



January 28, 2021

Springer Municipal Schools have been given the green light to reopen as long as we meet required criteria. We are working diligently to make sure that reopening happens for SMS. Our anticipated reopening date is February 15, 2021. Until Colfax county returns to the "green" we can only reopen in Hybrid mode (50% of the students at a time K-12).

In order to reopen we must have a visit from the State Fire Marshal which can take up to two weeks to happen. We have requested that visit and we have also asked if our local fire department can do the walk through (it's to make sure we have Covid safe practices in place).

In order to participate in athletics we must reopen in Hybrid by February 22, 2021. We are still waiting on word from NMAA what game schedules/criteria for attending will look like and please keep in mind this is all subject to change based on positivity rates. As we know more we will keep you informed!

I am pleased to say that the majority of our staff has received their first Covid vaccine (some have received their second). We have been extremely lucky thanks to some partnerships/relationships that we have built.

Please keep in mind the following will be strictly enforced:

- Temperatures of students and staff will still be checked! Before a student can board the bus their temperature will be checked.
- Masks must be worn at all times (except when eating or drinking) by both students and staff.
- We must continue to practice social distancing.
- Students will be divided into two cohorts A and B. What that schedule will look like will be forthcoming (by February 3rd). Students will not be allowed to switch between cohorts. We will do our very best to keep siblings in the same cohorts. There will be in person learning as well as continued remote learning. Stay tuned for the schedule.
- Visitors will not be allowed in the buildings (this includes parents).
- ALL students will eat in their classrooms and will not be allowed to leave for lunch.

My Principal and I feel it is very important to meet with parents to go over the details and we would prefer to do this in person for those that wish. We will provide a virtual link as well. Only **one** adult per household will be allowed to attend in person (**please don't bring children**). The following meetings will be held in the gym at the high school where we will social distance and wear masks.

Cohort A Elementary 4:00 p.m. February 8, 2021

Cohort A Secondary 5:30 p.m. February 8, 2021

Cohort B Elementary 4:00 p.m. February 9, 2021

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Again, this is optional for you to attend and a virtual link will be provided.

Once the cohort schedules are built, we will send the information via mail. If you wish for your child to remain in 100% remote learning you will have that option as well. If you wish to do this please let either Christina or myself know by February 1st so that we can plan accordingly.

We are excited! We have missed the kids! Please be patient over the next few days as we work through the logistics .

If you have any questions you can email me at juliecrum@springerschools.org or Christina Hidalgo at christinahidalgo@springerschools.org

Thank you for your continued support!!!

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