

Bouse Elementary School District #26

Mitigation Plan

The Bouse Elementary School District will be implementing the following guidelines to help reduce and stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Parents, Guardians, and Community members are asked to help and do their part.

Promoting Behaviors to Reduce the Spread

Bouse Elementary School will:

- All staff and students will wear a mask while students are on campus.
- The school will provide a double layered “gator” type mask to students. However parents may provide a different mask of their own choosing.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask. The office will provide one if they do not have one.
- Conduct a training session on August 4, 2020 with the La Paz County Health Department to train staff members on ways to keep themselves and students safe and healthy.
- Teachers will provide lessons to their students on ways to stay safe and healthy.
- Display posters in every classroom, restroom and kitchen area of proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
- The school will provide a double layered “gator” type mask to students. However parents may provide a different mask of their own choosing.
- Staff will wear masks when working in the classroom with students or when closely working with other staff members.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask. The office will provide one if they do not have one.

Maintaining Healthy Environment

Bouse Elementary School will:

- Train all staff members on how to properly clean, how often cleaning is needed, and what products to use while cleaning.
- Cleaning of commonly touched surfaces will be on an hourly basis.
- Discourage the use of shared objects such as pencils, crayons, etc.
- Students are to keep their backpacks on their backs until they reach their classroom, where they will hang them from the back of their chairs.
- Students will be discouraged from touching other students’ belongings.
- Drinking fountains will be closed. Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle.
- Student desks will be placed 6 feet apart and all facing the same direction. Family units will be placed together.
- When on the bus, students will be seated one student per seat in every other seat.
- Decals marking a 6 feet distance on floors where lines form (lunch, classroom door, etc.)

- Decals marking 6 foot distance from receptionist desk and principal's desk.
- One way directions will be used for classes entering and exiting the library area.
- Lunch schedule will be adjusted to accommodate 1 classroom at a time.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart in the lunchroom.
- The school playground will be closed until further notice. Students will have the use of the field and basketball court area.
- Share table will be eliminated in the cafeteria.
- Disposable utensils will be used.
- Ventilation filters will be monitored and changed on a weekly basis.

Maintaining Healthy Operations

Bouse Elementary School will:

- Require high risk students and staff to wear a mask.
- High risk students will participate in lessons using Google Classroom as much as possible.
- High risk staff will telecommute whenever possible.
- Administration will monitor CDC website for any change in recommendations or restrictions.
- Visitors will be limited to only those who are necessary.
- Visitors must complete a wellness check and wear a mask.
- Parent meetings will follow CDC guidelines allowing for social distancing and the use of masks.
- Classes will not mingle with the exception of the use of the bus.
- Each class will have a separate lunch and recess schedule.
- The School bus will make 2 separate runs, limiting the numbers of students arriving/departing at one time.
- Families will be educated on symptoms to watch for, when they should seek medical attention, and CDC recommendations for those who test positive for COVID-19.
- Families will be notified of changes in restrictions or closures as soon as made available.
- Staff and students will be encouraged to stay home when sick.
- Sick students and staff members may return to school when they meet the CDC guidelines for returning.
- Daily wellness checks will be conducted at bus stops, when arriving at school if dropped off by a parent, and periodically throughout the day for all students and staff.

Preparing For When Someone Is Sick

Bouse Elementary School will:

- Staff and students who become sick will be able to return when they meet CDC guidelines.
- Sick staff will be sent home.
- Sick students will be isolated until parents can be notified and the student is picked up.
- Infected area(s) will be closed off and cleaned and disinfected after 24 hour waiting period.