



Excellence in All We Do

Return to School - Guiding Principles and Definitions

Successful School Experience:	Face-to-face learning is superior to distance learning as long as it is safe to do so. <u>The Meeker School District is committed to ensuring all students are back in classrooms for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond, with collaboration from local and state health and regulatory agencies.</u> Content must remain relevant and engaging, regardless of the medium through which it is delivered.
Safe Learning Environment:	Student, staff, and community health, safety, and wellbeing must be among our highest priorities. Public schools can transmit viruses as fast as any other entities in our community. We must maintain the flexibility to inhibit virus transmission while simultaneously promoting learning and social/emotional wellness for students and staff. Additionally, we must understand we cannot eliminate risks. The following protocols have been designed to reduce risk of virus transmission to the greatest extent possible, while still allowing us to efficiently and effectively operate the schools within the Meeker School District.
Students Equipped to be Productive Citizens:	The conditions in which we engage learning in 2020-2021 and beyond will enhance our student's adaptability, collaboration, and resiliency which will serve them well upon the completion of their education at Meeker School District RE-1. We will strive for equitable access for all learners while being flexible in meeting the unique needs of our students.
Strong Community Connections:	The conditions within our school should be reflective of the beliefs and conditions found our community. The school district will not be able to meet all expectations of all students, staff, and community members, but will actively engage in feedback processes to ensure the school the community are aligned in our efforts to appropriately educate children in the Meeker School District. Collaboration with state and local agencies will be utilized in developing all guidelines to protect the health and well being of students, staff, and community.

Definitions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close Contact: Being within 6 feet of a person not wearing a mask for 15 minutes or greater who has tested positive for COVID-19 - Cohort: Groups of students and staff who stay together during the school day. Cohorts will be by grade level PK - 8. The entire high school will be a cohort. - Appropriate physical distancing: Six feet is ideal distancing, three feet while properly using a face mask has been proven to be effective - PPE: Personal protective equipment, including, but not limited to face mask - Face Mask: A cloth or medical grade face covering that covers both the mouth and the nose - COVID-19 Symptoms: Fever greater than 100.4F, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, and/or loss of smell or taste - Personal Health Monitoring: Daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms as well as other abnormal health conditions
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The Meeker School District would like to thank the following organizations for help in developing these protocols: Pioneers Medical Center, Rio Blanco County Public Health, Rangely School District RE4, and Gunnison Watershed School District

Resources from the following organizations were also utilized to develop these protocols: The Colorado Department of Education, The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Children's Hospital Colorado, and The American Academy of Pediatrics

The criteria used to define risk categories in these protocols are intended to be guidelines, but should never override sound administrative judgement. The school district may move into or out of certain categories even if COVID-19 characteristics within our community indicate differently, if such move can be justified by sound administrative judgement.

The Meeker School District will endeavor to adhere to applicable federal, state, and local orders. The following protocols may be adjusted during the school year to accomplish this compliance.

Color Coding Reference

	- Items specific to Meeker Elementary School
	- Items specific to Barone Middle School
	- Items specific to Meeker High School
	- Items specific to the Meeker School District Transportation Department
	- Items applicable to the entire Meeker School District

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Category 1 - No Risk

Defining criteria for Category 1 includes, but is not limited to:

- Presence of effective treatments, broad herd immunity, or an effective and widely available vaccine.

School operations in Category 1 include, but are not limited to:

- Normal school operations

- Normal extracurricular activities

- Continued reinforcement of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette

- Continued cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting

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Category 2 - Low Risk

Defining criteria for Category 2 includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimal community spread of COVID-19
- No more than 7 new cases within the Meeker School District boundaries during the past two weeks
- Testing is readily available
- No concerns from local medical facilities about ability to provide adequate care, either locally or with regional hospitals
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE

School operations in Category 2 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% in-person learning in school district buildings, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
- All normal systems and schedules operating as planned with minor adjustments made to facilitate appropriate physical distancing
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- School district transportation adjusted to maximize physical distancing on school vehicles
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Minimize visitors to schools when possible
- Parents and students encouraged to use alternate methods than school district transportation to travel to schools
- Students and staff will carry face masks at all times to comply with applicable local, state, or federal orders or when appropriate physical distancing cannot be achieved
- School staff potentially use face shields, instead of face masks, in scenarios approved by the Meeker School District superintendent
- Maximized physical distancing within the structures of the school facilities and operations - ideally six feet or more when possible
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
 - Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
 - The absence of a fever for 72 hours
 - Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
 - At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
 - Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
- Extracurricular activities planned to operate as normal
 - Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
 - Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school



Category 2 - Low Risk - Meeker Elementary School

Defining criteria for Category 2 includes, but is not limited to:

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- Testing is readily available
- No concerns from local medical facilities about ability to provide adequate care, either locally or with regional hospitals
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE

School operations in Category 2 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% in-person learning in school district buildings, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
- All normal systems and schedules operating as planned with minor adjustments made to facilitate appropriate physical distancing
- Elementary specials will be modified to minimize cohort size - schedule to be released by August 21
- Elementary school classroom drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged
- Elementary interior classroom doors will remain locked and open during the day to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- Elementary classroom snacks and treats must be prepackaged
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- School district transportation adjusted to maximize physical distancing on school vehicles
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Elementary will have playground areas for each grade level; grade levels will rotate through the designated play area in a weekly rotation
- Elementary cohorts will eat lunch together utilizing additional spaces, classrooms and outdoor spaces when possible
- Preschool drop off will occur at 7:50 and 12:30 on the preschool playground; preschool staff will sign in and out with parents
- Elementary staff will be present at drop off and pickup to encourage social distancing
- Parents will be asked to stay in vehicles during drop off and pick up times.
- Elementary release times will be staggered. Students riding the bus will be released first, followed by students who walk or ride with parents.
- Minimize visitors to schools when possible
- There will be no classroom/parent volunteers for the 20-21 school year
- Parents/family members will be limited to the lobby area only (lunchroom and playground will be for students and staff only)
- Parents and students encouraged to use alternate methods than school district transportation to travel to schools
- Students and staff will carry face masks at all times to comply with applicable local, state, or federal orders or when appropriate physical distancing cannot be achieved
- All staff and students in third through fifth grade will wear face masks; students in preschool through second grade will wear face masks when appropriate physical distancing is not possible
- School staff potentially use face shields, instead of face masks, in scenarios approved by the Meeker School District superintendent
- Maximized physical distancing within the structures of the school facilities and operations - ideally six feet or more when possible
- Appropriate signage and floor stickers will be placed throughout the school
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students in quarantine will be provided a Chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school

			- School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
			- School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
			- Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
			- Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
			- Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
			- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
			- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
			- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
			- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
			- Extracurricular activities planned to operate as normal
			- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
			- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school
			- There will be no elementary grade level evening programs; any performances will be virtual

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Category 2 - Low Risk - Barone Middle School

Defining criteria for Category 2 includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimal community spread of COVID-19
- No more than 7 new cases within the Meeker School District boundaries during the past two weeks
- Testing is readily available
- No concerns from local medical facilities about ability to provide adequate care, either locally or with regional hospitals
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE

School operations in Category 2 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% in-person learning in school district buildings, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
- All normal systems and schedules operating as planned with minor adjustments made to facilitate appropriate physical distancing
- Middle School will stagger classroom changes between grade levels to minimize number of students in hallways
- Middle School classroom doors will remain locked and open to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- Middle School drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged
- Middle School lunch will be scheduled and arranged to maintain social distancing through use of available space within the school
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- School district transportation adjusted to maximize physical distancing on school vehicles
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Middle School morning drop off will remain at the same time. Social distancing will be required. Lunch and after school release times will be staggered. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed in this order: 1. bus students, 2. students who are walking or riding in a personal vehicle, 3. students going to a school practice/activity.
- Middle School will utilize outdoor spaces when possible
- Minimize visitors to schools when possible
- Middle School will not have visitors during school hours.
- Parents and students encouraged to use alternate methods than school district transportation to travel to schools
- Students and staff will carry face masks at all times to comply with applicable local, state, or federal orders or when appropriate physical distancing cannot be achieved
- Middle School students and staff will be required to wear face masks covering mouth and nose at all times.
- School staff potentially use face shields, instead of face masks, in scenarios approved by the Meeker School District superintendent
- Maximized physical distancing within the structures of the school facilities and operations - ideally six feet or more when possible
- Middle School will have designated walking directions in hallways and staircases. Appropriate signage will be placed throughout the school.
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students who are in quarantine will be provided a chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home.
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
 - Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:

			- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
			- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
			- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
			- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
		- Extracurricular activities planned to operate as normal	
		- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021	
		- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school	

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Category 2 - Low Risk - Meeker High School

Defining criteria for Category 2 includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimal community spread of COVID-19
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- Testing is readily available
- No concerns from local medical facilities about ability to provide adequate care, either locally or with regional hospitals
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE

School operations in Category 2 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% in-person learning in school district buildings, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
- All normal systems and schedules operating as planned with minor adjustments made to facilitate appropriate physical distancing
- High School passing periods will be adjusted to minimize number of students in hallways
- High School classroom doors will remain locked and open to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- High School drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged
- High School food services will be adjusted to adhere to state mandates for food production and serving
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- School district transportation adjusted to maximize physical distancing on school vehicles
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- High School drop off will remain at the same time. Social distancing will be required. Lunch and after school release times will be staggered. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed in this order: 1. bus students, 2. students who are walking/driving or riding in a personal vehicle, 3. students going to a school practice/activity.
- High School will utilize outdoor spaces when possible
- Minimize visitors to schools when possible
- High School will not have visitors/tours during school hours
- Parents and students encouraged to use alternate methods than school district transportation to travel to schools
- Students and staff will carry face masks at all times to comply with applicable local, state, or federal orders or when appropriate physical distancing cannot be achieved
- High School students and staff will be required to wear face masks covering mouth and nose at all times.
- School staff potentially use face shields, instead of face masks, in scenarios approved by the Meeker School District superintendent
- Maximized physical distancing within the structures of the school facilities and operations - ideally six feet or more when possible
- High School will have designated walking directions in hallways and staircases. Appropriate signage will placed throughout the school.
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students who are in quarantine will be provided a chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home.
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
 - Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:

			- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
			- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
			- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
			- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
		- Extracurricular activities planned to operate as normal	
		- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021	
		- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school	

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Category 2 - Low Risk - Transportation

Defining criteria for Category 2 includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimal community spread of COVID-19
- No more than 7 new cases within the Meeker School District boundaries during the past two weeks
- Testing is readily available
- No concerns from local medical facilities about ability to provide adequate care, either locally or with regional hospitals
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE

School operations in Category 2 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% in-person learning in school district buildings, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
- All normal systems and schedules operating as planned with minor adjustments made to facilitate appropriate physical distancing
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- School district transportation adjusted to maximize physical distancing on school vehicles
 - All in town bus stops shall be eliminated until further notice
 - Out of town routes will be adjusted to promote appropriate physical distancing on buses - adjustments will be communicated to families no later than August 20, 2020
 - Only students included on pre-approved rider lists will be allowed on buses - lists will be developed and approved by the Transportation Director
 - Students will be required to ride in assigned seats at all times
- Drivers shall wear face masks at all times while on school buses as well as additional PPE deemed appropriate by the school district
- All students will wear face masks while inside the school bus
- Food and drink will not be allowed on school buses
- Deep cleaning of buses will occurring following every route
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Minimize visitors to schools when possible
- Parents and students encouraged to use alternate methods than school district transportation to travel to schools
- Students and staff will carry face masks at all times to comply with applicable local, state, or federal orders or when appropriate physical distancing cannot be achieved
- School staff potentially use face shields, instead of face masks, in scenarios approved by the Meeker School District superintendent
- Maximized physical distancing within the structures of the school facilities and operations - ideally six feet or more when possible
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
 - Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
 - The absence of a fever for 72 hours

			- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
			- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
			- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
		- Extracurricular activities planned to operate as normal	
		- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021	
		- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school	

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Category 3 - Mild to Moderate Risk

Defining criteria for Category 3 includes, but is not limited to:

- Moderate community spread of COVID-19
- More than 7 new cases within school district boundaries during the past two weeks or confirmed case(s) among students or school staff where contact tracing indicates likely transmission
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is strained
- Local medical facilities at or above 75% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals experiencing increase in patients with COVID-19
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE, but limited ability to re-stock
- Transition back to Category 2 will require 7 consecutive day of meeting Category 2 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- Possible short term closure of schools and/or portions of schools (up to four school days) for cleaning, hybrid learning shall start immediately upon completion of cleaning
- 50% in-person learning in school district buildings and 50% distance learning, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
 - Student schedules adjusted to ensure approximately 50% of students are in attendance at any given time
 - Some eligible students may receive in-person support during days they are scheduled for distance learning (Internet access issues, IEP, ELL, Tier 3 interventions, etc...)
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021
- School district transportation provided only for students living outside Meeker city limits
- Common spaces utilized at a maximum of 50%
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette while onsite
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Visitors shall be limited and must be approved by either the building principal or superintendent
- Use of face masks at all times for all students and staff, except in specific settings with prior approval from the superintendent of schools
- Maximized physical distancing at all times while on school grounds
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
 - Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
 - The absence of a fever for 72 hours
 - Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
 - At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
 - Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately, upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
- Extracurricular activities planned to operate with possible increased precautions and/or restrictions determined by the school district
 - Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
 - Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school



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- Moderate community spread of COVID-19
- More than 7 new cases within school district boundaries during the past two weeks or confirmed case(s) among students or school staff where contact tracing indicates likely transmission
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is strained
- Local medical facilities at or above 75% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals experiencing increase in patients with COVID-19
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE, but limited ability to re-stock
- Transition back to Category 2 will require 7 consecutive day of meeting Category 2 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- Possible short term closure of schools and/or portions of schools (up to four school days) for cleaning, hybrid learning shall start immediately upon completion of cleaning
- 50% in-person learning in school district buildings and 50% distance learning, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
 - Student schedules adjusted to ensure approximately 50% of students are in attendance at any given time
 - Students will be split into 2 groups by last name (A-K and L-Z); Group A-K will attend school in-person Mondays and Wednesdays and virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Group L-Z will attend school in person Tuesdays and Thursdays and virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays; the school district will ensure that siblings are in the same group
 - Some eligible students may receive in-person support during days they are scheduled for distance learning (Internet access issues, IEP, ELL, Tier 3 interventions, etc...)
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021 (to be released no later than August 24, 2020)
- Elementary specials will be modified to minimize cohort size - schedule to be released by August 21
- Elementary school classroom drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged
- Elementary interior classroom doors will remain locked and open during the day to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- Elementary classroom snacks and treats must be prepackaged
- School district transportation provided only for students living outside Meeker city limits
- Common spaces utilized at a maximum of 50%
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette while onsite
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Elementary will have playground areas for each grade level; grade levels will rotate through the designated play area in a weekly rotation
- Elementary cohorts will eat lunch together utilizing additional spaces, classrooms and outdoor spaces when possible
- Preschool drop off will occur at 7:50 and 12:30 on the preschool playground; preschool staff will sign in and out with parents
- Elementary staff will be present at drop off and pickup to encourage social distancing
- Visitors shall be limited and must be approved by either the building principal or superintendent
- There will be no classroom/parent volunteers for the 20-21 school year
- Parents/family members will be limited to the lobby area only (lunchroom and playground will be for students and staff only)
- Use of face masks at all times for all students and staff, except in specific settings with prior approval from the superintendent of schools
- Maximized physical distancing at all times while on school grounds
- Appropriate signage and floor stickers will be placed throughout the school
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students in quarantine will be provided a Chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school

		- School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
		- School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
		- Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
		- Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
		- Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
		- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
		- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
		- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
		- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately, upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
		- Extracurricular activities planned to operate with possible increased precautions and/or restrictions determined by the school district
		- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
		- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school
		- There will be no elementary grade level evening programs

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Category 3 - Mild to Moderate Risk - Barone Middle School

Defining criteria for Category 3 includes, but is not limited to:

- Moderate community spread of COVID-19
- More than 7 new cases within school district boundaries during the past two weeks or confirmed case(s) among students or school staff where contact tracing indicates likely transmission
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is strained
- Local medical facilities at or above 75% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals experiencing increase in patients with COVID-19
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE, but limited ability to re-stock
- Transition back to Category 2 will require 7 consecutive day of meeting Category 2 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- Possible short term closure of schools and/or portions of schools (up to four school days) for cleaning, hybrid learning shall start immediately upon completion of cleaning
- 50% in-person learning in school district buildings and 50% distance learning, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
 - Student schedules adjusted to ensure approximately 50% of students are in attendance at any given time
 - Middle School students will be split into two groups according to last name (A-K and L-Z) Group A-K will attend school in-person Mondays and Wednesdays and virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Group L-Z will attend school in-person Tuesdays and Thursdays and virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays. The school district will ensure that siblings are in the same group.
 - Some eligible students may receive in-person support during days they are scheduled for distance learning (Internet access issues, IEP, ELL, Tier 3 interventions, etc...)
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021 (to be released no later than August 24, 2020)
- Middle School will stagger classroom changes between grade levels to minimize number of students in hallways
- Middle School classroom doors will remain locked and open to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- Middle School drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged.
- Middle School lunch will be scheduled and arranged to maintain social distancing through use of available space within the school.
- School district transportation provided only for students living outside Meeker city limits
- Common spaces utilized at a maximum of 50%
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette while onsite
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Middle School morning drop off will remain at the same time. Social distancing will be required. Lunch and after school release times will be staggered. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed in this order: 1. bus students, 2. students who are walking or riding in a personal vehicle, 3. students going to a school practice/activity.
- Middle School will utilize outdoor spaces when possible
- Visitors shall be limited and must be approved by either the building principal or superintendent
- Use of face masks at all times for all students and staff, except in specific settings with prior approval from the superintendent of schools
- Maximized physical distancing at all times while on school grounds
- Middle School will have designated walking directions in hallways and staircases. Appropriate signage will be placed throughout the school.
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students who are in quarantine will be provided a chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home.
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19

- Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
- Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
 - The absence of a fever for 72 hours
 - Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
 - At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
 - Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately, upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
- Extracurricular activities planned to operate with possible increased precautions and/or restrictions determined by the school district
- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school

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Category 3 - Mild to Moderate Risk - Meeker High School

Defining criteria for Category 3 includes, but is not limited to:

- Moderate community spread of COVID-19
- More than 7 new cases within school district boundaries during the past two weeks or confirmed case(s) among students or school staff where contact tracing indicates likely transmission
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is strained
- Local medical facilities at or above 75% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals experiencing increase in patients with COVID-19
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE, but limited ability to re-stock
- Transition back to Category 2 will require 7 consecutive day of meeting Category 2 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- Possible short term closure of schools and/or portions of schools (up to four school days) for cleaning, hybrid learning shall start immediately upon completion of cleaning
- 50% in-person learning in school district buildings and 50% distance learning, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
 - Student schedules adjusted to ensure approximately 50% of students are in attendance at any given time
 - High School students will be split into two groups according to last name (A-K and L-Z) Group A-K will attend school in-person Mondays and Wednesdays and virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Group L-Z will attend school in-person Tuesdays and Thursdays and virtually on Mondays and Wednesdays. The school district will ensure that siblings are in the same group.
 - Some eligible students may receive in-person support during days they are scheduled for distance learning (Internet access issues, IEP, ELL, Tier 3 interventions, etc...)
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021 (to be released no later than August 24, 2020)
- High School passing periods will be adjusted to minimize number of students in hallways
- High School classroom doors will remain locked and open to minimize handle touching and increase ventilation
- Middle School drinking fountains will be turned off; personal water bottles will be encouraged.
- School district transportation provided only for students living outside Meeker city limits
- Common spaces utilized at a maximum of 50%
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette while onsite
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- High School drop off will remain at the same time. Social distancing will be required. Lunch and after school release times will be staggered. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed in this order: 1. bus students, 2. students who are walking/driving or riding in a personal vehicle, 3. students going to a school practice/activity.
- High School will utilize outdoor spaces when possible
- Visitors shall be limited and must be approved by either the building principal or superintendent
- Use of face masks at all times for all students and staff, except in specific settings with prior approval from the superintendent of schools
- Maximized physical distancing at all times while on school grounds
- High School will have designated walking directions in hallways and staircases. Appropriate signage will placed throughout the school.
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Students who are in quarantine will be provided a chromebook to "attend" class in real-time from home.
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19

		- Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.
		- Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
		- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
		- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
		- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
		- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately, upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
		- Extracurricular activities planned to operate with possible increased precautions and/or restrictions determined by the school district
		- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
		- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school

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Category 3 - Mild to Moderate Risk - Transportation

Defining criteria for Category 3 includes, but is not limited to:

- Moderate community spread of COVID-19
- More than 7 new cases within school district boundaries during the past two weeks or confirmed case(s) among students or school staff where contact tracing indicates likely transmission
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is strained
- Local medical facilities at or above 75% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals experiencing increase in patients with COVID-19
- Sufficient stockpile of PPE, but limited ability to re-stock
- Transition back to Category 2 will require 7 consecutive day of meeting Category 2 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- Possible short term closure of schools and/or portions of schools (up to four school days) for cleaning, hybrid learning shall start immediately upon completion of cleaning
- 50% in-person learning in school district buildings and 50% distance learning, with typical online learning and/or homework to supplement in-person lessons
 - Student schedules adjusted to ensure approximately 50% of students are in attendance at any given time
 - Some eligible students may receive in-person support during days they are scheduled for distance learning (Internet access issues, IEP, ELL, Tier 3 interventions, etc...)
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021
- School district transportation provided only for students living outside Meeker city limits
 - All in town bus stops shall be eliminated until further notice
 - Out of town routes will be adjusted to promote appropriate physical distancing on buses - adjustments will be communicated to families no later than August 20, 2020
 - Only students included on pre-approved rider lists will be allowed on buses - lists will be developed and approved by the Transportation Director
 - Rider lists will be adjusted to reflect the groups established by each school for attendance on Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday
 - Students will be required to ride in assigned seats at all times
- Drivers shall wear face masks at all times while on school buses as well as additional PPE deemed appropriate by the school district
- All students will wear face masks while inside the school bus
- Food and drink will not be allowed on school buses
- Deep cleaning of buses will occurring following every route
- Common spaces utilized at a maximum of 50%
- Active teaching and supervision of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette while onsite
- Continued deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Staggered pickup and drop off times and students to remain with a cohort throughout the school day, when possible
- Visitors shall be limited and must be approved by either the building principal or superintendent
- Use of face masks at all times for all students and staff, except in specific settings with prior approval from the superintendent of schools
- Maximized physical distancing at all times while on school grounds
- Options other than in-person learning may be considered on a case by case basis for students who have a documented need which prevents in-person learning
- Illness management protocols to include, but not be limited to:
 - Health Screening: Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms through the personal health monitoring steps below will stay home, or will go home if already on school grounds
 - Parents will be asked to conduct personal health monitoring with their child, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, before coming to school
 - School staff will perform health monitoring with students, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, at the beginning of the school day
 - School staff and visitors will conduct personal health monitoring, with a specific focus on COVID-19 symptoms, prior to arriving at school
 - Not attending school if students, staff, or visitors are currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or living with a household member who is sick with COVID-19
 - Caution with attending school if students, staff, or visitors exhibit any of the following symptoms: extreme fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, runny nose.

	- Following an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, students, staff, or visitors may return to school once the following conditions have been met:
	- The absence of a fever for 72 hours
	- Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
	- At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
	- Students, staff, or visitors may return to school immediately, upon receiving a negative result from a COVID-19 test
	- Extracurricular activities planned to operate with possible increased precautions and/or restrictions determined by the school district
	- Directives from CHSAA may influence high school activities - CHSAA is currently committed to operating all activities in 2020-2021
	- Middle school and community events utilizing school facilities will follow expectations set for high school

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Category 4 - Substantial Risk

Defining criteria for Category 4 includes, but is not limited to:

- Substantial community spread of COVID-19
- Categorizing the community, within the Meeker School District boundaries, as "Level 1: Stay at Home", as defined by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment
- Local COVID-19 testing capacity is overwhelmed
- Local medical facilities at or above 90% capacity with patients having COVID-19 illness and regional hospitals are unable to accept transfers from Pioneers Medical Center
- PPE only available to help manage care of COVID-19 patients
- Transition back to Category 3 will require 14 consecutive day of meeting Category 3 criteria

School operations in Category 3 include, but are not limited to:

- 100% distance learning
 - Limited school staff access to school facility until cleaning protocols have been completed
 - Implementation of Meeker School District's updated distance learning protocols for 2020-2021 (to be released no later than August 24, 2020)
- School district transportation utilized only to deliver meals
- Meal delivery per processes similar to spring of 2020
- Deep cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of all areas within school facilities
- Increase ventilation to maximum amount possible
- Use of face masks for any staff member on school grounds at any time
- Maximized physical distancing for any staff member on school grounds at any time
- No access to school facilities for any staff member experiencing fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or known exposure to COVID-19
- School staff prohibited from accessing school facilities due to illness may resume limited access once the following conditions have been met:
 - The absence of a fever for 72 hours
 - Other symptoms have improved (cough or breathing difficulty has improved, for example)
 - At least 10 days have passed since the typical COVID-19 symptoms have appeared
- Extracurricular activities suspended
 - No use of school facilities for any extracurricular activity
 - No community use of school facilities



COVID-19 Exposure Expectations

The following outlines various levels of school staff exposure to COVID-19 as well as the expectations of the staff member and school district in response to these exposures.	
Definitions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close Contact: Being within 6 feet of a person not wearing a mask for 15 minutes or greater who has tested positive for COVID-19 - COVID-19 Symptoms: Fever greater than 100.4F, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, and/or loss of smell or taste - Personal Health Monitoring: Daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms as well as other abnormal health conditions
Categories and expectations	
Category 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No known close contact - School District responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued deep cleaning of high-touch surfaces - Continued illness management protocols - Continued implementation of prevention strategies - Staff member responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued proactive prevention strategies (hand washing, physical distancing, proper respiratory etiquette, face mask when necessary, personal health monitoring, etc...)
Category 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible close contact with individual(s) who had close contact with another individual exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or positive test - School District responsibilities - Category 1 actions - Staff member responsibilities - Category 1 actions plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform immediate supervisor of possible contact - Mandatory proactive personal prevention strategies to including recording personal health monitoring results and face mask when physical distancing is not possible - Possible COVID-19 testing 5-7 days after contact - Close personal health monitoring for at least 14 days
Category 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 - School District responsibilities - Category 2 actions plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional deep cleaning of all areas occupied by staff member - Considered closure of the facility occupied by the staff member - Cooperation with public health for contact tracing - Staff member responsibilities - Category 2 actions plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required COVID-19 testing 5-7 days after contact with individual who has tested positive - Self quarantine at home for 14 days from last close contact or until in receipt of a negative COVID-19 test
Category 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 - School District responsibilities - Category 3 actions plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of the facility in which the staff member works for a time period to be determined by the school district, if contact tracing deems necessary - Considered closure of other school facilities depending on contract tracing - Staff member responsibilities - Category 3 actions plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isolate for 14 days or until recovered