



COVID-19 MONITORING PROGRAM

Weekly Report 26



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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 26, 2021 Summary

Report Date	02/26/2021
Observer	John Miller Nik Wadsworth
Schools Observed	Brook Forest Elementary School – 02/23/2021 - AM Butler Junior High School – 02/23/2021 Brook Forest Elementary School – 02/23/2021 - PM

For the twenty-sixth week of the monitoring program, the monitor focused on student transition, physical distancing practices, and arrival and departure at the Elementary School. The monitor additionally followed up with the school nurses to discuss COVID-19 testing and isolation processes. The nurses stated that COVID-19 PCR 48 hour testing sometimes takes up to a week to get results. Additionally, on more than one occasion, the 15-minute antigen test provided a negative result when the PCR test provided a positive. The nurse is looking to IDPH for guidance, and the Superintendent is searching for a new PCR test vendor.

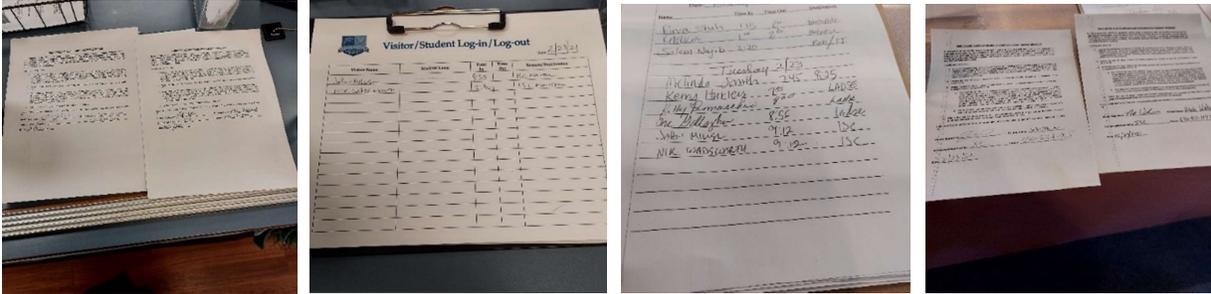
During the observation time, the Brook Forest Elementary students maintained physical distancing during the arrival and departure period in the hallways. The monitor observed staff members, including bus drivers, actively directing students to adhere to guidelines. All students and staff adhered to mask protocols. All students and staff adhered to mask protocols.

The monitor checked fourteen (14) 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. The monitor also observed staff wiping down lockers and other common areas at both facilities.

COVID-19 Self-Certification and Verification Form

Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary 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

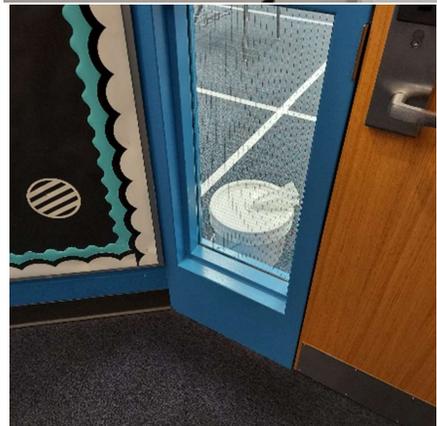
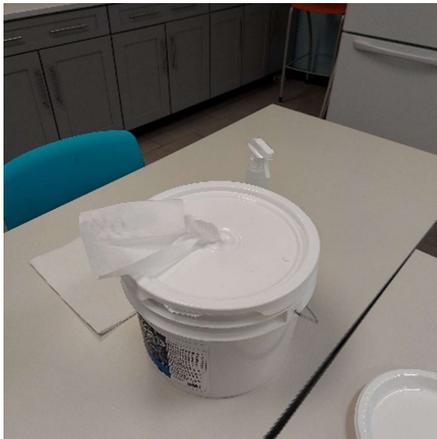
Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor spoke with the school nurse to discuss processes. The nurses stated that COVID-19 PCR 48-hour testing sometimes takes up to a week to get results, causing students to remain off-site for an extended period. The nurse also stated that on more than one occasion, the 15-minute antigen test provided a negative result and the PCR test provided a positive result for the same individual. The nurse is looking to IDPH for guidance, and the Superintendent is searching for a new PCR test vendor.

Cleaning Supplies

Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary School

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



General Cleanliness

Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed janitorial staff cleaning hard surfaces throughout the facilities, including wiping down door handles, lockers, and other contact surfaces.



The monitor checked fourteen (14) hand sanitizing units in total and all dispensed hand sanitizer.

Restroom

Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary School

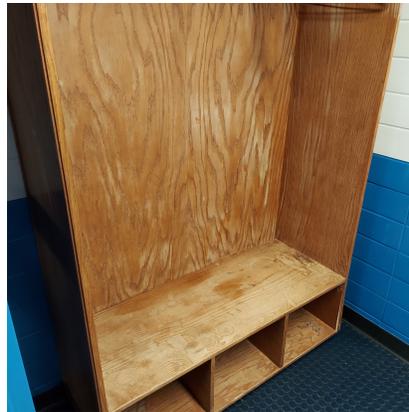
All restrooms appeared clean during the morning observation time at the Elementary School and in the afternoon at the Junior High School. All restrooms observed had running water, soap, and a way for students to dry their hands. During the afternoon observation time at Brook Forest, there were multiple towels on the floor of one of the bathrooms.

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



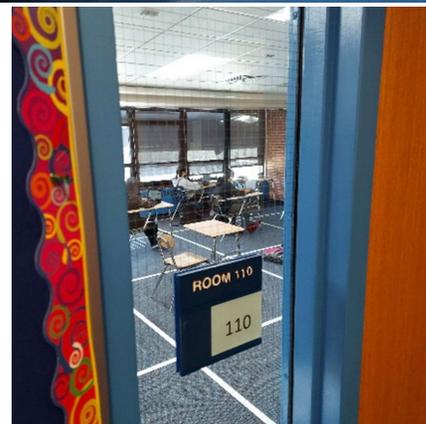
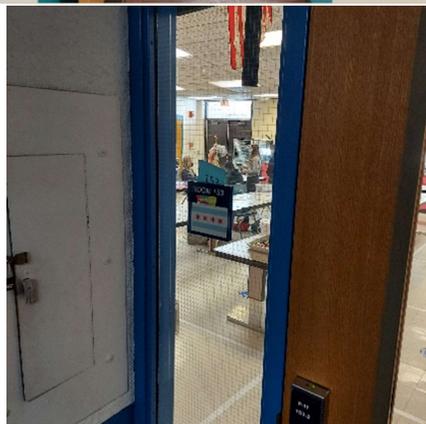
Lost and Found
Butler Junior High School

The lost and found area had all items removed from the previous week.



Classroom
Butler Junior High School & Brook Forest Elementary School

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



Arrival

Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed students physically distanced and properly masked when arriving on the school bus. The students remained masked and continued physically distancing themselves once they were off the bus. The monitor observed the staff members and the bus drivers actively directing and helping students maintain physical distancing departing the bus, entering the school, and once in the classrooms.



Departure

Brook Forest Elementary School

When the students left at the end of the day, overall, the process appeared orderly. Students and staff remained masked. The students maintained physical distancing in the hallway. Once outside, a few students did briefly break physical distancing; however, students remained masked. The monitor observed multiple staff directing the students to maintain physical distancing.



Areas for Improvement

Brook Forest Elementary School

- Restroom had multiple towels on the floor.

Recommendations

1. Remind students to place used towels in the trash.
2. Add visual reminder in the restroom on waste disposal.