



**Hofstetter Elementary School: SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT**  
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Dear Hofstetter K-2 Family,

Hofstetter is looking forward to seeing our students five days a week. With Colville School District increasing face-to-face instruction for more students while maintaining safe social distances, Hofstetter is making some changes to daily operations and the schedule. Those changes are bulleted below. However, what will NOT change is our number one priority for health and safety. ALL staff and students who enter the building are required to wear a mask. If students do not have a mask, one will be provided. Any adults who are not part of the Colville School District staff are not allowed past the office foyer and are required to wear a mask. We also have adult masks for families who might not have them when they enter the building. All classrooms are set up to maintain six feet of distance between all students and staff. Social distancing will continue to be monitored and enforced in the hallways and common areas. Frequent handwashing and disinfecting will continue. All health and safety protocols remain the same and will not change.

The one major change for some families will be a new classroom teacher. Because Hofstetter needs to maintain social distancing, we are adding classrooms and teachers. This means the total number of students who can safely be in each classroom must be maintained. Ultimately, some students will have new teachers. If your student is going to be moved to a new classroom and teacher, you will receive a phone call from me to inform you of the move, answer any questions you might have and address any concerns.

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is the first day for all currently enrolled students to begin attending 5 days a week.**

- Doors for morning drop-off students will not open until 7:55; please plan for this. This is a 10 minute change from current practice. Once students are health screened into the building, they will go directly to their classrooms. Bagged breakfasts are available for every student. We will continue to eat breakfast in the classrooms.
- A second health screening station will be at each entry door to accommodate more students. We anticipate this going smoothly from the start; however, please be patient with us the first week as things may be a bit slower.
- Students will continue to be sent home with health screening cards and we ask that you continue to fill them out daily.
- Recesses/mask breaks will continue to be by grade level. However, the playground will be divided into three play zones. Each classroom will be assigned a zone to play in each week. These zones rotate weekly.
- Lunch will be brought to our students in the classrooms and we will eat in the classrooms instead of the gym.
- The process for end of the day busing and pick up remains the same. The only change is in bus loading time. Buses will load students five minutes earlier. Pick-up time remains the same, but because the number of students being picked-up is increasing, the line may take a little longer.

Please contact me for any questions or concerns you might have. (509) 684-7690.

Respectfully,

Ann McKern,  
Hofstetter Principal