



Historical Perspective Regarding the Ulm School Reopening Process

March 2020 - June 2021

1. The Ulm Public School District was ordered to close to in person instruction on March 15, 2020, under an executive order issued by then-Governor Bullock. Districts were provided a two-week period of time during which they could remain fully closed to instruction of any kind while developing a plan for remote instruction required by the Governor.

a. Ulm School District remained closed as authorized until March 30, 2020, at which point our district reopened pursuant to a reopening plan approved by the Governor.

2. On April 22, 2020, then-Governor Bullock lifted his Stay at Home Order, and announced a plan to begin Phased Reopening of Montana. As part of that plan, effective May 7, 2020, all schools were provided the option to return to in-class teaching at the discretion of local school boards.

a. Ulm Public School District finished the 2019-20 school year through remote instruction. During the 2020-21 school year, our means of instruction included In-person and Distance Learning.

3. Our district developed a plan for reopening to in-person instruction, with contingencies, and we implemented that plan for the 2020-21 school year.

4. Our district finished the 2020-21 school year strong, having provided high quality learning opportunities to the students in our community in safe and effective learning environments.

5. We at Ulm School district embrace the fundamental principle of providing transparency to our community. We publicly noticed meetings and provided our community the opportunity to give us feedback regarding the School District's plans.

Ulm Public School District Safe Return to School Updated: September 14, 2021

Ulm Public School District will continually monitor guidance from the CDC, the Governor's office of the State of Montana, and the Cascade County Health Department.

The Principal has the authority to make changes to this plan, as needed. Changes to this plan will be reviewed and put to vote at the next regular meeting.

2021-2022 Reopening Plan Expectations

Circumstances related to the virus and its variants continue to change. Due to the nature of the COVID pandemic, continuous and ongoing review of this Plan is necessary and subject to change.

The Administrator has authority to make changes as needed. Changes will be reviewed and put to a vote at the next regular board meeting.

School District Meetings, Events, and Visitors

The Ulm Public School District has adopted the protocols and procedures, in this document, to govern actions for the duration of the declared public health emergency to ensure the safety of staff and students. Administrators, teachers and staff are authorized to implement the procedures in coordination with state and local health officials.

At this time, all meetings and events may proceed without restriction.

Visitors and Volunteers

Ulm School will be restricting visitors to essential workers only. However, under certain circumstances visitors and volunteers may be permitted into the building with permission from the school principal.

School Board Meetings

School Board Meetings will be held in person without restriction. A Zoom invitation will be posted on Ulm School Webpage for the public who cannot attend in person.

Health and Safety

Health Checks

Please keep your child at home if they are experiencing any fever, chills or temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Should students exhibit these symptoms during school hours, they will be sent home.

Symptoms of Illness

Students and staff who are ill, feeling ill, diagnosed as ill, and/or otherwise demonstrating symptoms of illness not come to school or work.

Students who have a fever or are exhibiting other signs of illness will stay in the office area until such time as parents or caregivers may arrive at the school to retrieve the ill student.

Ulm SafeSchool Recommendation

Staff and Students that are sick and are having unusual symptoms are asked to stay at home and be symptom free for 48 hours without medication before returning to school.

Students who have been in close contact with a positive case or have been tested positive Ulm School encourage parents to be informed with the CCHD guidelines that can be found:

<https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/180/COVID-19>

<https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/cms/lib/MT50000605/Centricity/Domain/4/2021Quarantine%20Letter%20final.pdf>

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing will be observed, when appropriate.

Lunch Program

School lunch will be served in person without restriction.

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be optional for all staff, students, and visitors.

Busing

Students and bus drivers must wear a mask on school buses at all times per [Federal Law and CDC guidance](#).

A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.

Transitions Time

There will be no restrictions on transition time or at student lockers.

Cleaning, Sanitation

During the day, staff will clean any and all high traffic areas, including any shared spaces or classrooms.

Academic

There will be no restrictions on academic instruction. All instruction will be in person learning. There will not be a distance learning platform established at Ulm School unless we have an in school surge of COVID-19 cases.