



COVID-19 MONITORING PROGRAM

Weekly Report 15



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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 December 11, 2020 Summary

Report Date	12/11/2020
Observer	Keith Ponce
Schools Observed	Brook Forest Elementary – 12/8/2020 Butler Junior High School – 12/8/2020

For the fifteenth week of the monitoring program, the monitor focused on student transition, physical distancing practices, and the supply of cleaning products. The monitor additionally followed up with the school nurse to discuss the previous week's observations and any concerns from this week. One nurse let the monitor know that she is working to ensure the District is following the most up-to-date guidance from IDPH. The administration continues to meet with the nurses to ensure guidance follows the current policies and is consistent.

In both schools, physical distancing was broken during transition times. At the Junior High, teachers were observed spacing students when leaving the classrooms; however, the students broke physical distancing while in the hallways. In one hallway, a staff member was observed reminding students to physically distance. The monitor observed no other staff member reminding students to physically distance in the hallways. At the Elementary school, students were observed going outside for the transition time, physical distancing was broken while lining up in the classroom, hallways, and outside. **Students were observed holding hands and gathering in small groups. At no time did the monitor observe staff reminding students to physically distance during the monitoring time.**

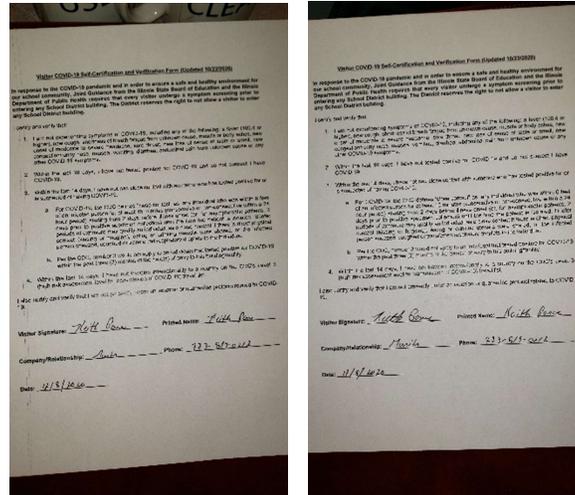
Cleaning supplies were observed in classrooms, lunchrooms, and in the gyms. Several areas had low but adequate levels of supplies. All areas had cleaning supplies available for use and were well organized.

The general cleanliness of both schools was adequate; there was no debris found in either of the school hallways or classrooms. Janitorial staff was observed at both schools cleaning hard surfaces and wiping down contact surfaces such as lockers and doorknobs. All bathrooms were clean except for one at the Elementary school.

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 discussed current COVID testing. The nurse notified the monitor of the guidance changes from CDC and IDPH. She was working to ensure practices are continually followed and patient privacy is maintained. The nurse stated that she and the other nurse were meeting with the administration to talk through the guidance changes.

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, entering the building, in the hallways, and when returning to classrooms. At the Junior High, students were observed breaking physical distancing while exiting classrooms, in the hallways, and entering classrooms. At no time during the observation period were any students told to distance during the transition times.

The monitor observed a staff member traversing the hallway without a mask during the observation time. Upon seeing the monitor, the staff member returned to their office and monitor later observed them with a mask on.

Physical Distancing *Butler Junior High School*

The monitor observed staff and students breaking physical distancing in the classroom setting on several occasions. The break in physical distancing was due to staff and students interacting with each other. The lapses in physical distancing did not last longer than fifteen minutes during the observation time and all observed remained properly masked.

Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed several instances of students and staff breaking physical distancing during the observation time. **In one instance, two students were observed not wearing masks while in the**

classroom. The students were seated at their desks, and it was not the lunch period. No staff were observed instructing the students to put their masks back on.

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 additional supplies that were found in the hallways. All areas inspected had adequate supplies; however, some areas were low on cleaning wipes and disinfectant spray.

General Cleanliness

Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Junior High School

The hallways were clear, and debris was not observed in any of the classrooms or hallways. Janitorial staff were observed at both schools cleaning hard surfaces throughout the facilities, which included wiping down lockers, door handles, and other contact surfaces. All damaged signs had been replaced, and there were no new damaged signs observed.

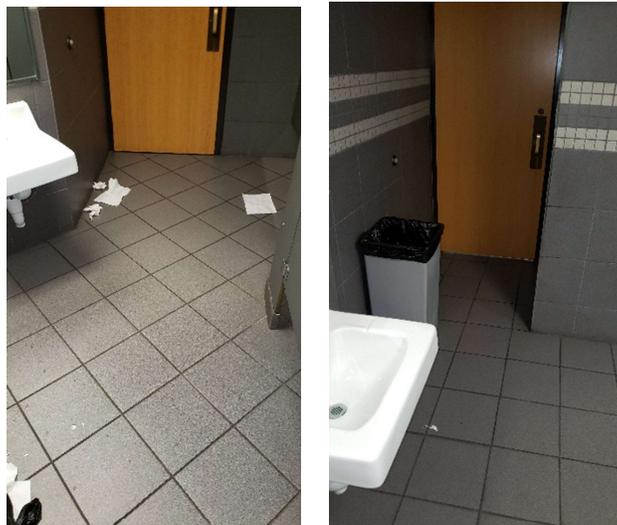
Hand sanitizer stations were inspected at both schools, a total of nine (9) were inspected during the observation period and all were found to be operational.

Restroom

Brook Forest Elementary

One (1) of the two (2) restrooms appeared clean; all had running water and functional soap and hand sanitizer dispensers. One restroom had garbage on the floor; this was due to students using paper towels to open the door. **One restroom had a garbage can placed by the door, which was moved from the previous week and allowed students to throw paper towels in the garbage can after opening the door.**

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



Butler Junior High School



Two (2) of the two (2) restrooms appeared clean. 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. This aligns with the current policy.

Classroom

Butler Junior High School and Brook Forest Elementary School

The monitor observed e-learning in six (6) different classrooms (three at the Junior High and three and three at the Elementary school). There appeared to be no issues with the connectivity, equipment, or sound during the observation time.

Areas for Improvement

Brook Forrest Elementary

- Staff members enforce physical distancing during transitions and while students are outside.
- Students remain properly masked in the classroom and staff members enforce mask wearing policies.

Butler Junior High School

- Physical distancing adhered to while students are in the hallways.

Recommendations

1. Better enforcement by the staff of physical distancing during transition times. Place staff in hallways to ensure students adhere to physical distancing.
2. Place waste receptacles by doors in restrooms.
3. Remind staff to set the example for students by wearing masks and enforce masking policies.
4. Avoid classroom activity that requires sustained breaks in physical distancing.

PAC Meeting

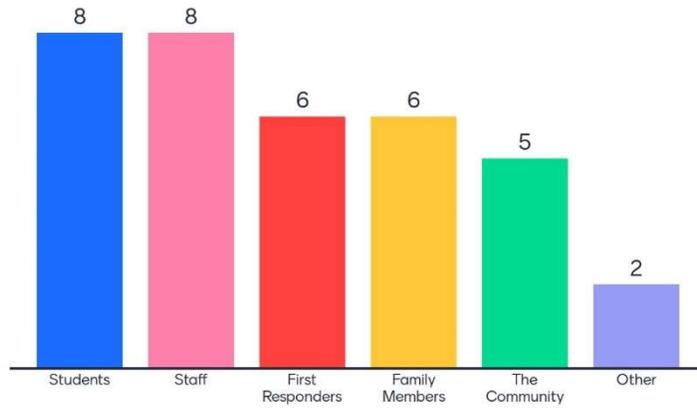
The Pandemic Advisory Committee met to discuss four topics:

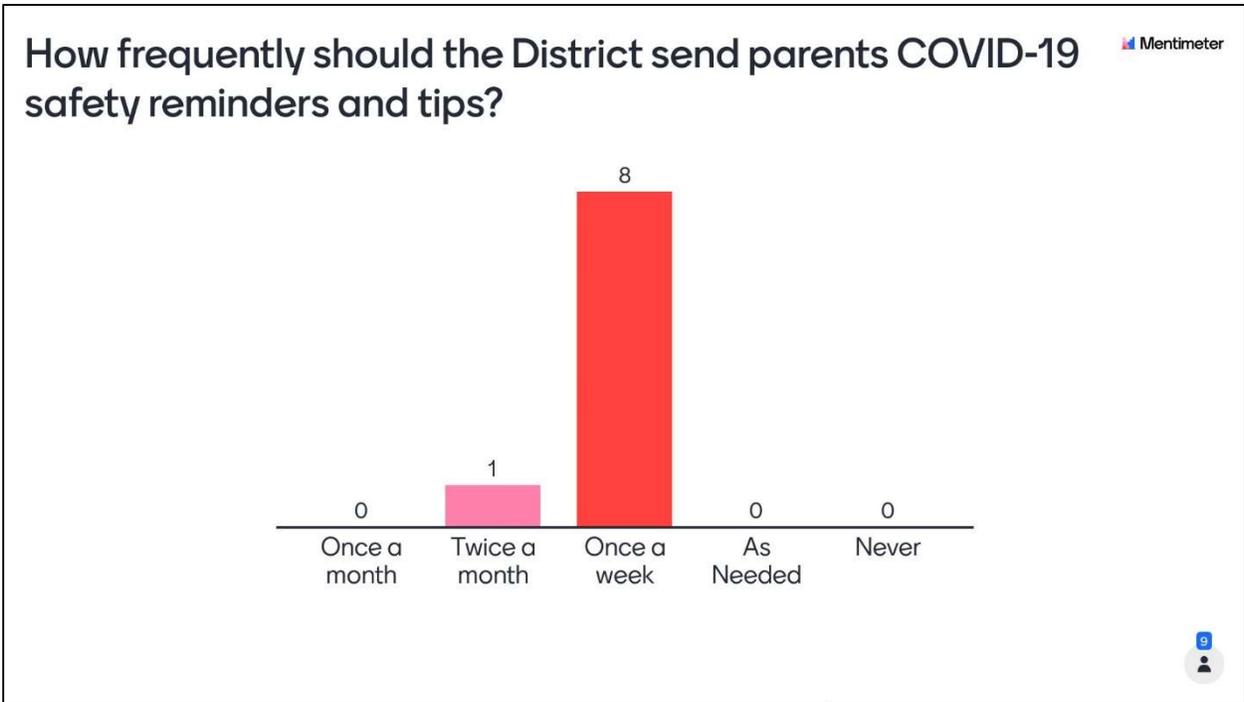
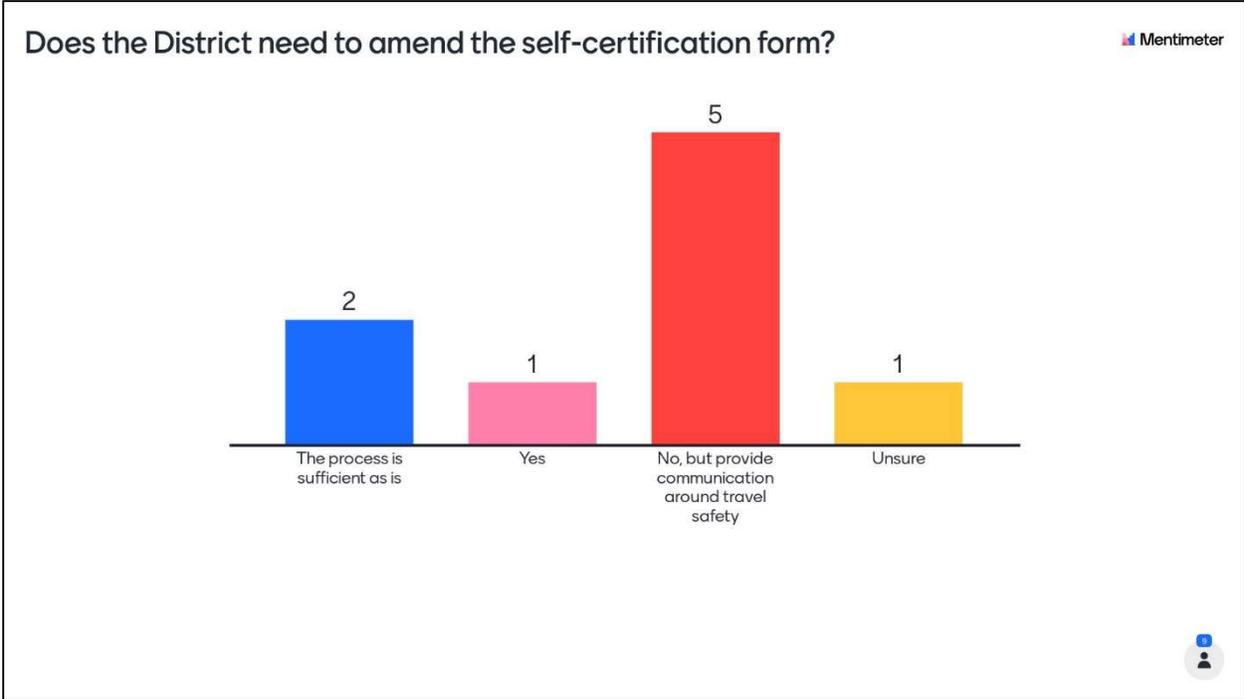
- Antigen Testing
- Behavioral Health
- Safety Communication
- Self-Certification



(Select All That Apply) Butler School District should provide the option of on-campus antigen testing for:

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What are the top ways you recommend the School District support the behavioral health impacts of COVID-19 for our students and staff?

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