

Learning Mode 3.0 - All In for Montrose Elementary

Beginning Tuesday, March 23rd, Bexley students will return to the building for an all day schedule, every day. “All in” means ***all*** students will have teacher-directed learning in their classrooms. Students will attend school for full school days, five days/week, rather than a hybrid with partial physical attendance.

A distance of three feet between students will be maintained. There may be times during transitions from one space to another or between activities within a space, when students will be within 3 feet of each other, these instances will be quick and while moving.

During “All In”, the learning tools that were necessary for hybrid and remote learning (e.g., Google Classroom, Zoom classes) will no longer be used to deliver content and instruction or to support remote contact with peers in the classroom.

Risk mitigation has been our top priority since March of last year and it will continue to be of utmost importance. To ensure the safety of our students we will keep our mitigation practices in place:

- Students will be seated 3 feet apart during instruction. Students and staff will be 6 feet apart when they are unmasked at lunch time, to eat. We intend to ensure students are safely distanced from each other but do know that there will be times when students will be closer during transitions.
- Sanitizing stations are in every space; teachers and students are diligent about encouraging each other to sanitize and/or wash their hands frequently.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wear face shields in addition to masking. Face shields will not be used in lieu of face masks.
- Staff and students will continue to wear masks except when students are eating. (See below for information on lunch and snacks.)
- Masking: our Evaluation Team reviewed several masking protocols and determined which options would provide protection equivalent or superior to double masking. The final options endorsed by the Evaluation Team and the District include:

1) A disposable mask under a cloth mask.

Wearing two cloth masks together, or wearing two disposable masks together, does not provide an acceptable level of protection.

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2) A single 3-ply disposable or 3-ply cloth mask paired with a "mask fitter" (also called a mask brace). A mask fitter is worn over, not under, the 3-ply mask.



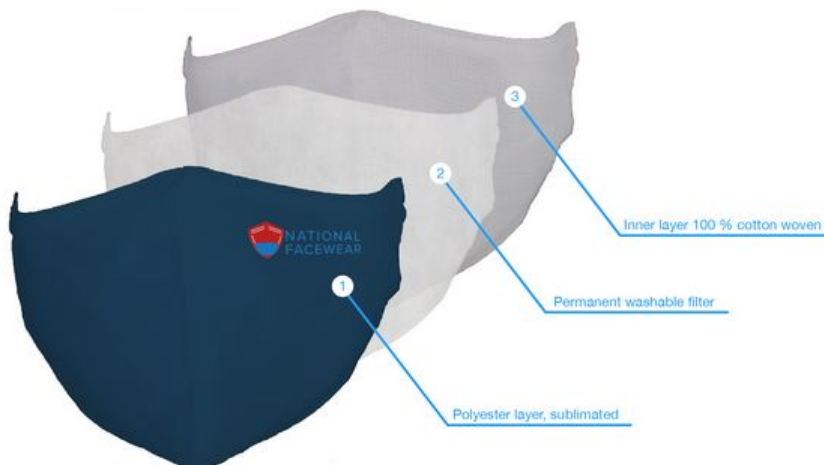
3) A single KN95 or N95 mask. These masks can be challenging for children to wear.



4) A single 3-ply mask made from non-woven, high-efficiency filter material.

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To ensure all students and staff have access to a mask meeting the quality standards required under this option, the District intends to purchase this type of mask for all. These masks will be distributed on Tuesday, March 23, the students' first day back from Spring Break. Purchased masks will fit the definition and protection of this option (#4).



The District will use CARES Act Funds to purchase the masks. While each student will be issued two masks meeting the standards of option #4, families may elect, at their own cost, to purchase alternatives #1, #2, or #3 above as these are also compliant with the resolution's mandate. We are pleased to be able to offer a product that promotes unity and reflects our commitment to a healthy school environment. [Reference List PDF](#)

What time is arrival?

Montrose's doors will open at 8:10 a.m. and students need to be in classrooms by 8:15 a.m. Staff will be on duty at each entrance/exit. Classroom teachers will be waiting to greet students at their classroom doors and to facilitate wash in/wash out to best mitigate.

We will continue to enter through the doors we have been entering all school year. This is to reduce crowding and to allow safer spacing. Students who are late (arriving after 8:15 a.m.) will need to enter through the front door.

Front Main St. Entrance: **Bailey and all 3rd Grade Classrooms**

Remington Road Entrance: **Schlitter, Francisco, and all 5th Grade Classrooms**

Playground Entrance off of the Gym: **McCarrick, Young, Friedstrom, and Kjellander**

Montrose Ave Entrance: **White, Reggie, and all 4th Grade Classrooms**

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What time is dismissal?

Students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students will exit the building through the doors they entered in the morning. An announcement will be made at 2:55 p.m. for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders to be dismissed. Then another announcement at 3:00 p.m. for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

What will lunch look like?

There will be 6 feet distancing between students during lunch because they will take off their masks to eat. Physical barriers will be used between students at their assigned seats when we have to eat inside. Weather permitting, classrooms will eat outside. It would be very helpful for kids to bring a towel, [sit upon](#), or yoga mat to sit on for outside lunch. This should come to school each day as we don't always know whether it will be outside or inside lunch until an hour prior to the first lunch.

Students who are able to eat lunch at home are encouraged to do so to decrease time without masks in the larger setting. Students leaving to go home will need to sign out of the office with Mrs. Anderson prior to leaving. If your child leaves for lunch, they will leave for the whole hour of the recess and lunch time, and return to school at the end of the hour. Upon return, they will come to Montrose's front entrance (Main St.) and check into the office with Mrs. Anderson. She'll make note that they are back from lunch at home, and then the student will be given a pass to head to class.

All classes will have recess first and then lunch. Here is our recess and lunch schedule:

Kindergarten & 1st grade: 10:50-11:50 a.m.

2nd & 3rd grades: 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

4th & 5th grades: 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 a.m.

What about snacks?

Some classrooms have a snack break. If snacks are a part of the classroom routine (please contact your child's teacher for details), students must bring a snack for only themselves and not to share. Snacks and lunch foods should be peanut and nut free. Snacks will be consumed outdoors or in a space where students are able to be 6 feet apart with physical barriers.

How will recess operate?

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Elementary students will be assigned to specific areas (zones) of the playground based and will not mingle with students across grade levels. These assigned areas will rotate throughout the week so students will be able to experience different play areas.

When the weather is inclement, elementary students will enjoy recess in their classroom and engage in activities at their assigned seats.

When we have indoor recess due to inclement weather, your child is encouraged to bring a labeled Ziploc bag in their backpack with their own small personal toys to play with while they are at indoor recess. The toys should NOT be anything valuable nor have weapons in them. We have items for students to use during indoor recess but having this individual bag will be fun for them. Please make sure to label the bag with your child's name. Items inside could include: legos, blocks, cards, cars, Rubik's cube, miniature figurines, playdough, etc.



What will happen if students need to quarantine during the fourth quarter?

Quarantine plans will need to shift for our new learning mode. Please click [here](#) for information about our quarantine plan. School counselors will continue to act as quarantine liaisons.

Bexley Recreation and Park After School Care

Bexley Recreation and Park will be releasing information about their after school care program very soon. Their program will be offered starting March 23rd and will be hosted at Montrose Elementary. Details to come.

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Will teachers still be using Google Classroom?

Teachers will be primarily focused on the students who are in the classroom with them each day. If there are circumstances when students need to quarantine temporarily, Google Classroom can serve as a place for students and families to view assignments.

Where will students be storing their belongings?

Montrose students use cubbies and/or hooks to hang their belongings in their classrooms. Students will head directly to their classroom upon arrival to school and will be dismissed in small groups to put items at their cubbies or on their hooks. This same process will happen at the end of the day, too. For classrooms that have cubbies, students will be released to their classroom's cubby area individually or in small groups to avoid groups gathering at the beginning and end of the school day.

When will we return to all-in?

Tuesday, March 23.

Monday, March 22 is a teacher work day to prepare their classrooms.

What would cause the District to return to hybrid or all remote learning?

The BCS Evaluation Team will continue to follow our [Learning Mode Decision Tool](#) and meet weekly to consider the latest case and attendance data in the district and transmission data in the county and city of Bexley. A change in learning modality would be based on these factors.