

Your patience, support and diligence has allowed us to safely return and begin to bring more students back each day. Over the last couple of weeks, the district has increased the number of on-site learners in a variety of capacities. This slow gradual approach has been successful, safe, and manageable. Teachers use the 8:00 to 10:30 (FHS) & 1:30 to 3:00 (PK-8) time frames to support remote learners and provide individualized help to students who need additional support.

- If a child is in need of additional support, please contact the building principal or teacher to arrange a time for your child to be on-site.
- The district has also allowed those who chose full remote learning to rejoin their classes for on-site instruction.
- If you originally chose remote learning and wish to change to on-site learning, please contact your building administrator.

I wanted to provide an update about expanding on-site learning. The following steps will guide our expansion efforts.

1. **Fulton High School students return to Anchor/Boat Days September 22nd.** We want to see how this will impact the entire district. Many families have children in all our buildings. We will monitor student and family impact for a two week time period.
2. **PK-8 Expanded Return** - If the return of high school students goes well and positive cases do not impact the lower grade levels, we will expand daily on-site instruction PK-8th grade by bringing back specific grade levels at a time. The building principals have been working with staff to determine which grade levels to start bringing back first. Principals will update families as soon as they have the specific grade level plans determined so that families can plan.
3. **COVID-19 Monitoring** - The district has been and will continue to closely monitor the number of positive COVID-19 cases, exposures, and symptomatology. This portion of the plan is critical and by keeping us informed about your child or family's symptoms and or exposure is extremely helpful and important. IDPH has provided a set of strict guidelines that determine what guidelines we must follow. If our system is overwhelmed with positive cases and/or quarantines, the district will have to address the outbreaks. We have already seen a number of positive cases with high school students and have had to work with families who have positive cases in the household and both situations require quarantine and coordination between the families and the school.
4. **Extending the School Day** - Because the district supports both on-site and remote learners, extending the school day beyond 1:00 PM is not possible at this time. As more students and families return to on-site instruction we will consider extending the length of the day.
5. **Remote Learning Days (Mondays)** - We will continue to use Mondays as a remote learning day for the near future. This allows us to provide a day of instruction for all students and it allows us to improve our remote instruction. The district's future planning includes being ready for increased on-site learning as well as returning to fully remote learning.

Thank you for your patience, perseverance, and support. Building principals will continue to keep you updated on continued changes.