

Dear Mound Fort parents and guardians,

We are excited to begin the 20-21 school year. This email includes the following information:

- COVID-19 Updates
- Back to School Night
- Registration
- First days of school
- Ogden Online
- Other information including: Bell Schedule, ID Badges and Face Coverings,

### **Covid - 19 Updates**

The Utah Department of Health and the State Board of Education recently released new guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The document can be accessed [here](#). Mound Fort Junior High School will implement these suggestions and will be following the Ogden School District's [Keeping Ogden Healthy](#) plan. Listed below are a few of the highlights, definitions, and a possible case scenario:

- **All visitors entering the building must wear a face covering that covers the face and mouth.**
  - Face covering means: A cloth face mask that covers both the nose and mouth. A cloth face covering is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears. A cloth face covering can be made of synthetic or natural fabrics. Face coverings with valves do not meet the requirement of a face covering.
- **Quarantine** means an individual stays home until specified by the local health department.
- **Close Contact/Exposed** means someone has
  - been in physical contact within 6 feet
  - For more than 15 minutes
  - Up to two days before the infected person tested positive or showed symptoms.
- **Contact tracing** is how public health workers and school officials find the close contacts of someone who has COVID-19.

### **FAQ's**

Q: If a student, teacher, or employee tests positive for COVID-19, does the school need to close?

A: No. School closure decisions will be made by the health department and school district officials and will be based on a specific frequency of positive cases within a set time period.

Q: What happens if a student, teacher, or employee tests positive for COVID-19?

A: 1. The individual must isolate right away. 2. The health department will directly notify the district/school of the positive test. 3. The district/school will notify any individuals, or their parents, who may have been exposed to the person who tested positive and provide guidance on how long they

should quarantine and when to consider testing. 4. Only individuals who came into close contact with the person who tested positive will be notified of a positive exposure. \*The name of anyone who tested positive in a school will not be released publicly.

Q: How long do students, teachers, and employees have to isolate at home?

A: Anyone who tests positive must meet three criteria before returning to school:

1. Have no symptoms
2. No fever for 24 hours without medication
3. It has been 10 days since he or she first had symptoms or tested positive

Q: Does someone who tested positive need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result before returning to school?

A: No. The 3 criteria listed above must be met.

Q: What does a close contact exposure mean in a school setting?

A: A person who is 6 feet or less from someone who tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer. Anyone who was in close contact is considered exposed and should quarantine for 14 days. In a school this exposure could happen on a school bus, classroom, during extra-curricular activities, school gatherings, or during lunch..

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please attend according to your last name. Limit your group to the student and one guardian. Face Coverings are required while in the school building.

4:30-5:15 - A-I

5:15-6:00 - J-Q

6:00-6:45 - R-Z

## Registration

Students who have not completed the registration process will not be allowed to attend school until the registration is completed. Here is the link to the [registration](#).

## First Days of School

The first three days of school are minimum days dismissing at 1:15 and will be split up by grade. **Students will only attend one day between Aug. 26-28.** We will be focusing on teaching students the new procedures and expectations during those days.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - **9<sup>th</sup> grade** students only

Thursday, Aug. 27 - **8<sup>th</sup> grade** students only

Friday, Aug. 28 - **7<sup>th</sup> grade** students only

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> is a full day and all students will attend.

## Ogden Online

Students concerned about physically attending school should take advantage of the online course options available through Ogden Online School. For information about Ogden Online click [here](#).

If you are interested in enrolling your student in Ogden Online rather than attending school in person, you will receive an email with instructions once you complete the standard [registration process](#).

## Bell Schedule

School doors will open at 7:50. Please do not have students arrive early.

### Monday-Thursday

Warning bell 7:55

Tardy bell 8:00

Dismissal bell 3:00

### Friday

Warning bell 7:55

Tardy bell 8:00

Dismissal bell 1:55

## ID Badges & Face Coverings Required

Each student will be issued a current school ID Badge, lanyard, and face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Students are required to wear these items every day. *Face coverings will also be required at all school activities outside of the school day.*

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 801-737-7800

Thank you,

**Mound Fort Junior High School**