



USD 109 Republic County Schools



HEALTH/SAFETY MEASURES

Per CDC and KDHE guidance, USD 109 recognizes the importance of maintaining a layered approach to protecting students, staff, and the community. This layered approach may include masks, physical distancing, appropriate ventilation, hand hygiene, testing, and encouraging vaccinations for those who are eligible.

For the 2023-2024 school year, USD 109 will resume normal school operations and monitor recommendations from the Republic County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The district will follow state and federal mandates and protocols are subject to change based on recommendations from federal, state, and local health authorities.

Hygiene

USD 109 will encourage effective handwashing and hygiene practices, good respiratory etiquette, and strong cleaning/disinfecting practices.

Masks

Masks are optional in our buildings and on all USD 109 property.

Vaccinations

COVID vaccinations are NOT required for students or staff members.

USD 109 encourages staff and eligible students to discuss the COVID vaccine with their healthcare provider.

COVID-POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS

Individuals who test positive for COVID must follow the district's Communicable Diseases policy (GAF) and Republic County Health Department guidance before returning to school.

Symptomatic Individuals

Individuals with COVID-like symptoms should stay home and inform the school.

This plan was approved by the USD 109 Board of Education on September 11, 2023. Protocols are subject to change based on updated guidance from national, state, and local health officials.

REMINDER: IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL...STAY HOME!