

# **2020-21 School Year Covid-19 Educational Plan**

This plan was created using the current State of Montana three-phase guidelines for reopening. All parts of this plan are subject to change and will reflect any changes in guidance by the CDC or orders by the Governor, the Office of Public Instruction, County Health Board, or the Plains Board of Trustees. Although the following plan is fluid, the factors listed below will be implemented for the 2020-21 school year only regardless of the “phase” that the state is under:

1. Plains School will operate under a four-day school week for the entire academic year.
  - Rationale: We feel that we can better serve students under a longer day/shorter week scenario. If we vacillate between the “phases” during the school year we will be able to operate in an equitable manner for students if we have to use the appointment, or A/B schedule. Parents will be able to plan a family schedule easier if they know what a school week will be no matter what phase we are under. A longer day lends more time to fit students in if we are on appointment type schedules.
  - Under a four-day schedule the student school day would be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Under a four-day schedule the teacher day would be from 7:50 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PHASE ONE	
State of Montana Guidelines	Plains School District Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Avoid GATHERING in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.</li> <li>➤ Close COMMON AREAS where personnel are likely to congregate and interact; or enforce strict social distancing protocols.</li> <li>➤ SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS should be made for members of a VULNERABLE POPULATION or those with vulnerable household members.</li> <li>➤ ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES can consider becoming operational if physical distancing guidelines can be implemented. Avoid GATHERING in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Education is delivered using distance delivery.</li> <li>➤ Teaching staff will be available via online communication during regularly scheduled school hours.</li> <li>➤ Students will be scheduled by appointments to receive limited instruction based on group of 10 guidelines.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable students will receive all education through distance delivery.</li> <li>➤ No extracurricular activities will be offered.</li> <li>➤ All students will be offered Chromebooks if warranted and the district will work to provide internet service in the home.</li> <li>➤ Transportation to and from school will be on a modified basis</li> <li>➤ Grab &amp; Go lunch in the classrooms. Breakfast will not be served.</li> <li>➤ All staff and students will have their temperature checked upon entering the building.</li> <li>➤ No volunteers in the building.</li> <li>➤ Parents or other visitors will be screened upon entering the building and must conduct any business from the office (i.e. teacher meeting, student pickup).</li> </ul>

PHASE TWO	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gatherings may expand to 50 people.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable populations should continue to follow stay home guidance.</li> <li>➤ Avoid GATHERING in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.</li> <li>➤ VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to adhere to the stay home guidance.</li> <li>➤ ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES remain operational and should avoid GATHERING in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Education is delivered using a combination of traditional and distance delivery.</li> <li>➤ All students will be offered Chromebooks if warranted and the district will work to provide internet service in the home.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable students will receive all education through distance delivery.</li> <li>➤ Parents of any student will be able to choose from either traditional (in-class) delivery or homework delivery. Homework delivery will be provided without instruction.</li> <li>➤ School week will be modified to one-half of the student body on campus at one time on a daily basis.</li> <li>➤ Physical distancing will be maintained in the classrooms and may require use of larger classrooms.</li> <li>➤ Extracurricular activity participation will be determined based on MHSAA guidelines.</li> <li>➤ Transportation will consist of a normal schedule with social distancing guidelines followed.</li> <li>➤ Grab &amp; Go lunch in the classrooms. Breakfast will be served in the classroom.</li> <li>➤ All staff and students will have their temperature checked upon entering the building.</li> <li>➤ No volunteers in the building.</li> <li>➤ Parents or other visitors will be</li> </ul>

	screened and required to wear a mask upon entering the building before being allowed to proceed through the school.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No limit on group size.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable populations can resume public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, and continue to take precautionary measures.</li> <li>➤ There is no limit on GROUP SIZE during this phase, however PHYSICAL DISTANCING should still be observed.</li> <li>➤ ALL BUSINESSES / PLACES OF ASSEMBLY can remain fully operational with awareness of physical distancing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ School resumes under the traditional schedule. Still four-day.</li> <li>➤ Extra-curricular activities resume with no restrictions.</li> <li>➤ Vulnerable students still have the opportunity to take advantage of distance learning opportunities.</li> <li>➤ Transportation will consist of a normal schedule</li> <li>➤ Volunteers will be allowed.</li> <li>➤ Parents and other visitors will need to only check in at the office.</li> </ul>