

USD 460 HESSTON

District Plan - Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services

(03/6/2024)

Part 1: HEALTH & SAFETY OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND OTHER STAFF

GENERAL PREMISES

- Keeping our students in school and engaged in activities is essential.
- Any student or staff member with a temperature of 100 degree F or greater should stay home from school and be fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication, prior to returning to school.

MODIFYING FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- No considerations are being made for physical distancing.
- Plexiglas barriers may be used in targeted/high contact areas.
- Open water fountains have been replaced by bottle refilling stations.

HANDWASHING & RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- Handwashing, Sanitizing, and Respiratory etiquette will continue being taught to students and modeled by staff.
- Signage will continue to be posted throughout our buildings as reminders to the importance of good hygiene. Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available throughout the schools.
- USD 460 will not mandate mask wearing; however, those who wish to mask may do so.
- ~~-Those students and staff who are exposed to someone with Covid-19 are encouraged to mask after exposure.~~

CLEANING & MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES

- USD 460 custodial and maintenance staff, along with our contracted mechanical company follow specific cleaning protocols and procedures. We will continue to continually and regularly clean high traffic and high contact surfaces.
- USD 460 will use cleaning solutions that are rated to eliminate the Covid-19 virus.

CONTRACT TRACING IN COMBINATION WITH ISOLATION & QUARANTINE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, OR TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

- USD 460 will communicate with the agencies listed above as required.
- USD 460 is not currently contract tracing, isolating, or recommending placement of persons in quarantine.

DIAGNOSTIC & SCREENING TESTING

-USD 460 is not testing for Covid-19

EFFORTS TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

-USD 460 will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's Covid-19 vaccination status.

-USD 460 does offer an annual "Flu-Shot" clinic, typically in October.

-Locally the Hesston Pharmacy offers the Covid-19 vaccine.

APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES.

-USD 460 will provide reasonable, necessary, and appropriate accommodations to its policies and practices for students with disabilities as determined by individual student needs and in accordance with an individual's documented accommodations and/or individualized education plan (IEP).

COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS

-Applicable district personnel currently participate, and will continue to participate, with our local county health department and/or agencies on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed.

Part 2: HOW USD 460 WILL ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

SERVICES TO ADDRESS STUDENT'S ACADEMIC NEEDS

-USD 460 is utilizing ESSER III funds to help address learning loss through programming and personnel additions

-USD 460 has had uninterrupted In-Person learning in our schools since the Fall 2021 semester.

ADDRESSING STUDENTS & STAFF SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, & MENTAL HEALTH

-USD 460 has increased counseling staff

-USD 460 has partnered with local mental health agency

-USD 460 has enrolled eligible staff in an Employee Assistance Program.