



COVID-19 MONITORING PROGRAM

Weekly Report 23



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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 February 12, 2021 Summary

Report Date	02/12/2021
Observer	George DeTella & Nik Wadsworth
Schools Observed	Brook Forest Elementary – 02/10/2021 Butler Junior High School – 02/10/2021

For the twenty-third week of the monitoring program, the monitor focused on sanitation, physical distancing, and classroom safety. The monitor additionally followed up with the school nurses. The nurses indicated testing and other pandemic operations are going well and have not changed from the previous week.

After a notable improvement in students maintaining physical distancing the past few weeks, at both schools, the monitor observed multiple instances of students breaking physical distancing in the hallways. At Butler, students were in the hallway operating remote cars. During the observed time, no supervision occurred, and students broke physical distancing. At Brook Forest, the monitor observed three (3) different occasions where teachers were escorting students in the hallway, and the students broke physical distancing by grouping close together. Additionally, students gathered in hallways and were not supervised. At all times, students properly wore masks.

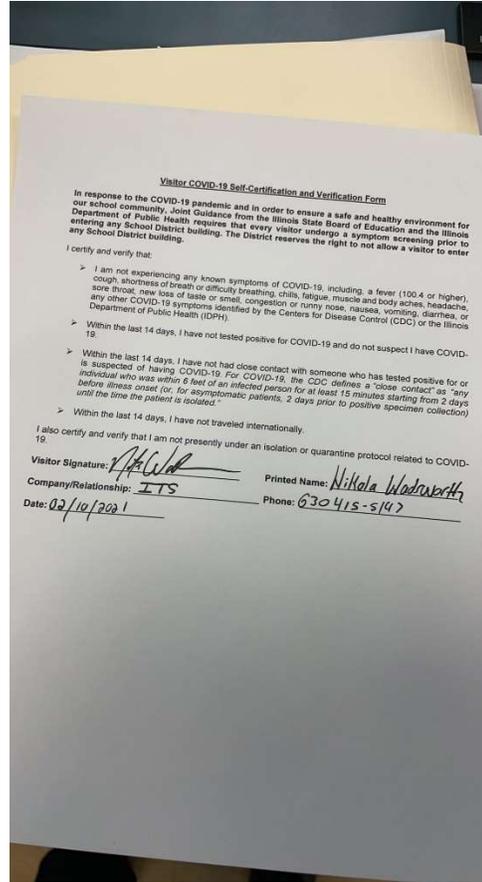
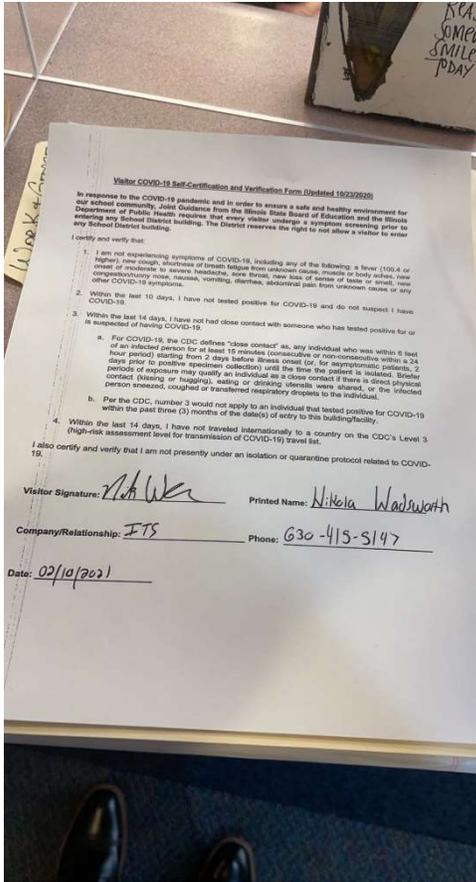
The monitor checked the classrooms and saw students properly masking. Physical distancing was also maintained in the classrooms at all observed times. At both schools, the monitor observed remote learning occurring in the classrooms with no noticeable connectivity issues. Cleaning and sanitizing supplies were present in appropriate amounts; however, as observed last week, the supplies were spread out instead of in a central spot.

The monitor checked fourteen (14) hand sanitizing units, and all were working.

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 continues without issue. At both sites, the nurse's are appeared clean.

Room Transition & Hallways

Brook Forest Elementary and

The monitor observed students breaking physical distancing during teacher escorted hallway movement on three (3) separate occasions. The line movement appeared to extend beyond the teacher's eyesight, and students clustered in groups of 3 and 4. Additionally, the monitor observed groups of students clustered together in the hallway without a teacher present. The monitor did observe other hallway transitions where students maintained physical distancing.

Butler Junior High School

The monitor observed five (5) students gathered in a hallway operating remote cars and taking pictures together. The students were unsupervised and broke physical distancing. The students maintained physical distancing during all other observed hallway movements.

Cleaning Supplies

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

All classrooms inspected had adequate supplies; however, the cleaning supplies were spread out instead of in a central location.



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 fourteen (14) hand sanitizing units in total, and all dispensed hand sanitizer.



Restroom

Brook Forest Elementary

One (1) of the three (3) restrooms observed had hand towels on the floor. All had running water and functional soap and hand sanitizer dispensers. One restroom had towels on the floor; this issue persists likely due to students using paper towels to open the door and then discarding the towel on the floor.

The water fountains remain deactivated, except for water bottle fill stations.



Butler Junior High School

Two (2) of the three (3) restrooms observed had hand towels on the floor. As noted above and in recent reports, this issue is a common observation.

All had running water and functional soap and hand sanitizer dispensers. The water fountains remain deactivated, except for water bottle fill stations.



Classroom

Butler Junior High School and Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed multiple classrooms at both schools. There appeared to be no issues with proper physical distancing or wearing of masks. The monitor observed remote learning occurring with no connectivity issues.

Areas for Improvement

Brook Forrest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

- Students maintaining physical distancing in the hallway.
- Removal of hand towels from the floor.
- Keeping cleaning and sanitizing supplies organized.

Recommendations

1. Encourage staff to remind students about the importance of maintaining physical distancing.
2. Minimize the time that students are out of eyesight or unsupervised to limit students breaking distancing.
3. Place waste receptacles by doors in restrooms for hand towel disposal.
4. Have a central spot in all classrooms for cleaning and sanitizing supplies