



ROADMAP BACK TO SCHOOL FOR FAMILIES

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Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

We will continue following guidelines and recommendations from the IHSAA and the Indiana Department of Education.

Classrooms

Below is a list of changes we're continuing this school year.

Classroom Changes
Students will be distanced in the classroom as much as possible
Masks are optional in the classroom.

Cleaning

Below is a list of changes we've made to our cleaning protocols during the pandemic that will continue.

Cleaning Changes
All classrooms and offices will be cleaned nightly using electrostatic sprayers to disinfect surfaces
Highly trafficked areas such as restrooms and the office will be cleaned throughout the school day
Students will have access to hand sanitizer stations in their classrooms and common areas and will also have opportunities for hand washing throughout the day
Students will receive instruction to reinforce good hygiene measures and signage will be placed throughout the building

Closing School

The Indiana State Department of Health houses COVID-19 related data by county at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>. The decision to close school is made in consultation with the Madison County Health Department based on our local data. In addition to positive COVID-19 cases and the number of students in quarantine, another reason we may need to close is due to staff coverage concerns.

If schools are closed during the pandemic, our goal will be to continue with eLearning while closed. We will try to send home devices the day before; however, if this is not possible, we will contact guardians for a plan to pick-up.

Confirmed Case of Covid-19

We are continuing to follow the guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health that can be found [here](#). Based on the new guidance, we will not be quarantining students that would have been identified as close contacts. The district will not be sending home notifications about positive cases unless there are multiple in a short amount of time.

Elwood Virtual Academy

Elwood Virtual Academy will be for ECSC students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. Families can discuss this option if they are concerned with the COVID-19 Pandemic or if they believe a virtual option is better for their family.

This option will allow students to continue to be connected to ECSC. Students would have the flexibility of in-person for certain courses such as higher level math courses or programs at Hinds Career Center. Students that select the virtual option will also be able to participate in Extracurricular Activities at ECSC.

Elwood Virtual Academy will use Edmentum to deliver grade level curriculum. This will be a combination of live and recorded teaching. There will also be ECSC staff available to provide regular support to students and to check-in virtually or in-person.

Families that select Elwood Virtual Academy will need not be able to change to the traditional setting until second semester. Likewise, families will not be able to move from traditional to virtual until second semester. Please contact the building administrator below if you have any questions.

Elwood Elementary - Mrs.Amanda Brophy: abrophy@elwood.k12.in.us

Elwood Intermediate - Mrs. Abbey Grondin: agrondin@elwood.k12.in.us

Elwood Junior Senior High - Mrs. Heather Anderson: handerson@elwood.k12.in.us

Field Trips

Field Trips will be allowed as long as cohorts of students can be accommodated. Teachers will also continue with virtual field trip options when applicable.

Food Service

We will continue serving meals whether we are open or closed during the length of the pandemic. If we are forced to close, additional information will be sent out regarding picking up meals.

Health Plans and Underlying Health Conditions

Guardians should contact our school nurses with any health concerns we aren't aware of so plans can be put into place.

Masks

At this time, masks are optional for all students and staff. This will be subject to change based on school data in addition to guidance from the Madison County and Indiana State Health Departments.

Nurse's Office

All buildings will have two separate Nurse's Offices. One will be utilized for students exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms and the other will be used for other medical needs. If students are exhibiting any symptom related to Covid-19, guardians will be expected to pick the student up promptly. Below are phone numbers and email addresses for the three school nurses.

- EES: Shari Vehikite; (765) 552-7381; svehikite@elwood.k12.in.us
- EIS: Michelle Beeman; (765) 552-7378; mbeeman@elwood.k12.in.us
- EJSHS: Sharon Brannen; (765) 552-9854; shbrannen@elwood.k12.in.us

Recess

Students at EES and EIS will continue to have recess daily.

Related Arts

Students will continue to have Related Arts daily.

School Supplies

All efforts will be made to not share school supplies.

School Visitors

We will allow visitors based on guidelines from the Madison County and Indiana State Health Departments.

Screening

We ask that all guardians screen students for the below Covid-19 symptoms before school daily. If a student has a symptom, please refer to the *Returning to School After Exclusion* section of this document.

- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Chills, muscle pain, body aches, or fatigue
- A fever of 100 degrees or greater
- New uncontrolled cough or shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain

Temperatures of students will continue to be monitored on an as needed basis.

Special Education

Staff will continue following IEP accommodations, goals, and services for both traditional and eLearning.

Transportation

Buses will be sanitized after morning and afternoon runs. Masks are optional. As a reminder, students are able to be car riders if that is an option for your family. Bike racks are available for all students that choose to ride bikes to school. Bike locks are available for students at EIS and EJSHS in the front office. Students that want to skateboard to school may do so but skateboards must be stored in the front office during the school day.

Tutoring

ECSC received a grant from the IDOE in partnership with JobSource to provide after school tutoring for the next two school years.

Water

Students are encouraged to bring water from home in clear bottles. Water bottle filling stations are available in all buildings.