

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Return to School Plan

Ovando School is committed to making sure that a return to school can be done safely and with the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community as the highest priority.

COVID-19 and its evolving variants may continue to affect our school and as such it must be understood that the recovery process may repeat several times. The school will seek input and feedback from families and the community as it moves through this process so that it may be responsive to the community's needs and the current concerns related to the virus.

- ❖ As of Jan, 2024 Ovando Public School is open for in-person, face-to-face instruction for the 2023/24 school year.

Our plan will be based on the COVID-19 outbreak conditions in Ovando/Powell County and surrounding counties and will adhere to the guidelines and directives of the Governor, the Deer Lodge Medical Center, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, Montana Small Schools Alliance, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Generalized safety measures will continue to be in place to protect our students, staff and community for the 2023/2024 year will include but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ Frequent hand-washing / hand sanitizing throughout the day.
- ❖ Continued disinfection of buildings and high touch surfaces
- ❖ Individual workbooks for students and flexible desk models to allow for better classroom configurations.
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Community programs: At this time the Ovando School will continue to open its facilities to community events as per its regular policies and usage.

The changing nature of the COVID-19 virus will mean that our plan will change and adapt to new guidance. We will continue to provide updates to our plan for parents and families as they become available.