

# Wildcat News

September 21, 2020

Sept. 21 - 25, 2020

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	10am-noon: Desk and Chromebook Dropoff
Friday	10am - noon: Pick-up event

Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

Monday	Projected first day of on campus learning
Tuesday	
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Thursday	
Friday	2-3 pm: Pick up event for distance learning families

## On Campus Learning

Following this newsletter you will find information regarding our reopening. If you have any questions please reach out to us.

## Device Return and Pick up event

We will be holding a Desk and Device drop off on Thursday, 9/24 from 10am-12pm. If you checked out a desk, chair, chromebook or Hotspot, please return them to the school at this event if you are planning on returning to on campus instruction. Families that are remaining on distance learning may continue to use all items.

We will hold a work pick up event from 10am - Noon on Friday, 9/25 for all of our distance learning families.

Students should bring all other curriculum and supplies that were sent home when we return to school on Monday.

## Library

For the time being classes will be unable to physically go to the library. However, the amazing Mrs. Jones has set up a digital library so students can still check out books.

1. Go to [heslibrary.follettdestiny.com](https://heslibrary.follettdestiny.com)
2. Login using first initial and first 4 of last name. Password is `hesd_ _ _ _`. (student #)
3. You can then search for books by word, subject, Author.
4. If a student wants to check out a book they hold it - on the right side of the screen.
5. Two book maximum.

Please contact [Sjones@hydesvilleschool.org](mailto:Sjones@hydesvilleschool.org) if you have any questions.

## We are hiring!

Hydesville School is looking to hire a part time custodian to work and assist with sanitation during the school day. If you know anyone who might be interested send them our way!

## One last thought...

HESD is always striving to do the best job that we can in helping our students. If you have any comments, concerns, or even just want to let us know something good you have heard or seen - stop by the office, give us a call, send us an email, or talk to your child's teacher. We also know that families may have questions still, please don't hesitate to contact the school and ask!

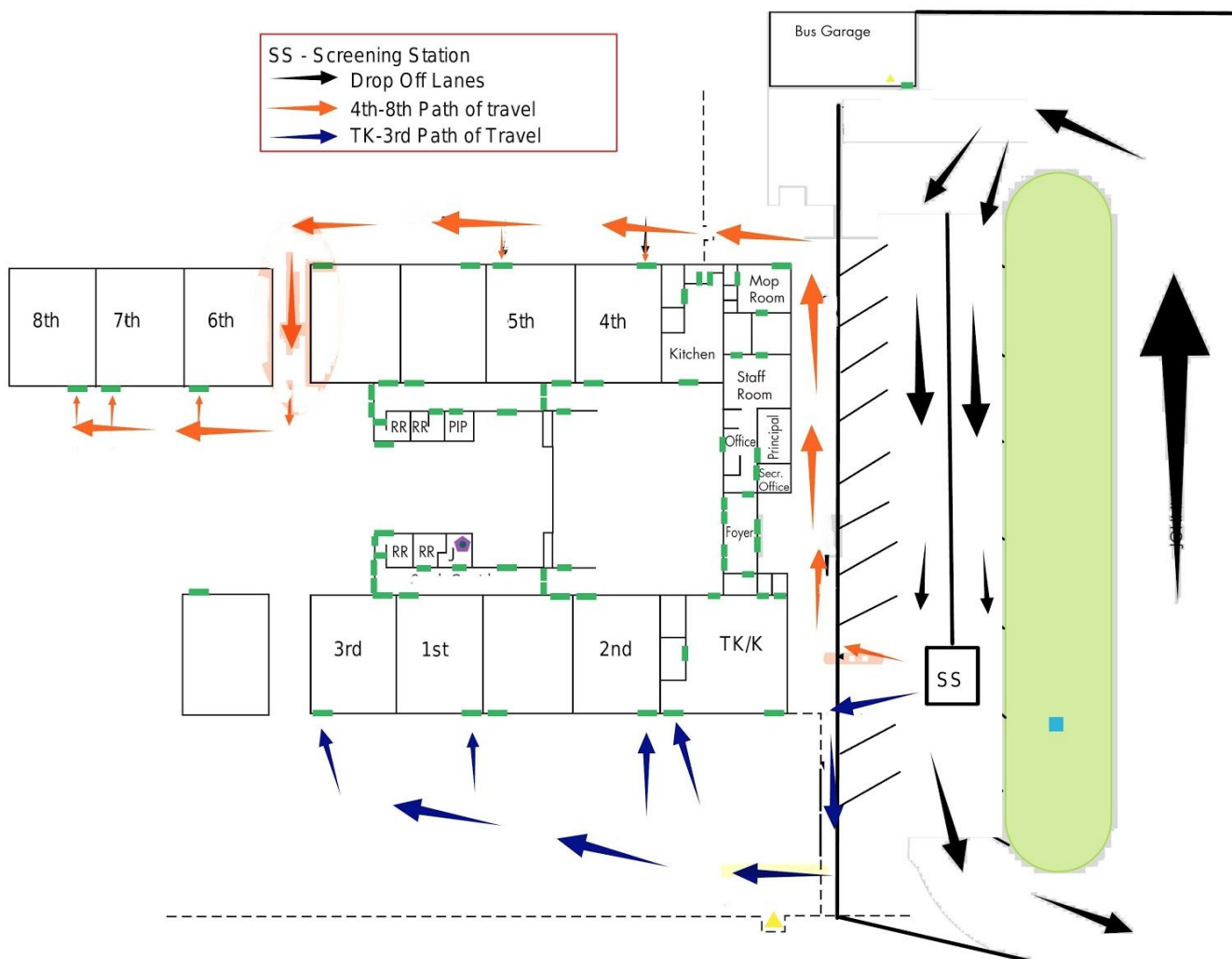
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# Hydesville Elementary Reopening Info

As we reopen our school to on-campus instruction, the health and safety of our students, staff and families is of utmost importance to the Hydesville Elementary School District. As we implement new procedures and policies, it is important to recognize that school is going to look different than it has in years past. We appreciate your understanding as we move forward. The following information for families is intended to help everyone prepare for our anticipated in-person start date of September 28th.

## Arriving at School

HESD will be modifying the start of our school day in an effort to alleviate traffic concerns and make the arrival at school process as smooth as possible. Please see the diagram below for a visual of the following descriptions.



## Arrival Times

We will be utilizing a dual lane system in the parking lot each morning for our daily screening process. Check in times will be as follows:

- **4th-8th grade may check in between 8:15 and 8:30am**
- **TK-3rd grade will check in between 8:30 and 8:45am.**
- Families that have students in both groups may arrive during the first check in.

## **Screening**

Students, siblings and any adults dropping students off at school must be wearing face coverings. Staff will also be wearing face coverings. Students/Families will be asked a series of screening questions and then student temperatures will be checked. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter campus and will need to return home for the day.

## **Entering Campus**

Upon a successful screening, students will follow the paths noted in the attached map and go straight to their classrooms for the day. All students must go through the screening process. Students will not be able to access campus through the back gate.

## **No Bus Transportation**

We will not be providing bus services to begin the year. Unfortunately, our bus is currently in the shop for repairs. We will reach out to our families when we are able to begin transporting students again.

## **Guidelines for Face Coverings**

Hydesville School has procured enough face coverings for all students and staff to ensure anyone who needs one will have access while at school. Students and staff may wear reusable cloth face masks.

In accordance with the California Department of Public Health's guidance for face coverings, students, staff and visitors must wear face coverings when on campus, unless they are exempt per CDC guidelines. This includes while in the classroom, waiting to enter campus, on school grounds, when leaving school and riding the bus.

**Disposable Face Masks – Must cover the nose and mouth.** They may be secured to the head with ties or straps that loop around the ears.

**Cloth Face Coverings –** Specifically, the California Department of Public Health states that a cloth face covering is a material that **covers the nose and mouth**. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps that loop around the ears or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen.

The CDC does not currently recognize face shields as appropriate replacements for mask.

## **During the School Day**

The following provides a snapshot of what to expect in general.

### **Limiting Visitors and Suspending Group Gatherings**

During regular school hours, we will restrict non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving other groups. In accordance with state and local guidelines, group activities such as assemblies, award ceremonies, athletics, etc. are not permitted. Should this change, we will inform our students and families.

### **Maximize and Configure Available Space and Utilize Staff When Possible**

Hydesville School will maximize available space on the school campus for in-person learning. We will utilize instructional aides and other classified and certificated personnel to reduce the number of students in a single space.

## **Classroom space:**

To the extent possible, classroom space will be arranged to remove non-essential furniture, allowing maximum space for students and staff.

Student desks will be arranged to face the same direction (rather than facing each other) and spaced six feet from teacher desks.

Routes will be designated for entry and exit to recess, and other transition times.

Staff will be asked to practice social distancing, including but not limited to, when working indoors or outdoor areas, before and after the work shift, coming and going from vehicles, entering, working, and exiting physical buildings or other structures and during breaks periods.

## **Recess/Breaks**

Recess activities will occur by individual class following social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible. Cohorting will also be performed to the maximum extent possible.

## **Sanitation**

Students will be required to wash their hands upon entering the classroom and returning from recess. Along with regular hand sanitizing and reminders. As a school, classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned daily and we are adding additional custodial staff to clean bathrooms, door handles, and other high touch items hourly. We have installed hand sanitizer dispensers and touch free faucets in all classrooms and bathrooms.

## **Snacks and Lunch**

Individual bagged lunches will be available for pick-up at the end of each school day. Students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles when possible. Students are also encouraged to bring a snack for themselves during the morning break, the school may provide prepackaged snacks as available.

## **Distance Learning**

Distance learning will look different as we move forward. Students will still be able to login and access synchronous lessons in the morning and view the teacher teaching lessons to the class in the morning. Teachers will also continue to have afternoon office hours for their students to access help with assignments and answer questions.

## **Dismissal**

Each day will be early dismissal:

- **TK/Kindergarten will be excused at noon each day,**
- **1st - 8th grades will be excused at 1pm.**

In order to promote social distancing and discourage cohort mixing, each grade level will have a pick-up waiting area in front of the school. Students, siblings and any adults picking up from school must be wearing face coverings, except those who are exempt in accordance with California Department of Public Health guidelines. Parents and visitors will have limited access to the school campus.

## **COVID-19 Notifications**

We will communicate confirmed COVID-19 cases. If the school is informed that a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, the school has been directed to immediately contact Humboldt County Public Health. which will assist school personnel in conducting a case investigation and assessing the exposure risk. Confidentiality of identified cases will be maintained. If a case is

confirmed, a letter will be sent to students and/or staff, who were in close contact (less than 6 ft. for more than 15 minutes) with the confirmed case. Self-isolation instructions will be detailed in the letter. Lower risk exposure notifications that do not require self-isolation may be provided in some circumstances.