



Stilwell High School COVID-19 Guidelines for 2020-2021

Stilwell High School will follow the Oklahoma Department of Health (ODH) Guidelines and Return to Learn Oklahoma Framework provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education in planning for reopening in the fall. We hope the following information helps answer many of the questions you may have about our reopening.

Our goal will be to provide as safe as possible experience which will include a rich educational experience, with opportunities for social interaction and extracurricular while adhering to guidelines provided by the Oklahoma Department of Health.

What is the first day of school for students?

School will begin on August 12, 2020 as originally planned. This date will only change if ODH sends updated guidance on the reopening, but this is not anticipated.

Who will be required to wear face coverings?

Currently, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Oklahoma Department of Health (ODH) is recommending all individuals 10 years old and over wear a face covering. We are strongly recommending that adults and students age 10 and up wear face coverings when physical distancing cannot be achieved particularly on school buses. The ODH has not issued a directive to require face covering; however, this does not downplay the importance of this additional safety measure. Students under 10 years of age and those with health issues and special needs will not be asked to wear face coverings. Students will be highly encouraged to wear face coverings in areas with a high concentration of students where social distancing cannot be maintained. In the event we have an increase in the number of positive cases, face coverings could be required. Parents and guests will be required to wear a mask upon entering the building. Masks will not be provided for parents and guests.

Do we need to provide masks for our student or will one be provided?

Parents are expected to provide their student(s) with a mask. If the student age 10 or over arrives at school without a mask, the district will provide one mask, one time for that student, then additional masks will be available for purchase in the SHS office as supplies allow.

Will bus transportation be provided?

Yes, the district will provide bus transportation for all students. Based on current ODH guidance, everyone will be required to wear face coverings when riding the bus. We are planning no changes to bus schedules or bus stops.

How normal will the school day be for a student?

Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal of a school day as possible while we also provide as much safety as possible. When students arrive at school, either by bus or parent, they will have a temperature screening before entering public spaces such as the cafeteria or gymnasium. Upon completing the screening, students will proceed to their designated area. Students will be screened daily. Students will not remain in the same classroom all day but will be able to transition from one class to another, following social distancing as much as possible.

Will students at SHS still have extra classes like athletics, art, music, guidance and library?

Yes, students will continue to participate in activity classes, check out library books, and receive guidance and gifted instruction. In some cases, the teacher may present their lesson in the student's classroom to reduce the amount of cleaning possible. In others situations, such as PE, students may have an assigned area in the gym with specific materials assigned to their classroom. Sporting events will be held according to OSSAA and ODH recommendations.

Will social distancing guidelines be observed?

Social distancing will be observed as much as possible but at times students will be closer than the recommended 6 ft. apart. When social distancing requirements cannot be maintained such as class exchange time, etc., students will be expected to wear face coverings. We will redesign classrooms and cafeteria spaces to increase the space between students but cannot always guarantee it will be 6 ft. We strongly encourage students to wear a mask and to not touch or breathe on one another.

Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect students?

Yes, classrooms will be arranged to provide more space between students. That might mean all desks are arranged in rows facing in a single direction. It might result in reading areas with bean bags, couches or comfy chairs being removed. It might include dividers between students who are seated at a table. We will make every effort to provide distance but not limit students' ability to interact and communicate with others in their classroom. Additionally, supplies and materials will not be shared by students. Students will be allowed and are encouraged to bring their own laptop, tablet, phone, or other personal resource available to them for virtual learning.

Will students attend school every day or will we have some type of alternative schedule? We plan for students to attend school daily following a very similar schedule to the traditional school day.

What will happen if an individual tests positive for Covid-19?

In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance from the ODH. We will be in direct contact with ODH. This could result in a brief closure of a single school within the district to provide time for additional cleaning and sanitation.

Will students be screened daily?

Students will receive a temperature check and screening upon arrival. There will be three screening stations on campus, upon arrival, students must report to one of these stations prior to entering the building.

What are my options, if I do not want my child to return to the traditional classroom?

Stilwell High School has provided a survey to all parents to collect information regarding their interest in a digital option for students. This would provide a total online educational program for students who did not feel comfortable returning to onsite instruction. Parents will be asked to sign up for the virtual education program and commit to a minimum of a semester. The fall semester is August 12, 2020-December 18, 2020. Parents and students will be required to commit to the Virtual Education option no later than July 20, 2020.

If students choose to do full-time virtual, will they be able to participate in extracurricular activities?

Yes, students participating in full-time virtual learning will be able to participate in extracurricular activities but will have to adhere to OSSAA guidelines.

Enrollment

Enrollment will be held online where students can choose their classes for the new year. An email will be sent to all upperclassmen from the counselors stating the classes they need to take to continue on the path to graduation. Another email will be sent for them to choose those classes hour by hour. Freshmen will enroll on a freshmen enrollment night. We will be offering open enrollment to students that might not be able to access their email during the following days.

Monday, July 6th 10AM-2PM for Seniors

Tuesday, July 7th 10AM-2PM for Juniors

Wednesday, July 8th 10AM-2PM for Sophomores

This is only for the students who need access to a computer and the internet. All other students should be able to access these forms through their school email. Masks are recommended.

Monday, July 13th will be our Freshmen enrollment night beginning at 6PM. This will be held in the high school gym. Only the students and one parent/guardian will be allowed to attend so that we can adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Will we have an open house?

Yes, we will hold a modified open house. This will be held on Tuesday, August 11th from 2:00-6:00 PM. **This will only be for new students and our incoming freshmen.** We are asking that only the student and one parent/guardian attend this event to be able to adhere to ODH guidelines. All other students will be able to access their schedules from their gradebook portal or will receive their schedule on the first day of school. Masks are recommended.

Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities and sports in the fall? Yes. SHS athletes returned to campus on June 2nd. We anticipate sports activities in the fall with possible modifications as required by the OSSAA. All uniforms and practice equipment will be washed and sanitized after each use. At this time, we are still awaiting guidance on both band and choir.

Will my student eat lunch in their classroom?

Based on current guidelines, the ODH recommends limiting the capacity of students in the cafeteria. We anticipate this may either mean we will be required to adjust lunch schedules or use alternative areas, such as offering grab and go lunches for outside, and classes will be able to eat in the cafeteria each day on a rotational basis. During bad weather, students will be provided with an alternative eating place. Proper sanitation of all areas will be completed after each meal. Procedures will not allow students to pick up utensils, self-serve, or share food. Parents are encouraged to send a water bottle with their students (water fountains will not be available), water bottle filling stations will be available and sanitized frequently.

What special precautions will be implemented in regard to cleaning and sanitizing? Sanitation and cleanliness will be a high priority for our district as we return in the fall. We will be encouraging staff to frequently disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.) on a continuous basis throughout the day. Students will be encouraged to sanitize and wash their hands each time they leave and enter a new space.

What will happen if a student comes to school sick?

If a student comes to school sick, the office will screen the student and check their temperature. If their temperature is over the ODH guidance of 100.4 or they show other symptoms such as coughing or difficulty breathing, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for 48 hours without medication before returning to school. The student will be isolated in a designated area until the parent or guardian gets there to pick them up. When the child returns to school they will check in with the school office/monitor and be screened for temperature before attending class or going in any public areas with a note stating that they are no longer sick or showing symptoms associated with the COVID virus..

How will you help fill any gaps my student has from the previous year?

Curriculum teams have worked to revise the curriculum so that missed essential standards will be addressed when students return. Additionally, students may be assessed to determine individual strengths and weaknesses. These assessments may determine if students need additional support. Tutoring will be available to students throughout the year who need it during their lunch period.

What happens if we have school closures again?

If schools close again, a plan for at-home digital learning has been developed. Teachers and students will utilize Edmentum, Boardworks, and Google Classroom to deliver virtual and online lessons. Students will learn how to use these Learning Systems by participating in lessons throughout the week while at school. Blended learning that includes both on-site traditional instruction and digital instruction will become the norm. This approach will allow students who might be ill or quarantined for a limited amount of time to continue their education even if they are not physically present in the classroom.

Will our students have the same arrival and dismissal times?

Yes, however, depending on guidance from ODH, arrival and dismissal times may be varied, in order to increase social distancing and to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria and gym before school starts.

In the event of a temporary school closure, how will the district serve special needs students (Special Education, 504, Dyslexia, etc)?

In the event of a school closure, students will participate in live instruction with scheduled Zoom sessions and virtual education by using Edmentum Programs.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures please contact the Stilwell High School office at 918-696-7276, or email tturman@stilwellk12.org/along@stilwellk12.org. You may also ask questions on our Stilwell High School Facebook page.