



2023-2024 Hinton Public Schools SAFE RETURN PLAN

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comment or recommendation,
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A. Universal and Correct Wearing of Mask

Hinton Public Schools will use the guidance provided by the Oklahoma Health Department-Covid 19 Alert System (<https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/covid-19-alert-system>) along with consultation with the Caddo County Health Department to determine the risk level for Hinton Schools.

1. **GREEN**-(New Normal) Face Coverings not required.
2. **YELLOW**-(Low) Face Coverings recommended at all times during school hours.
3. **ORANGE**-(Moderate)
 - Face Coverings are required at all times during school hours.
 - All extracurricular activities will follow the guidance and participate according to recommendations of their governing body.
 - The district is prepared to transition to virtual or distance learning if/when the alert level rises.
 - Hinton Schools is fully prepared to roll out with our continuous learning plan for every student in case that school buildings are closed. The school staff will assume the responsibility to continue to educate our students.
4. **RED**-(High)

- At the discretion of the superintendent, Hinton Public Schools will transition into distance learning for all students.
- The following factors will be considered for Hinton School Closure but not limited to:
 1. An outbreak of covid infecting the student population.
 2. The student body being quarantined at one particular time.
 3. An outbreak of Covid-19 within the Hinton Community. The Oklahoma State Department of Health numbers will determine an outbreak in the community.
 4. Lack of staff at school due to Covid-19 and/or quarantining.
 5. All staff will be required to wear face coverings in all buildings at all times during a closure.
 6. Participation and/or attendance for extracurricular activities could be reduced.
 7. Decisions could be made at the state and local levels to ensure the safety of all students and staff at Hinton Schools will have to follow.

Acceptable Face Coverings for the Hinton Schools are mask, neck gaiters, and clear face shields.

Hinton Schools will provide one mask or gaiter for all students and staff members. Individuals are also permitted to use their own choice of a Face Covering as long as the logos or designs are school appropriate as determined by school administration. Disposable masks will be available for visitors and guests.

B. Modifying Facilities for Social Distancing

1. Student desks will be separated by at least three feet between seats when possible. Students will be assigned chairs/desks in classes.
2. Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed when moving in the hallways.

3. Tables by grade level will be implemented with spacing between students in the cafeteria. Students will be assigned seats to cut down on exposures.
4. Students will have access to hand sanitizer before their meal and afterwards.
5. Disinfecting of tables and seats will take place after each class leaves.

A. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

1. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer for students to use each time they enter the classroom.
2. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the hallways, cafeteria, and gymnasiums for students and staff to use.
3. Once a month, students will be instructed how to properly wash their hands and sanitize their hands.

B. Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities; Including Ventilation

1. Each building will be cleaned thoroughly each day.
2. Daily sanitizing will be completed by using Electrostatic machinery to spray down all surfaces in each building.
3. Teachers will be provided supplies to keep desk and door knobs, etc. disinfected. This will be done multiple times each day.
4. Several new HVAC systems have been installed around the district to help purify and sanitize the air.

C. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine, in Collaboration with the State and Local Agencies

1. Hinton Schools will work closely with the Caddo County Health Department and Region 5 of the Oklahoma State Department of

Health (OSDH). We will follow the quarantining guidelines set forth by our state department of health, and will properly report quarantines and active cases of Covid-19 in the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Single-Sign-On System.

2. Quarantining and isolation practices will be done as required by the OSDH based on CDC Guidelines.

D. Diagnostic and Screening Testing

1. Hinton Schools will work with the OSDH and Caddo County Health Department for covid screening for students and staff.

G. Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Communities

1. Hinton Schools will work with the OSDH and Caddo County Health Department to disperse information in regards to locations and needs in getting their children the Covid-19 Vaccination.

H. Appropriate Accommodations

1. Hinton Schools will ensure that students with disabilities will have an efficient IEP that will reflect the need for their health and safety. These IEPs will be followed.

I. Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

1. The superintendent will attend meetings and stay informed on guidelines set by the OSDH. Hinton Public School will implement policies and guidelines as board policy as prescribed by the state agencies.
2. Hinton Public School will provide options for student learning. We have plans in place for quarantine students to complete assignments through Canvas and Google Classroom.
3. Hinton Public School has three counselors. There will be a counselor on site at the elementary, middle school, and high school each day. These counselors will help students' grow socially,

emotionally, mentally as well as help teachers who may have issues they need to discuss with a professional.

J. Vaccinated Students and Staff:

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is providing updated quarantine guidance for individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This guidance only applies to the general public, businesses, **schools**, and childcare settings. **Quarantine guidance is subject to change, as additional information becomes available about COVID-19 vaccines.**
2. **Updated Guidance: Individuals 14 or more days after COVID-19 vaccine completion will NOT be required to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19.**
 - **Exposure to COVID-19 and NOT fully vaccinated against COVID-19:** Quarantine and get tested between 5 – 7 days from the last date of exposure or if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.
 - **Exposure to COVID-19 and fully vaccinated against COVID19:**
 - < 14 days after vaccine completion-Quarantine and get tested as stated above.
 - ~~≥ 14 days after vaccine completion you do NOT need to quarantine.~~ However, if you develop symptoms of COVID19, immediately isolate and get evaluated by a healthcare provider.

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