

COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan

For Lower and Medium Exposure Risk Employers ONLY

✔ General

The following COVID-19 preparedness & response plan has been established for **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** in accordance with MIOSHA Emergency Rules for Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The purpose of this plan is to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to SARS-CoV-2.

The Emergency Rules have general safeguards applicable for all workplaces and specific safeguards for certain industries. **John Krolewski, Superintendent** has read these emergency rules carefully, developed the safeguards appropriate to **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** based on its type of business or operation, and has incorporated those safeguards into this COVID-19 preparedness and response plan.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has designated one or more worksites supervisors to implement, monitor, and report on the COVID-19 control strategies developed in this plan. The worksite supervisors are **MR. JOHN KROLEWSKI, MR. TOM MESZAROS, MR. BRANDON CHAPMAN, MR. PETE GLEASON, MR. BROCK PLACE, MRS. TRISHA CHERVENY,** and **MR. MATT WILSON**. The supervisor will remain on-site at all times when employees are present on site. An on-site employee may be designated to perform the supervisory role.

The plan will be made readily available to our employees and their representatives. The plan will be made available via website and internal mail.

✔ Exposure Determination

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has evaluated routine and reasonably anticipated tasks and procedures for all employees to determine whether there is actual or reasonably anticipated employee exposure to SARS-CoV-2. **John Krolewski** was responsible for the exposure determination.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has determined that its employees' jobs fall into only the lower exposure and medium exposure risk categories as defined by the OSHA

Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19:

- **Lower Exposure Risk Jobs.** These jobs do not require contact with known or suspected cases of COVID-19 nor frequent close contact (for example, within six feet) with the general public. Workers in this category have minimal occupational contact with the public and other coworkers. Examples are small offices, small manufacturing plants (less than 10 employees), small construction operations (less than 10 employees), and low-volume retail establishments, provided employees have infrequent close contact with coworkers and the public.
- **Medium Exposure Risk Jobs.** These jobs are those that require frequent or close contact (for example, within six feet) with people who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients. Examples are most jobs at manufacturing plants, construction sites, schools, high-volume retail settings, and other high-population-density work environments.

John Krolewski, Superintendent verifies that **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** has no high-risk exposure jobs. High exposure risk jobs have high potential for exposure to known and suspected cases of COVID-19. Examples are most jobs in healthcare, medical transport, nursing homes and residential care facilities, mortuaries, law enforcement, and correctional facilities. This sample plan is not intended for employers who have high exposure risk jobs.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has categorized its jobs as follows:

NOTE: Some jobs may have more than one type of exposure risk depending on the task or qualifying factors.

Job/Task	Exposure Risk Determination (Lower or Medium)	Qualifying Factors (Ex. No Public Contact, Public Contact)
Teaching	Medium	Public Contact
Secretarial Support	Medium	Public Contact
Teacher Aid/Parapro	Medium	Public Contact
Transportation	Medium	Public Contact
Custodial Work	Medium	Public Contact
Food Service	Medium	Public Contact

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✔ Engineering Controls

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has implemented feasible engineering controls to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Engineering controls involve isolating employees from work-related hazards using ventilation and other engineered solutions. In workplaces where they are appropriate, these types of controls reduce exposure to hazards without relying on worker behavior and can be the most cost-effective solution to implement.

For lower exposure risk jobs, new engineering controls are not required. For medium exposure risk jobs, engineering controls can include:

- Installing physical barriers (such as clear plastic sneeze guards) between coworkers or between workers and customers.
- Installing a drive-through window for customer service.
- Increasing the amount of ventilation in the building.
- Increasing the amount of fresh outdoor air that is introduced into the building.

John Krolewski, Superintendent will be responsible for seeing that the correct engineering controls are chosen, installed, maintained for effectiveness, and serviced when necessary.

The following engineering controls have been implemented:

Job/Task	Engineering Control
Teaching	Physical Barriers
Secretarial Support	Physical Barriers
Food Service Serving Areas	Physical Barriers

✔ Administrative Controls

Administrative controls are workplace policies, procedures, and practices that minimize or eliminate employee exposure to the hazard. **John Krolewski, Superintendent** will be responsible for seeing that the correct administrative controls are chosen, implemented and maintained for effectiveness.

The following administrative controls have been established for **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**:

(Choose the controls below that are feasible for your workplace. Delete the controls that are not feasible or applicable. Add additional rows for other feasible administrative controls that will be implemented. In the first column, indicate which jobs or tasks will use each administrative control.)

Job/Task	Administrative Control (For Example, Workplace Distancing, Remote Work, Notifying Customers)
All employees	To the extent possible, maintain at least six feet from everyone on the worksite.
All employees	Use ground markings, signs, and physical barriers to prompt employees to remain six feet from others.
All non-essential employees to the extent possible	Promote remote work (telecommuting) to the fullest extent possible.
All employees to the extent necessary	Promote flexible work hours (staggered shifts) to minimize the number of employees in the facility at one time.
All employees to the extent necessary	Establish alternating days or extra shifts to reduce the total number of employees in the facility at a given time.
All employees	Restrict business-related travel for employees to essential travel only.
All employees to extent possible.	Restrict face-to-face meetings. Communicate with others through phone, email, teleconferencing, and web conferencing.
All employees	Restrict the number of people in buildings at any given time to the extent possible.
All employees	Minimize the sharing of tools, equipment, and items.
All employees	Provide employees with non-medical grade face coverings (cloth face coverings).
All employees	Require employees to wear cloth face coverings when

	they cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace.
All employees	Require students and the public visitors to wear cloth face coverings.
All employees	Keep customers informed about symptoms of COVID-19 and ask sick employees/students/visitors to stay at home until healthy again. Encourage sick students/visitors to use drive-through services, curbside pickup, or home delivery.
All employees	Provide employees/students/visitors with tissues and trash receptacles.
All employees	Encourage employees to place orders for merchandise or services through the phone or web.
All employees	Promote curbside and home delivery to minimize contact with customers.
All employees	Encourage proper cough and sneeze etiquette by employees/students/visitors, including covering coughs and sneezes and coughing and sneezing in one's elbows rather than hands.
All employees	Ensure that sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance, so employees do not go to work sick.
All employees	Maintain required policies permitting employees to stay home to care for a sick family member.

✔ Hand Hygiene

Building Principals will be responsible for seeing that adequate handwashing facilities are available in the workplace and that regular handwashing is required. Frequency of such handwashing will be determined in part by factors such as when and how often the employees' hands are potentially exposed to SARS-CoV-2. When handwashing facilities are not available, **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** shall provide employees with antiseptic hand sanitizers or towelettes. **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will provide time for employees to wash hands frequently and to use hand sanitizer.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS shall promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing workers, customers, and worksite visitors with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide antiseptic

hand sanitizers or alcohol-based hand towelettes containing at least 60 percent alcohol.

✔ Disinfection of Environmental Surfaces

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will increase facility cleaning and disinfection to limit exposure to COVID-19, especially on high-touch surfaces (for example, door handles), paying special attention to parts, products, and shared equipment (for example computers, desks, vehicles). **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will make cleaning supplies available to employees upon entry and at the worksite.

Building Principals, Teachers, Building Porters, the Director of Maintenance, and Custodians will be responsible for seeing that environmental surfaces in the workplace are cleaned and disinfected. Frequency of such disinfection will be determined in part by factors such as when and how often the environmental surfaces are potentially exposed to SARS-CoV-2. When choosing cleaning chemicals, **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will consult information on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved disinfectant labels with claims against emerging viral pathogens. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses. The manufacturer's instructions for use of all cleaning and disinfection products will be strictly adhered to.

The following is a list of environmental surfaces, methods used to disinfect, and the frequency of such disinfection:

Surface	Method/Disinfectant Used	Schedule/Frequency
Desk/Table Tops	HDQ Neutral	Every 4 hrs. or sooner
Door Handles	HDQ Neutral	Every 4 hrs. or sooner
Bathroom Areas	HDQ Neutral	Every 4 hrs. or sooner

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will perform enhanced cleaning and disinfection after persons confirmed to have COVID-19 have been in a work area. In the interim, that work area will be temporarily closed, and employees will be sent home or relocated. **Mr. Matt Wilson, Director of Maintenance** will be responsible for seeing that this protocol is followed.

The following methods will be used for enhanced cleaning and disinfection:

(LIST ENHANCED METHODS)

✔ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will provide employees with the types of personal protective equipment, including respirators if necessary, for protection from SARS-CoV-2 appropriate to the exposure risk associated with the job. The employer must follow current CDC and OSHA guidance for personal protective equipment.

All types of PPE are to be:

- Selected based upon the hazard to the worker.
- Properly fitted and periodically refitted as applicable.
- Consistently and properly worn.
- Regularly inspected, maintained, and replaced, as necessary.
- Properly removed, cleaned, and stored or disposed of, as applicable, to avoid contamination of self, others, or the environment.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will provide non-medical grade face coverings (cloth face coverings) to employees (cloth face coverings are technically not considered PPE).

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will require employees to wear face coverings when they cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace. **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will consider face shields when employees cannot consistently maintain three feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace.

The following type(s) of PPE have been selected for use:

Job/Task	PPE
Secretarial Communications	Cloth Mask (Option for Shield with Mask)
Student Instruction/Counseling	Cloth Mask (Option for Shield with Mask)
General Cleaning	Cloth Mask (Option for Shield with Mask)
Athletic Coaching	Cloth Mask (Option for Shield with Mask)

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✔ Health Surveillance

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will conduct a daily entry self-screening protocol for all employees or contractors entering the workplace, including, at a minimum, a questionnaire covering symptoms and suspected or confirmed exposure to people with possible COVID-19, together with, if possible, a temperature screening. The **Superintendent and Building Principals** will be responsible for ensuring that all required health surveillance provisions are performed.

As workers enter the place of employment at the start of each work shift, **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will have employees self-screen for COVID-19. **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will have employees complete a questionnaire covering the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and their exposure to people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. When obtainable, a no-touch thermometer will be used for temperature screening of employees. **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will similarly screen contractors, suppliers, and any other individuals entering the worksite.

Employees have been directed to promptly report any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to their **Building Principal** before and during the work shift. **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** has provided employees with instructions for how to make such a report to the employer.

The specific instructions for employee reporting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are as follows:

(LIST REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES)

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will physically isolate any employees with known or suspected COVID-19 from the remainder of the workforce, using measures such as, but are not limited to:

- Not allowing known or suspected cases to report to or remain at their work location.
- Sending known or suspected cases to a location (for example, home) where they are self-isolating during their illness.
- Assigning known or suspected cases to work alone at the location where they are self-isolating during their illness.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will not discharge, discipline, or otherwise retaliate against employees who stay at home or who leave work when they are at particular risk of infecting others with COVID-19.

When an employee is identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19, the **Superintendent or Central Office designee** will notify the local public health department immediately, and any co-workers, contractors, or suppliers who may have come into contact with the person who is the confirmed case of COVID-19, within 24 hours. When notifying coworkers, contractors, and suppliers, **BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will not reveal the name or identity of the confirmed case.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will allow employees with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 to return to the workplace only after they are no longer infectious according to the latest guidelines from the CDC.

✔ Training

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS shall coordinate SARS-CoV-2 training and ensure compliance with all training requirements.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will train workers on, at a minimum:

- Workplace infection-control practices.
- The proper use of personal protective equipment.
- Steps the employee must take to notify the business or operation of any symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
- How to report unsafe working conditions.

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS shall create a record of the training. Records should include the name of the employee(s) trained and the date of the training.

✔ Recordkeeping

BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will maintain records of the following requirements:

- Training. The employer shall maintain a record of all COVID-19 employee training.
- Screening protocols. The employer shall maintain a record of screening for

each employee or visitor entering the workplace.

■ When an employee is identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19, record when the local public health department was notified; as well as any co-workers, contractors, or suppliers who may have come into contact with the person who was the confirmed case of COVID-19.

The **Superintendent** will ensure that the records are kept.

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