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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 08, 2021 Summary](#)

Report Date	01/08/2020
Observer	John Miller
Schools Observed	Brook Forest Elementary – 01/07/2021 Butler Junior High School – 01/07/2021

For the eighteenth 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 COVID-19 processes. The nurses stated that COVID-19 testing is going well, and they have established processes for an online consent form, inventory, test reporting to IDPH, and biohazard disposal.

During the observation time, physical distancing was broken multiple times by students during the transition period in the hallways and when outside. The monitor did observe staff members directing students to distance, which was an improvement from previous weeks. Groups of students also walked close together in the hallways during the transition time. Once students reached a classroom, physical distancing was resumed.

The monitor checked eleven (11) hand sanitizing units, and all were working. 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](#)

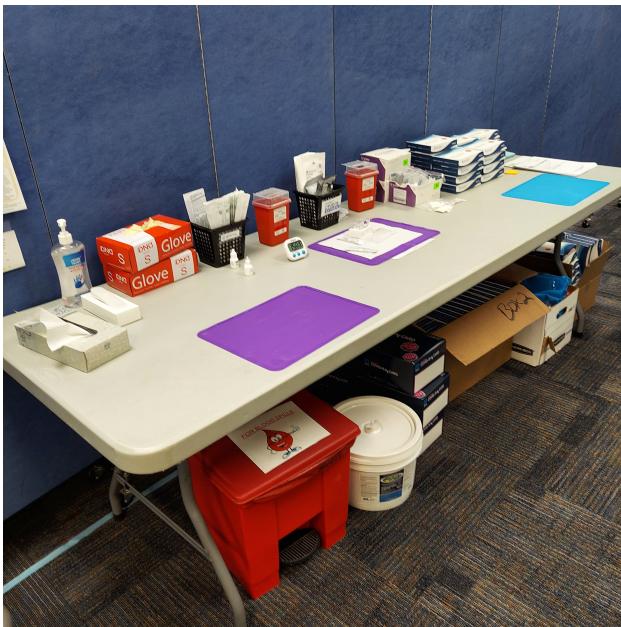
Brook Forest Elementary & Butler Junior High School

The monitor spoke to the nurse at the Junior High and Elementary School and discussed current COVID testing. The nurses stated that they worked out the COVID-19 testing process, and staff members utilized the on-site testing. Overall, the on-site testing process is going well. The nurse at the Elementary School stated that they have currently tested over 70 students with zero (0) positive cases. The nurse



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also informed the monitor that they established an online consent form so parents offsite can give consent for their student in real-time. The nurse also reported that they have performed an inventory of tests and forwarded it to Dr. O'Malley. The nurse also stated that results are reported to IDPH within an hour, well within the 24 hour requirement. The school has also arranged for proper and safe biohazard disposal.



Room Transition

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

The monitor observed transition times at both schools, and at both schools, students broke physical distancing. At the Elementary schools, students broke physical distancing while outside and entering the building. Two (2) staff members were present, and each said multiple times, "stop and spread out six feet". The students did listen; however, once in the building and putting up their coats, they broke physical distancing. At the Junior High, students broke physical distancing while exiting classrooms, in the hallways, and entering classrooms. During all the incidents of broken physical distancing, all individuals were masked correctly.

Physical Distancing

Butler Junior High School

The monitor observed students breaking physical distancing and congregating in small groups in the hallways.

Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed several instances of students breaking physical distancing during the observation time. Students assembled in small groups outside, and during the observation time, the staff members attempted to but did not break up closely congregating students.



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. There was damaged safety signage; however, as the monitor observed the damaged signs, a staff member was working to replace any damaged safety signage.

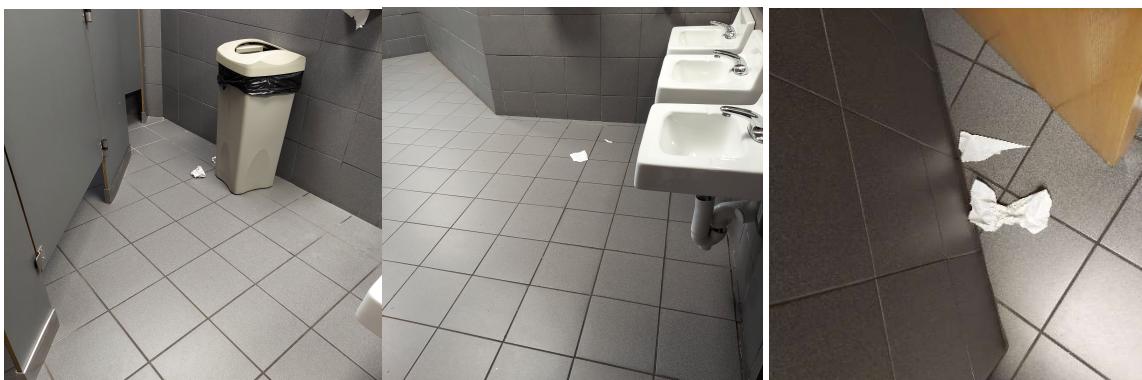
The monitor checked eleven (11) hand sanitizing units in total, and all dispensed hand sanitizer.

Restroom

Brook Forest Elementary

Three (3) 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 except one restroom that had hand towels on the floor. 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.



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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 enforce physical distancing and remind students to adhere to current guidelines.

Recommendations

1. Better enforcement by the staff of physical distancing during transition times.
2. Place staff in hallways to ensure students adhere to physical distancing.
3. Place waste receptacles by doors in restrooms for hand towel disposal.