



COVID-19 MONITORING PROGRAM

Weekly Report 19



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Purpose

Each week, a monitor is on-site at two Butler School District 53 schools, Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School. The purpose of the monitoring visits is to observe compliance with the most current COVID-19 pandemic guidance. Weekly, observations will be recorded in this report and supplemented with survey responses provided by parents and staff. The monitor works with the administration to identify varying times to visit the school each week to ensure monitoring encapsulates observations from different school day components.

The monitoring program aims to keep students and staff safe in the modified school environment and protect the broader community. The report provides the administration with the ability to make informed decisions and amend actions to maintain a safe learning environment.

Week of January 15, 2021 Summary

Report Date	01/13/2021
Observer	John Miller
Schools Observed	Brook Forest Elementary – 01/13/2021 Butler Junior High School – 01/13/2021

For the nineteenth week of the monitoring program, the monitor focused on student transition and physical distancing practices. The monitor additionally followed up with the school nurses to discuss testing and safety processes. The nurses stated that COVID-19 testing is going well, and they have had no issues of note.

During the observation time, physical distancing was kept by students during the transition period in the hallways. **The monitor observed staff members, including the Principal, directing students to leave the classrooms and maintain distancing. In previous weeks, students broke distancing during transitions. The presence and guidance of staff supported save distancing.** All students and staff observed were wearing masks.

The monitor checked twelve (12) hand sanitizing units. All worked except one on the cafeteria wall; however, there was an operational stand-up dispenser next to this one. Cleaning supplies were present and organized throughout both facilities in appropriate amounts. The monitor observed students at the Junior High wiping down desks before leaving the classrooms and when entering a classroom.

COVID-19 Self-Certification and Verification Form

Brook Forest Elementary & Butler Junior High School

Both schools requested the monitor sign the "Visitor COVID-19 Self-Certification and Verification Form" as well as a visitor log form. The schools continue to provide the form to all visitors.

Nurse and COVID-19 Updates

Brook Forest Elementary & Butler Junior High School

The monitor spoke to the nurse at the Junior High and Elementary School and discussed current COVID testing. The nurses stated that the COVID-19 testing process is going well and had no issues regarding COVID-19. Both schools have a system to test individuals without exposing the students and staff at the schools.



Room Transition

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

The monitor observed transition times at Butler Junior High School, and students kept physical distancing during the transition period in the hallways. The monitor observed staff members, including the Principal, directing students to leave the classrooms and maintain distancing. Two groups of students walked close together in the hallways during the transition time but were directed to distance and complied. All students and staff observed were wearing masks.



Physical Distancing

Butler Junior High School

The monitor observed students keeping physical distancing in the hallways and classrooms.



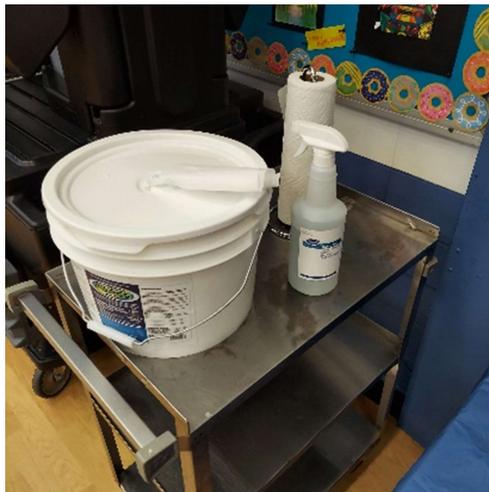
Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed an instance of students breaking physical distancing during the observation time. Students assembled in small groups outside, and during the observation time, the monitor did not observe any staff members attempting to break up closely congregating students. Physical distancing was kept in all classrooms and hallways during the observation time.

Cleaning Supplies

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

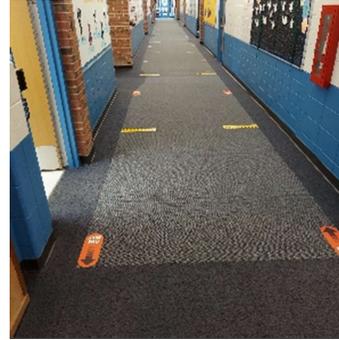
During the observation time, the monitor inspected cleaning supplies in the lunch area, classrooms, gyms, and hallways. All areas inspected had adequate supplies.



General Cleanliness

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

The monitor saw janitorial staff at both schools cleaning hard surfaces throughout the facilities, which included wiping down lockers, door handles, and other contact surfaces. The monitor checked for safety signage and found all traffic flow stickers and additional safety posters well maintained and visible.



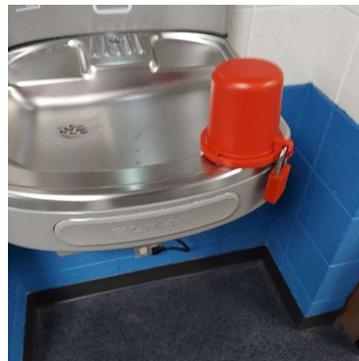
The monitor checked twelve (12) hand sanitizing units. All were working except one attached to the wall in the cafeteria. An operational stand-up hand sanitizer dispenser was next to the broken wall dispenser.

Restroom

Brook Forest Elementary

One (1) of the three (3) restrooms had hand towels on the floor. All had running water and functional soap and hand sanitizer dispensers.

All water fountains were disabled, except for water bottle fill stations.



Butler Junior High School

All restrooms appeared clean during the observation time. All restrooms observed had running water, soap, and a way for students to dry their hands.

All water fountains were disabled, except for the water bottle fill stations. The fountain locks were all secure, rendering the fountain heads inoperable.

Lost and Found

Butler Junior High School and Brook Forest Elementary School

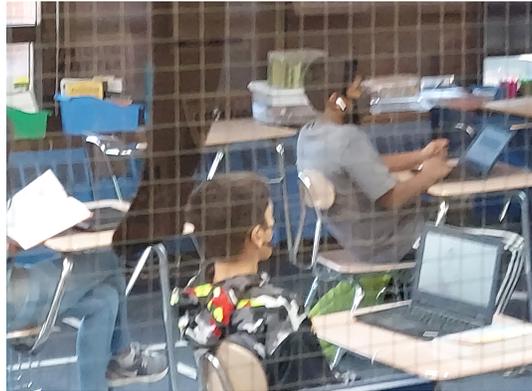
The lost and found area had all items removed from the previous week, which aligns with the current policy.

Classroom

Butler Junior High School



The monitor observed multiple classrooms at the Junior High. There appeared to be no issues with proper physical distancing or wearing of masks.



Areas for Improvement

Brook Forrest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

- Staff members should continue to enforce physical distancing and remind students to adhere to current guidelines.

Recommendations

1. Better enforcement by the staff of physical distancing during outside time.