# Delphic Elementary School 2020-2021 Covid-19 Operations Plan



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# 2020-2021 Reopening Plan for Delphic Elementary School

#### **OVERVIEW**

On March 17, 2020 Delphic Elementary transitioned to delivering compensatory public education to students via distance learning as a result of the Covid-19 epidemic. The health and safety of students and staff is the top priority when making decisions on how to reopen our campus. Delphic Elementary School District has worked together with Siskiyou County Office of Education and Siskiyou County Public Health to prepare a reopening plan. All of the public schools in Siskiyou County share a common set of best practices when it comes to guiding each school and districts to return to instruction on school sites as safely and effectively as possible, with as much normalcy as possible.

With the release of California Department of Public Health Guidance on June 5, 2020, and California Department of Education Guidance on July 17, 2020 (included at end of document) Delphic is planning to continue with distance learning on August 26, 2020. The school will re-evaluate how we are educating students monthly, at every board meeting.

We plan to start with orientation on August 26th-28th for each family to get supplies and familiar with online learning. After that, we will offer compensatory education through a distance learning model. Students will have an option to participate in voluntary on site instructional support, however this is not required and not a part of the offering of compensatory education. Keep in mind that this plan might change at any time depending on the guidance of Siskiyou County Department of Public Health.

#### Schedule & Details for School Resuming

Week 1 (August 26th- 28th) : Orientation for individual families with staff on the school campus. Families will get supplies and computers. Teachers will walk both the student and parents through all learning applications. Paper packets will also be provided for students. We ask that families that choose to engage in voluntary on site instructional support be mindful of where they take their children and who they have contact with as exposure can put the entire community at risk.

Week 2 (Aug. 31st - September 4th): Distance learning will begin on Monday with a Zoom meeting in the morning. Attendance will be taken every day each morning during the Zoom meeting. Daily attendance is required.

As of October 14th, Delphic Elementary will resume in person instruction while complying with all the regulations to keep our facility clean and safe for staff and students. Students will still have the option of distance learning.

#### **Distance Learning**

A weekly schedule will be provided to every student to outline their instruction and assignments. Zoom meeting links will be included to help students easily access synchronous instruction. Other web links, Google Classroom, district adopted curriculum and packets will also be provided for a. Students will be required to be actively engaged in learning for the mandated number of minutes as outlined by the state of California.

- Kindergarten-180 minutes
- 1st-3rd Grade-230 minutes
- o 4th-8th Grade-240 minutes

#### Daily Attendance<sup>1</sup>

Students will be marked present or absent each day during their regularly scheduled daily meeting with their certificated teacher if they are on distance learning.

#### **Engagement Strategies<sup>2</sup>**

If a student faces challenges in participating in distance learning, Delphic Elementary will make every effort to support that student.

- **Tier 1-**if a student has one unexcused absence, the teacher will reach out to check on the student and offer technology assistance or any other contributions that will assist the student in being present and successful in the next day's instruction. This could include, but is not limited to reminder phone calls, text messages and the offer of voluntary instructional support on campus
- **Tier 2**-if a student has two unexcused absences, the teacher will inform the administrator for additional support for the student and family. Communication to the family will include phone calls, supportive text messages and information to educate the student and family to resources that they can access to help with distance learning.
- **Tier 3-**if a student has three or more unexcused absences, the administrator will set up a meeting with the student and family. Additional support staff will be included when appropriate including RSP teacher, school counselor, school psychologist, and school resource officer. A plan will be developed to support the student with ongoing school engagement and participation. If a student and family cannot be contacted the school will partner with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department for a child wellness visit.

#### **Food Service**

Grab and go meals will be provided to students who are distance learning. Students who are on campus will be provided with a breakfast, lunch, SAFE supper and SAFE snack.

#### 2020-2021 New Routines for Students on School Campus

If you child will be on site we will be adhering to new protocols during the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Face Coverings**

Face conversing must be used in accordance with CDPH guidelines. All staff and students will be required to wear masks indoors. Students will be encouraged to not touch their mask and to properly wash their face coverings if reusable. Face coverings will be removed for eating, drinking and when outside and socially distanced. Staff may remove face coverings when alone in a classroom or office space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> added 9/1/2020

#### Social Distancing

Social distancing of 6 feet will be required at all times by staff and students. This includes when students are in the classroom. Student desks will be placed 6 feet apart. Staff will provide instruction in a way that maximizes space in both indoor and outdoor spaces that is easy for students to understand and is developmentally appropriate.

#### Health Screening & Protocols

To be admitted onto campus, students and staff must participate in mandatory health screening. Staff will be allowed to self screen. Students must participate in active screening conducted by a staff member. Health screening for all will require participants to answer the following questions:

- 1. Do you currently have a fever of at least 100.4 degrees?
- 2. Have you taken a fever reducer in the last 8 hours?
- 3. In the past 2 weeks (14 days) have you or anyone that you have had contact with received a positive result for a COVID-19 molecular test?
- 4. In the past 72 hours have you experienced any of the following: abnormal, other than due to a know condition, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or at least two of these symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell?
- 5. In the past 72 hours have you had contact with anyone experiencing any of the following: abnormal, other than due to a know condition, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or at least two of these symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell?
- The COVID-19 Screening Flow Chart developed by the California School Nurses Organization and revised and adopted for Siskiyou County Schools by Aaron Stutz, MD and Siskiyou County Public Health Officer (including at the end of document) will be utilized to in decision making for COVID-19 related incidents
- Parents will need to wait while we health screen your child before you leave the school site
  - A temperature of 100.4 or greater indicates a fever and the child will be sent home.
  - If any other "COVID related" symptoms exist, the child may be sent home
- If a parent/guardian would like to walk their child to their classroom, everyone entering the school must also be screened
- Everyone on campus will be required to wear a face covering. The district will provide face coverings if someone is in need
- We also ask that everyone practice social distancing of 6 feet as outlined by the CDC
- We ask that all students and staff bring their own water bottle. Use of public drinking fountains will be eliminated.

#### **Hygiene Practices**

All staff and students should wash their hands or sanitize once they enter campus and classrooms and regularly wash throughout the day. Students will be taught and encouraged to:

- Use tissue to wipe their nose, cough or sneeze into a tissue and immediately wash their hands
- Hand washing for 20 seconds with soap and water
- Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not practical

# Outside Time

Face coverings are not mandatory when playing or exercising outside. Social distancing of 6 feet must continue to be practiced. If in a small group - face coverings need to be worn. Playground equipment and other play equipment will be disinfected in between each use.

#### Lunch

Lunch will be outdoors as much as possible. Student lunches can be homemade, store bought or school bought.

# S.A.F.E.

All health and safety precautions will remain in place for the duration of S.A.F.E. Parent pick up - buzz in at the door and the child will be brought to the parent or call ahead and student will be escorted out to parent vehicle. Until further notice, parents will not be required to sign their child in or out of SAFE.

# Safety Procedures for Entire School Community

- Any student or staff member traveling internationally or on cruise ships will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to the United States, based on federal and state executive orders. Students will be provided an opportunity to continue learning during the quarantine period through Distance Learning
- Parents and guardians will use their best judgement in exposing themselves and students to high risk behaviors such as traveling, not practicing social distancing, etc. If a family has been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, they will stay home and contact a medical provider to get tested
- Parents who will be picking up a child for early dismissal due to illness or a medical appointment will be expected to call the front office when they arrive at the school and remain in their vehicle in front of the main office; or if they enter the building, they must be health screened. A staff member will bring the child to the vehicle, check your identification, and assist you in signing out the student. Only parents, guardians, or other individuals identified on the student's contact list, with appropriate identification, will be allowed to leave with the student
- The school will have a designated isolation area in the event that a child or a staff member comes to school and presents COVID-19 symptoms. Parents will be contacted to pick ill students up immediately. Contact tracing will be used to identify students or staff members who may need to self- quarantine for 14 days
- All buildings and work spaces will be cleaned and disinfected twice per day
- Students will not be allowed to share objects while at school that have not been properly disinfected

# Facility Disinfecting Protocol

The Delphic school facility will be disinfected twice daily by custodial staff, paying particular attention high touch surfaces, which include, but are not limited to:

- Door handles
- Light switches

- Sink handles
- Bathroom surfaces
- Tables
- Student desks
- Chairs

Every staff member will be properly trained with OSHA approved curriculum in regards to Covid-19 specific sanitation processes. When choosing disinfecting products, staff will use those approved for use against COVID-19 and ensure correct application in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines. Staff shall:

- Avoid products which can cause asthma
- Follow label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times when such information applies
- Provide training on chemical hazards
- All chemicals will be kept out of reach of children
- Ensure proper ventilations during cleaning and disinfecting, introduce fresh outdoor air as much as possible, for example, by opening windows where practicable

#### Conclusion

Delphic Elementary is committed to the safety and health of all students and staff. This document could change based on updated information. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.