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# TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Bolin School – Gr. K-3

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the Summer Program starting back up, and with the guidance of OPI and the Public Health Department, we have put into place some of the new rules we will have to enforce with COVID-19. It is your decision to send your child/children to the Summer Program.

- Each morning when a student arrives, they will have their temperature checked, and asked if they have a sore throat or cough. If your children have any allergies other than food, please let us know on the first day of the program.
- If your child has any allergies and is displaying symptoms, please let us know right away, along with any medications your child is taking.
- Should your child show unexplained symptoms, they will have to be picked up immediately from the program and have a medical evaluation. Your child will not be allowed back into the program until he or she has a note from the physician clearing the child for readmission.
- We will have face masks available by request of the parent or guardian.
- Each student is required to bring their own water bottle with their name on it. If they do not have one, we will provide one. A container for their everyday supplies will also be supplied.

I am so excited for the summer program to start up and to see all the students again!

Sincerely,  


## **ACTION PLAN FOR SUMMER PROGRAM**

- 1. All students will have to sign in each each morning**
- 2. Temperatures will be checked when they sign in**
- 3. Face masks will be provided if parents are requesting it for their child**
- 4. Hand sanitizer will be used all day long**
- 5. If a child has an unexplained cough or other symptoms, they will be Isolated until a parent/guardian picks them up**
- 6. Each child will have their own container with supplies**
- 7. Each child will have their own water bottle**
- 8. Six foot distancing (or spacing) will be done if required**
- 9. Any questions or concerns that we may have will be directed to the public Health nurse**
- 10. We will do as many activities outside as possible**

**After visiting with Tylene Eaton, Public Health Nurse, she has informed me that we can have 50 kids in a room, and that the six foot distancing no longer applies. They do not have to be in individual groups of 10. I will be working very closely with Tylene when a new phase comes in or if anything changes with the phase two.**

**We will be taking all necessary steps to make sure that the students have a fun and safe environment.**

**A letter will be sent to the parents/guardians to inform us if their child/children have any allergies and what kind of allergies. If their child/children allergies are acting up, we ask them to inform us that day as to what medication they have been given (if any). If a child has any unexplained symptoms, they will have to leave the program and get evaluated by their physician. They will need a doctors note to be able to return to the program.**

Prairie County Public Health Department  
203 S. Logan Ave  
Terry, MT 59349  
Ph: 406-635-2020 Cell: 406-852-0622

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

During Phase 2 guidelines, Montana DPHHS has stated that groups of 50 are allowed. This means that you can have a group of 50 people who do not have to socially distance with each other, and another group of 50 people 6 feet away from that group. People can get creative with this guideline of 50 people to a group when one considers the space in which the group(s) will be gathering. Consulting with your local public health is recommended if you have more than 50 people attending your activity.

If you would like further confirmation on this guideline, then you may call:

**Jim Murphy**

**Bureau Chief**

Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau  
PO Box 202951 | 1400 Broadway | Helena MT 59620-2951  
406.444.4016 | cell 406.465.4891 | fax 406.444.3044

Sincerely,

**Tylene Eaton, RN, BSN**

Public Health Director

## Recommendations for Montana Schools for Infectious Disease Precautions

- Sick children and staff stay home. Recommend they contact their health care provider for recommendations on when to seek care and/or testing of an illness. Recommend also they provide school with a release note from their health provider that they are allowed to return back to school. This can be faxed or mailed to the school. In the event where a child gets tested for SARS-CoV-2, and the test result is positive, then public health will investigate the case and provide guidance to the school as to any classmates/students that may need to be quarantined. The close contacts of this child (which will be determined by public health), according to CDC guidelines, can also get tested for the SARS-CoV-2, and if their test result is negative, they may return to school. If the parent/guardian refuses to have their “close contact” child tested, then the child must quarantine at home for 14 days. This guideline helps prevent large amounts of students quarantining for a number of days if it is not necessary.
- Symptom screening and temperature checks done at beginning of each school day.
- If a child becomes sick at school, the parent is notified immediately, and the child is placed in a designated isolated “sick room(s)” until the parent/guardian can pick up the child. This room will be appropriately disinfected once the child leaves.
- Promote frequent hand washing by students and staff. Have the school nurse or county health nurse hold hand washing demonstrations and respiratory hygiene instruction for each elementary class. Place posters and media throughout the school promoting hand washing and proper hygiene manners.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, keyboards, phones, light switches, etc. more frequently throughout the day. Students can take responsibility of certain disinfection steps, such as cleaning their own work areas and keyboards, etc. Certain playground equipment may not be practical to disinfect, and may not be necessary, especially given most equipment being in an outdoor environment, where viruses and bacteria are less likely to survive and be transmittable.
- Facemasks/face coverings are personal choice by parents and their child, and practical application for young children to be able to wear appropriately should be considered. Can recommend that vulnerable children and staff wear masks when in close contact situations. Wearing a mask for many hours may have its own adverse health implications(eg. Increased CO2 inhalation). Requiring children of any age to wear masks during class time or recess time will be counterproductive in many ways: Children will tend to touch and readjust the mask frequently, they may play with the mask, trade

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their mask with a friend's mask, and sufficient washing and hygiene maintenance of the mask may not occur. Children and adults may be claustrophobic while wearing the mask, which can cause anxiety, panic attacks and breathing issues.

- Certain classes and activities may not be able to implement social distancing measures due to the nature of the class or activity. In these cases it should be up to the parent/guardian and the child as a family to decide the level of risk they want to take to participate in these activities/classes. Practical measures will be considered/performed to help limit the risk of infection, such as disinfecting P.E. equipment when applicable, offering alternating days of classes, more offerings of the same class to enable smaller group size, etc.
- Vulnerable staff may need to be given the option of teaching remotely, and hiring a support person to be in-person in class to help facilitate learning.
- Vulnerable children and staff will need to be given the choice of attending school, or to join the classroom remotely via online, or with paper packets. Again, parents and their children must decide as a family the level of risk they are willing to take to participate.
- Partner with local health officials and pediatricians and have them become a part of your planning efforts. Many counties have the county health nurse as the school nurse. Keep them involved and in the loop, as well as the parents/guardians.
- Transportation: Consider having parents transport their own children, if possible to school and extra-curricular activities to minimize crowded buses. Will need to consider reimbursing parents for this transportation. Could also consider having just the vulnerable children be transported by parents, and reimburse those parents for transport.

## Participant Symptom Screening

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_ H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cough \_\_\_\_\_

\*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing \_\_\_\_\_

*Or at least two of these symptoms:*

\*Sore Throat \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fever \_\_\_\_\_

\*Chills \_\_\_\_\_

\*Repeated shaking with chills \_\_\_\_\_

\*Muscle Pain \_\_\_\_\_

\*Headache \_\_\_\_\_

\*New loss of taste or smell \_\_\_\_\_

*Temperature:* \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater and/or match symptoms for Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), you will not be allowed to participate, and will have to leave the grounds. Please call your provider for further guidance on evaluation and testing.

*Stay safe, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and good luck!*