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Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for 2023-2024

All Plans on this Document are Subject to Change with Administration Action
Updated: December 11, 2023

Please contact any of the people listed above if you have question about this plan.

Pre-Screening for Students: We encourage parents to screen their children at home before school starts. Please keep your children home if sick. Students with a temperature of 100 or higher will need to be isolated and parents will be expected to pick them up from school.

Vaccination: We encourage families to vaccinate students based on current CDC guidance but will not be requiring Covid-19 vaccinations.

Transportation: Social Distancing will be hard to achieve when riding the school bus. We offer bus routes as an option for parents; it is up to every family whether you want your children to ride or not.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Students: We would encourage parents stay in their vehicle during pick-up and drop-off when possible.

Masks: At this time masks are optional and not a requirement. The school district at some point this year may require masks on district property. [The link from the CDC explains proper mask wearing etiquette. https://youtu.be/dSvff0QljHQ](https://youtu.be/dSvff0QljHQ)

Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizing: Hand Sanitizer will be available in classrooms and frequent handwashing will be encouraged. [The CDC posters below explains proper handwashing etiquette.](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/wash-your-hands-poster-english2020-p.pdf)

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<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/wash-your-hands-poster-spanish2020-p.pdf>

Respiratory Etiquette: Cover your coughs and sneezes, use a tissue to cover your sneezes and coughs. Sneeze or cough into your sleeve if you don't have a tissue. Please remember to clean your hands often.

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Surface Cleaning: Surfaces will be cleaned with approved cleaners on a regular basis by our staff. Last year, improvements were made to our ventilation system designed to kill airborne viruses. An additional 0.5 FTE custodian was hired after school started in the fall of 2021. Two new floor cleaners were purchased to help with floor surface cleaning.

School facilities: We have installed additional water bottle fillers for students to use. Water fountains will be turned on but use of water bottles is encouraged.

Student and Staff Daily Procedures and Protocols: Masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) may be worn at the discretion of parents or students. Any student or staff that becomes symptomatic during the school day will be required to put a mask on and will be sent home.

Visitors to School: To limit outside exposure, we will limit access to persons who are not school employees or students. Please make an appointment when you would like to visit.

POSITIVE Cases: COVID Positive test will result in a 5-day isolation requirement for both students and staff. On day 6, students and staff may return to school if asymptomatic and masks are recommended in public through day 10. If a student or staff member becomes sick at school, they will be sent home as soon as possible. Family close contacts, 3 days of Isolation, or a negative COVID test to return to school.

The school district will continue to seek input on whether to revise our Safe Return plan for a minimum of every six months through June of 2023 We will have official board action at our December and June board meetings yearly.

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