

# Iron Springs Elementary

## CoVid-19 School Plan

### 2020-2021



Iron Springs Elementary has designed the following plan under the direction of the ICSD reopening plan, the USBE School Reopening Handbook Plan and the CoVid-19 School Manual. A copy of the plan can be found at <https://irondistrict.org/> or at <https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus> Please contact the office at Iron Springs Elementary for additional questions or concerns.

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## In Person or Online

Iron Springs Elementary is excited to open our doors for in person learning starting on August 25th 2020. (Kindergarten through 5th grade) In person learning will appear as school has in the past, with several changes outlined in this place to increase student/faculty safety and help keep the school doors open during this pandemic.

### Iron K-6 Online

Not everyone will be comfortable returning in person learning at the school. If you are in this situation, Iron County School District has several online options for you. One of those options is Iron K-6 Online, parents can enroll their child in this online classroom by visiting <https://ise.ironk12.org/> and clicking on ([Iron K-6 Online Enrollment](#)). Students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans) will still receive these services through their boundary school.

### Switching between Online and In Person Learning

Students will be able to move between the district's Iron K-6 Online program and their boundary school at anytime. However, if students need to make multiple switches back and forth, they will need to visit with the school principal before a switch can be made.

### Homeschooling

If parents choose to keep their child at home and not do any of Iron County School District's options for learning, they will need to contact the district office to fill out a Home School Affidavit.

## What Do Parents Need to Do?

Before sending your child to school each day, please check to see if they have any of the following symptoms. Students with any of these symptoms should **not** be sent to school.

- Fever 100.4 or above, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change of taste or smell, muscle aches or pains.



Students with symptoms at school will be directed discretely to the Yellow Room and parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child so they can take their child home (not optional) and seek out medical testing/treatment, if desired. Students can return to school after they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, with symptoms improving, **and** after it has been at least 10 days since they first showed symptoms. Students that desire to return to school before that time may present a negative CoVid-19 test result, however, this is not required.



Iron Springs Elementary wants to encourage parents to visit the school ONLY for matters that couldn't be done via technology. All birthday treats must be “store bought” and need to be dropped off at the office or sent to school with the student. All visitors and volunteers will be required to have a temperature check, complete a symptom checklist, and wear a face mask upon entry into the school building.

Parents will also need to help their child/children clean their face masks on a regular basis.

## Medical Rooms

Iron Springs Elementary will have three medical spaces in the building. First, in the office we will have a place for students that are hurt or sick with Non-CoVid-19 related symptoms. Second, a well space will be available for students with medical needs such as insulin or medication at school. Third, a separate room for students with symptoms related to CoVid-19. If it is determined that a student needs to visit this room, parents will be notified immediately and will be required to pick up their child.

## Student Drop Off & Breakfast

### Student Drop Off

Students can be dropped off at the front of the school anytime after 8:30 in the morning. All students will enter the school through their exterior classroom doors. Classroom doors will be identified by the teacher's last name. Students that ride the bus in the morning will exit the bus and go directly to the exterior door of their classroom.. During student drop off, the main entrance to the building will not be open to students unless the student is accompanied by a parent or guardian who is checking into the office first. After 9:00, students who are late will enter through the main entrance.

### Breakfast

Students eating breakfast in the morning will enter the school through the exterior cafeteria doors. Students that are being dropped off for breakfast will need to be dropped off at 4100 West, which takes you into the back of the school. The following procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of breakfast students: Enter from exterior doors that will be propped open or unlocked. Students will be served by grade level section and will be seated six feet apart. When students are finished, they will go straight to their classroom through the hallway.

# Classrooms



Physical distancing is challenging in a school where classroom walls cannot be moved. In addition to providing as much physical distancing as possible, students and staff will be required to wear face masks, in accordance with the state public health order.

## Classroom Cohorts / Pods

Iron Springs Elementary will be following the State's model for classroom cohorts. This means that each teacher (K-5) will be assigned a classroom aide. This aide, in partnership with the teacher, will help to support students and teachers with IEPs, interventions, special classes, and supervision of students. This teacher/aide

partnership will allow students to receive most of their learning services under the direction of the classroom teacher, while minimizing exposure around the school.

## Classroom Organization

All students will have their own desk space and each classroom will be organized in a way that minimizes exposure. Teachers will have students face the same direction rather than facing toward one another and remove reading corners, etc. to optimize space.

## Water Bottles

Iron Springs PTA will be purchasing a water bottle for each student. Classroom teachers will have a water bottle holder attached to each student's chair for convenience. Water bottles will need to be sent home and washed on a regular basis. Students that lose their water bottle will have access to disposable cups within the classroom.

## Student Devices

Iron County School District is putting a plan in place that will give each student individual access to a Chromebook for all students (1st-5th). This will eliminate the need for the sharing of devices. Kindergarten students will be given access to iPads at the school to support them in their blended learning experience.

## Student Supplies

All students will have their own set of classroom supplies and the sharing of supplies will be discouraged and reduced where possible. Classrooms will be receiving extra equipment and games to minimize the sharing of equipment outside the classroom. All equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.) will be disinfected frequently. Please do not send your child with equipment from home, the school will provide any needed equipment.

## Staying Clean

Hands will be sanitized with hand sanitizer or washed with soap and water throughout the day. Desks and chairs will be sanitized at lunchtime and again at the end of each day. High touch surfaces in the classroom will be cleaned regularly by the custodial crew.

# Recess

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Recess will be staggered to minimize congestion. Teachers and aides will provide structured recess activities whenever possible. The classes in the front of the building that do not have access to the recess area will use the hallway to go out and come in from recess. All other classes will use their classroom doors to come and go from recess. Students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after recesses. Safety and physical distancing requirements will also be encouraged during recess.



## Equipment

Each classroom will be given extra recess equipment to eliminate the need to share equipment between classes. All used equipment (balls, weights, jump ropes etc.) will be disinfected frequently. Schools will stagger recess times and provide for more structured recess activities when possible. Students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after recesses.

# Masks

According to the CDC, the CoVid-19 virus spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another, usually within about 6 feet, so the use of cloth face masks is important in settings where people are close to each other or where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. All students will be required to wear a mask to school each day per the State mandate. Face shields or other similar devices will only be allowed for activities that require the face to be seen. (phonics lesson, a student who is deaf/hard of hearing needing to read lips) Face shields are absolutely not a substitute for wearing a mask. ICSD will be providing two free masks to every student. If students forget to wear or bring a mask to school, an additional one will be provided to them. **Students will be able to remove their mask when they eat or when they go outside for recess.** Iron Springs Elementary will encourage, teach, and support students as they learn and apply the use of masks to everyday school life. Students will not receive any type of punitive consequence for mask challenges. However, due to the State mandate, students that defiantly refuse to wear a mask will have their parents contacted by the school principal to explore other options.



# Transitions

Iron Springs Elementary teachers and faculty will be minimizing the use of hallways throughout the day. When hallways are used, students will travel on the right side in a single file line while keeping distance. Signage will be placed in the hallways to encourage correct travel and hand sanitizer will be available in all high traffic areas and at entrances and exits to the building.

# Restrooms

Each classroom will be assigned a bathroom for structured and regular bathroom breaks. Structured bathroom breaks will be scheduled to minimize congestion and signage will be used to promote good hygiene. Hand sanitizer or hand washing will take place after all structured bathroom breaks.

Bathroom high touch points (e.g., faucets, paper towel dispensers, door handles) will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. Custodians will monitor facilities frequently to ensure that soap is available in all restrooms.



# Lunch



To begin the school year, Iron Springs Elementary will be eating lunch in the cafeteria. This lunch setting will be closely evaluated regularly for safety, and changes will be determined throughout the year.

Students will start lunch by transitioning to the lunchroom in masks under the supervision of their classroom aide. Classes will use floor markers and lines to show the flow of lunch lines and areas. Students will sit with their classroom cohort in assigned seats, spaced 6 feet apart, facing open sits. Lunch time will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria at one time.

## Eating lunch with your child

Due to in-class eating, parents and guardians are discouraged from eating lunch with their students. A preferred alternative activity would be taking your child out to lunch.

## Cleanliness

All Child Nutrition Program staff and student workers will wear face masks in addition to gloves, disposable aprons, and hair restraints. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the entrance and exits of all cafeterias. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after eating.

# Assemblies

## IRON Assemblies

This year all of our Iron Assemblies will be based on the hard work and progress of students through the school's academic software; ST Math, Lexia, and Accelerated Reader. Assemblies will be done each month through Facebook Live. This will allow the school to reward students for their efforts while maintaining the district and state plans for mass gatherings.



## Grade Level Assemblies

Grade level assemblies give students and classes opportunities to demonstrate learning. Grade level teachers will plan assemblies that can be shared virtually and will be classroom based.

# Special Classes

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All special classes and lessons will be created by our school specialists and then taught and implemented through the use of each teacher's classroom aide. These specials include; Art, Music, PE, Computers, and Yoga. Students will take part in these activities without having to travel to secondary locations around the school.

## Library and Level Library

Library lessons will also be done virtually, with students visiting the library once a month to check out multiple books. Our leveled library will still be sending books home. The books will come home in larger quantities, with less frequency.

# Special Education

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Students in the self-contained classroom will "push in" to the general classroom for specials or other curriculum as per their IEP. Mild/Moderate special education students will be receiving their services with support inside of their general education classroom with their teacher, teacher's aide, speech, and special education teacher.

# Social Emotional

Due to the CoVid-19 pandemic and subsequent school dismissal, many students will have a need for increased social emotional support. Our school's LCSW and counselor will continue to meet with students "one on one" and through small groups from the same classroom. Our school counselor will continue to teach our students through our school's PBIS program known as IRON (Integrity, Respect, Ownership and Now) virtually. Each teacher will implement strategies in their classroom to support these students in need.

## End of the Day Procedures

### Student Dismissal

At the end of day, classes will be dismissed by grade level and will follow a timed release schedule (releasing grades every 2 minutes starting at 3:20). Teachers will walk with their students and drop them off at the back of school, the bus area, pick up zones, and special sibling meeting spots, whichever comes first. Special situations for pick-up and drop-off are allowed through the halls. Exterior meeting spots for siblings can be coordinated by contacting your children's teachers.

## Busing Transportation

Since physical distancing measures cannot be maintained while transporting students, all individuals on the bus will be required to wear face masks, as mandated by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, in accordance with the most recent state public health order.

For regular to and from school bus routes, seating assignments will be made and adjusted as necessary by the bus driver to assist in contact tracing should the need arise. Students will be expected to remain in their assigned seats while being transported.

When multiple members of a single household ride the same bus, an effort will be made to seat them proximate to each other. Field trip organizers and chaperones will be responsible for maintaining school CoVid-19 conventions and managing their students' behaviors when utilizing district school bus transportation services. When practical, the seat immediately behind the driver will be left vacant to honor social distancing efforts.

Exceptions will be made according to State Health Department and ADA guidelines. Students are responsible for having and maintaining their own face masks, but we will have disposable masks available for those who forget them. Students will not be denied transportation for failure to wear a face mask. If they forget, one will be



provided for them. A student's parent/guardian will be notified and reminded of the requirement if a pattern of non-compliance with the face mask requirement emerges.

When buses are vacated of passengers, e.g., arrival at school, arrival at a field trip destination, end of day etc., drivers will mist the bus with a disinfectant spray. Disinfectant wipes will also be kept on the bus to wipe handrails and other high touch areas on a regular basis.

# Cleaning & Disinfecting

Iron Springs Elementary will implement a multi-step cleaning protocol in our school, to include daily disinfection of touch-points — drinking fountains, handrails, door handles, sinks, toilets, partition walls and locks. Other daily disinfection will include bathroom floors, student desks and chairs, computer mice and keyboards. Buildings will be electrostatically sprayed using a powerful hypochlorous acid that carries an EPA kill claim for CoVid-19 and other viruses.



# Positive CoVid-19 Procedures

If a student, teacher, or employee has CoVid-19 symptoms or is waiting for a CoVid-19 test result, he or she should isolate right away. This means the person needs to stay at home and away from other people as much as possible. The student, teacher, or employee should **not** go to school or work.

What is Isolation?

If you have symptoms of CoVid-19, or tested positive, you must isolate. This means you stay at home except to get medical care. If you tested positive for CoVid-19, you must isolate until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication **and** it has been at least 10 days since you first got sick or tested positive **and** your symptoms are improving. This means you did not use medicine to lower your fever.



Quarantine

Every time a student has a close contact exposure with a positive CoVid-19 case at school or in his or her personal life, the student should quarantine for 14 days. Public health has modified quarantine guidelines for students, teachers, and employees who are exposed to someone who tests positive for CoVid-19. Students are able to use a modified quarantine each time they are exposed.

## Modified Quarantine for Schools

In Utah, students and educators who are exposed to CoVid-19 may follow the same quarantine guidelines for essential employees. This means parents may choose to send their child to school during the 14-day quarantine. Teachers and aides may continue to work. If an educator or student within a cohort is exposed, only a single cohort may need to move into modified quarantined. However, if a student, teacher, or employee lives with someone who tested positive (called a household contact), he or she will not be able to go to school or work during the 14-day quarantine.

When a **CONFIRMED** case of CoVid-19 has entered the school:

- Iron Springs Elementary will work with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department to help determine a course of action for the school.
- The School Nurse will communicate with staff, parents, and students and all high risk individuals, to maintain confidentiality of the student/staff while presenting a clear message to all those possibly exposed.

The following are guidelines provided by the Utah Department of Health and the office of the governor on what schools need to do if multiple students or teachers test positive for the coronavirus.

### Individual

The person who tested positive should isolate until they have been fever-free for 24 hours and it has been at least 10 days since they first got sick or tested positive. All of those exposed should go into a modified quarantine for 14 days.

### Classroom

When several people who are connected by the same setting and time period test positive for CoVid-19, it is considered a classroom outbreak and no one in the whole class can go to school for 14 days from the last date of exposure. The school will provide virtual learning for that classroom.

### School

When 15 students within the student population test positive for CoVid-19, it is considered a school outbreak. Campus is closed for 14 days. The school will provide virtual learning for all students.

## Scenario example

### A teacher tests positive for CoVid-19.

Mrs. Watkins is a 2nd grade teacher.

#### **Mrs. Watkins tested positive for CoVid-19.**

**She must isolate at home.** She can't go to work until her symptoms start to get better and she has been fever-free for 24 hours without medicine AND it has been at least 10 days since she first had symptoms or tested positive.

- The health department called Mrs. Watkins to find out who she had been in close contact with, about 6 feet or 2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) for 15 minutes or more.
- Anyone in close contact with Mrs. Watkins up to 2 days before she got sick or tested positive should quarantine for 14 days.

#### **Anyone who lives with Mrs. Watkins must quarantine for 14 days.**

This means the person should stay home and away from other people as much as possible. The health department will tell the people who live with Mrs. Watkins how long to quarantine and when to get tested.

#### **Mrs. Watkins was at school 2 days before she got sick and tested positive for CoVid-19.**

The health department called the school to tell them Mrs. Watkins tested positive for CoVid-19.

The health department will notify anyone who is at higher risk if he or she was exposed to CoVid-19. The school will notify anyone else who was exposed in the school.

**The students in Mrs. Watkins' class should quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure. The parents of the students will decide if their children will go to school during their 14-day quarantine. The students can go to school as long as they do not have symptoms of CoVid-19, or test positive. This is called a modified quarantine for schools.**

An exception to this is that students can't go to school if the person who tested positive lives in their home. It is very hard to stay away from someone who is sick in your home.

The students' families do not have to quarantine UNLESS the student who was exposed to CoVid-19 tests positive.

**If the students in Mrs. Watkins' class go to school, they must be extra careful and take safety precautions.**

They can still get sick with CoVid-19 or expose others to the virus. For a list of safety precautions students must follow if they go to school while quarantined, go to page 45.

No one else at the school was in close contact with Mrs. Watkins. No other students, teachers, or employees need to quarantine. No one else had a close contact exposure to CoVid-19.

The school does not need to notify any other parents in the school about the exposure. Only those students, teachers, or employees who need to quarantine will be notified.

**The health department will notify the school when Mrs. Watkins has finished isolation and can return to school.**

## **Scenario example**

### **A student tests positive for CoVid-19.**

**Pearl is an 8th grade student at a junior high school.**

**Cole is Pearl's brother. He is a 5th grade student at an elementary school.**

**Pearl tested positive for COVID-19.**

**Pearl must isolate at home.**

She can't go to school until her symptoms start to get better and she has been fever-free for 24 hours without medicine AND it has been at least 10 days since she first had symptoms or tested positive.

The health department called Pearl's parents to find out who she had been in close contact with, about 6 feet or 2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) for 15 minutes or more. Anyone in close contact with Pearl up to 2 days before she got sick or tested positive should quarantine for 14 days.

**Pearl's family must quarantine for 14 days.**

This means they should stay home and away from other people as much as possible.

The health department will tell Pearl's family when they can end quarantine and when to get tested. Even if Pearl's family never gets sick or they test negative for CoVid-19, they must finish their 14-day quarantine.

**Pearl's brother Cole must quarantine for 14 days because someone who lives in his home tested positive for CoVid-19.**

Most of the time, students can go to school even if they have been exposed to someone who tested positive for CoVid-19. However, students can't go to school if someone in their home tests positive for CoVid-19. It is very hard to stay away from someone who is sick in your home.

Even if he doesn't get sick or tests negative for CoVid-19, Cole must finish his 14-day quarantine. No one else in Cole's class or his school needs to quarantine. His school does not need to tell other parents, teachers, or employees that Cole's sister tested positive for CoVid-19.

**Pearl was at school 2 days before she tested positive for CoVid-19.**

The health department called the school to tell them Pearl tested positive for CoVid-19. The health department will notify anyone who is at higher risk they were exposed to CoVid-19. The school will notify anyone else who was exposed in Pearl's school.

**The students in Pearl's classes should quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure. The parents of the students will decide if their children will go to school during their 14-day quarantine. The students can go to school as long as they do not have symptoms of CoVid-19 or test positive. This is called a modified quarantine for schools.**

The exception to this is that students can't go to school if the person who tested positive lives in their home. It is very hard to stay away from someone who is sick in your home.

Their families do not have to quarantine UNLESS the student who was exposed to Pearl gets sick and tests positive for CoVid-19.

**Pearl's teachers should quarantine at home for 14 days from the date of exposure.**

If there are not enough substitute teachers to help with their classes, the school can let Pearl's teachers go to work if they do not have symptoms or test positive for CoVid-19.

The teachers' families do not need to quarantine UNLESS the teacher (the one they live with) tests positive for CoVid-19.

If students, teachers, or employees go to school during the 14-day quarantine, they must be extra careful. They can still get CoVid-19 and expose others to the virus. For a list of safety precautions students, teachers, and employees must follow if they go to school or work while quarantined, go to page 45.

No one else at the school was in close contact with Pearl. No other students, teachers, or employees need to quarantine. No one else had a close contact exposure to CoVid-19.

The school does not need to notify any other parents, teachers, or employees in the school that a student tested positive. Only the parents of students, teachers, and employees who were exposed will be notified.

**The health department will notify the school when Pearl has finished isolation and can return to school.**

## Scenario example

**A student has a family member who was exposed to someone who tested positive for CoVid-19, but the student was not exposed to the person who tested positive.**

Gia is a 3rd grade student at an elementary school.

**Gia's mom works at a grocery store.**

**The health department called Gia's mom to tell her she was exposed to someone who tested positive for CoVid-19.** This means Gia's mom was closer than 6 feet or 2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) to the person who tested positive for 15 minutes or more. The health department will tell her what to do next, when she can end quarantine, and when to get tested.

**Gia's mom should quarantine at home for 14 days from the last time she was in close contact with the person who tested positive.**

Gia was not in close contact with the person who tested positive for CoVid-19.

She can go to school. She does not need to quarantine UNLESS her mom tests positive for CoVid-19. Gia does not need to get tested for CoVid-19.

**Gia's mom does not need to tell the school she was exposed to someone who tested positive for CoVid-19 and is quarantined.** No one at the school needs to be notified that Gia's mom was exposed to someone who tested positive for CoVid-19 and is quarantined.