



# COVID-19 MONITORING PROGRAM

Weekly Report 4



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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 starting in the second week, 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 September 25, 2020 Summary

<b>Report Date</b>	<b>9/25/2020</b>
<b>Observer</b>	George DeTella
<b>Schools Observed</b>	Brook Forest Elementary – 9/22/2020 Butler Junior High School – 9/22/2020

For the third week of the monitoring program, the monitor focused on classroom observations with an emphasis on remote learning. The monitor additionally followed up on previous weeks' recommendations. Overall, the monitor observed both schools fostering a safe learning environment for the in-person students. The monitor also observed remote learning successfully occurring at Brook Forest Elementary School. The monitor observed four (4) different classrooms and found remote learning to occur with no connectivity issues. At Butler Junior High School, the students were taking math examinations. The monitor found the necessary equipment for remote learning in all classrooms.

At both schools, teachers wiped desks when students vacated their desks. As with previous weeks, the monitor observed students and teachers wearing masks while classes were in session and at no time did the monitor observe more than 50 people in one space. An improvement from previous weeks was staff members and students remaining masked outside of classrooms.

Another notable improvement from previous weeks was physical distancing occurring when students moved unescorted in hallways. As with previous weeks, the hallways and stairwells were clean, and staff members wiped egress areas.

Another improvement from last week was the cleanliness of all restrooms observed. The previous week, the monitor observed one restroom having used hand towels on the floor instead of the waste bin. This week, the monitor checked five (5) restrooms at each school and found all to be clean.

The primary area of improvement observed this week is similar to the lab work observations from two weeks ago. At Butler Junior High School, the monitor observed two (2) students working together at one (1) desk and not physically distancing. While both students wore masks, they did not sufficiently spaced.



### 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."  
The schools continue to provide the form to all visitors.

### Nurse and Isolation Area Brook Forest Elementary & Butler Junior High School

The monitor spoke to the nurse at both schools. **Both nurses informed the monitor that to-date, no cases (of COVID-19) have occurred.**

Both nurses additionally reported that the cots, previously back-ordered, are scheduled to arrive at the end of the last month (September 2020).

At both sites, the isolation spaces appeared clean and unoccupied.

### Classroom Brook Forest Elementary

The monitor saw filled hand sanitizer in the classroom and the hallways. The monitor checked four (4) hand sanitizers and all were filled and operable. The students all kept their bookbags by their desks.

In the classrooms, students sat physically distanced. Additionally, in all classes observed, students and teachers wore their masks properly.

The monitor observed disinfectant and sanitizing products in all required spaces. The orderly display of the supplies was a notable improvement from last week.

**As students left desks, teachers diligently wiped the desks with the proper materials.**



### *Butler Junior High School*

The classrooms appeared clean, and the monitor saw filled hand sanitizer in the classroom and the hallways. The monitor checked four (4) hand sanitizers and all were filled and operable.

In the classrooms, students mainly sat physically distanced. In one classroom, two students shared a desk. Both wore a mask but sat too close to each other.

In all classes observed, students and teachers wore their masks properly.

The monitor checked for the required disinfecting and sanitizing supplies. Disinfecting and sanitizing supplies were found orderly and prominently displayed in all observed spaces.

### [Remote Learning](#)

#### *Brook Forest Elementary*

The monitor observed the teacher engaging remote learners in addition to students in the classroom. The monitor keenly watched four (4) classrooms to see the functionality of the equipment. In all four (4) classrooms, audio, equipment, and connectivity worked.

During the first week of the monitoring program, the monitor was alerted by one teacher that connectivity was an issue. In all four (4) weeks of observation, the monitor checked and did not observe any connection issues.

#### *Butler Junior High School*

Math testing occurred during the observation period, preventing the monitor from listening for sustained audio connectivity. Instead, the monitor checked rooms for the required equipment for remote learning and found all to have the necessary equipment.

### [Hallways](#)

#### *Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School*

At both schools, all unescorted students remained physically distanced, which was an improvement from previous weeks.

The signs in the hallway remain visible and are age-appropriate.

The monitor found all hallways and stairwells to be clean.



## Restroom

### *Brook Forest Elementary*

All five (5) restrooms observed appeared clean, which was an improvement from last week. In addition to checking for cleanliness, the monitor checked for and found hot running water, hand towels, sanitizer, and soap in all restrooms.

All water fountains are disabled.



*Butler Junior High School*

The restrooms appeared clean. All restrooms observed had hot running water, soap, and a way for students to dry their hands.

The water fountains at both schools remain marked “Out of Order” around the drinking fountain with the water bottle space open and operable.



## Areas for Improvement

*Brook Forrest Elementary*

- No notable areas of improvement

*Butler Junior High School*

- Maintain physical distancing of students at all times.

## Recommendations

1. Prepare isolation spaces for the arrival of the cots.
2. Remind staff mask and physical distancing requirements must always be maintained, even when students work on a joint project or assignment.