to all students the first week of school. Guidelines for Chromebook care and cleaning will be provided at that time. Students will be expected to bring their Chromebook to class for use each day. ● Water bottle ● Student planner ● Digital copies of student handbook and PBIS presentations <p>Team supply lists can be found on the school website. Please check there for team/grade specific supplies that your student will need. Students should bring their own supplies in order to limit the need to borrow/lend these items.</p>

Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be required to wear a mask.● Seats and other high-touch surfaces will be sanitized after each bus run.● Physical distancing will be maximized as much as possible.● Bus drivers will wear face coverings and/or face shields. <p>Students will be assigned a permanent seat on buses to assist with contact tracing and to minimize mixing of students from various households.</p>
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Signs will remind visitors to wear masks and check for symptoms; visitors arriving without a mask will be provided with one to wear.● To assist with contact tracing, visitors who go past the main office reception area will be asked to sign in with their name, date, and destination; they will also be required to wear a mask and visitor badge and conduct a brief temperature check.● Visitors are encouraged to schedule appointments in advance with school staff, including counselors, administrators, and teachers.● Lunch deliveries from services such as Doordash and Uber Eats will not be accepted at this time. To reduce traffic in the office, parents are also encouraged not to deliver lunch or special-occasion items (e.g. balloons, etc.) at this time.● Visitors are encouraged to stand behind plexiglass screens when interacting with office staff.● High-contact items in the office will be disinfected frequently.

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