



Brimfield CUSD #309

FAQ COVID 19 RETURN TO SCHOOL QUESTIONS

Thanks for your questions and remember that this is a moving target. The guidance and answers today can change at any given time:

If a child remote learns, can they still do sports and extracurriculars?

- Yes, but they still must abide by the protocols in place by the IHSA, IESA, and the Brimfield #309 school district.

How would driver's ed be handled for remote learning? Can they still have drive time?

- Driver's Ed remote learning would be under the same standards as in-person. Students would need to be in 'attendance' and Behind the Wheel has its own set of guidelines for teacher/student drivers.

How would a kid participate in band if they chose remote learning?

- Just like any other remote class, the teacher would be providing the instruction and assessments aligned to their learning standards.

When would a decision need to be made as to whether we choose to do remote learning?

- We would like a final answer by August 10th but understand that information changes daily.

Will lunches be delivered to students instructed by remote learning?

- Not at this time. However, families can make arrangements to pick up lunches at school

Will our students be able to watch lessons via video feed/live feed during their class periods?

- In our meeting with teachers, we looked at ways to offer synchronous and asynchronous teaching. Our staff will use PD time to best provide real-time instruction. Teachers will use the 2:00-3:15 time slot to work with remote learning students and help answer questions.



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How will gym classes be graded from home?

- Just like any other remote class, the teacher would be providing the instruction and assessments aligned to their learning standards.

Will my student be able to switch to Remote Learning?

- Yes- there are a number of reasons that a student would switch from In-Person to Remote: maybe they have to self-quarantine, displaying symptoms, the entire class has to quarantine, because of someone in the household testing positive. Students can't choose Remote and come back to In-Person until the end of the Semester.
- If a student chooses In-Person but then has to be quarantined for 10 days, that student will go on Remote. The student will be allowed to return to In-Person after they have been cleared medically to come to school.

How will staff/students/parents be notified if anyone tests positive for COVID?

- We will notify the Peoria County Health Department. The Health Department will provide guidance on our communication to the district stakeholders.
- All quarantining questions will be guided by the Peoria County Health Department.

How will standardized tests or screenings for interventions be conducted?

- Teachers will be administering benchmark testing to students as soon as possible.

What type of face coverings can be used? Will masks be provided?

- Anything that is school appropriate and covers the mouth/nose, such as cloth masks, gaiters, and disposable masks.
- Students are required to bring a mask with them each day. We will have some on hand if the student needs a new one. Students will not be allowed on the bus or in the building without a mask.

How often will students get "mask breaks?"

- Students will be able to take off their mask when they are eating lunch or when the class goes outside and the 6' social distancing guideline can be met.



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What will be done with students who choose not to wear their masks properly during the day, even after redirection?

- Students will have to wear the mask and will be sent home for not following the guidelines. Students who have a medical exemption from a mask will be wearing a shield. If they do not have a medical exemption, they may have no choice but to utilize Remote Learning.

Will face shields be allowed?

- Only if the student is still wearing a mask underneath the shield, or the student has medical documentation precluding them from wear a mask.

When will we find out when school is starting?

- Both In-Person and Remote Learning will start on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Where can I find the school supply list and what extra items are needed this year?

- Students should have a clean mask each day; 5 masks are recommended.
- Lockers will be used sparingly, so students may bring their own backpack or computer bag.
- School supply list can be found on the school website for Brimfield Grade School.

What will be the arrangements for lunch and recess?

- The guidelines limit 50 students per learning space. Lunch will be broken into areas: Commons in the high school, Gym in the high school, Stage in the high school with the curtain drawn, Cafeteria in the grade school, and classrooms. We will look to use outdoor eating areas as long as the weather cooperates.
- The playground will be divided into sections to ensure social distancing is maintained.

Will there still be buses to and from school services?

- Transportation will still operate.
- Athletic events will have transportation.

How will 'emergency' bathroom needs be handled?

- Teachers will still allow students to go to the restroom in emergency situations outside of the assigned break times.



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Where will students who develop symptoms during the day be quarantined? What about students who have cuts, scrapes, bumps, and bruises? Have we hired a nurse yet?

- Students with non-COVID related symptoms will still come to the nurse's office.
- Students who develop symptoms during the day will be quarantined in a specified area until a parent can pick them up.

I have concerns about the bus ride even with lowering it to 50. More bussing details please.

- Students will have an assigned seat on the bus. Students will be seated next to family members or class members to limit the amount of exposure.

How will learning loss be addressed?

- Meetings will be held for teachers to meet with the previous grade-level team to identify areas of concern.
- Teachers will begin the year focusing on social-emotional learning and formatively assessing learning.
- Benchmark testing will be conducted as soon as possible. Action plans will be developed based upon the benchmark testing data.