

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

PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

USD 220 will continue to follow best practices to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff, and patrons as it pertains to the wearing of masks. Working collaboratively with the Clark County Health Department, County Commissioners, and local Board of Education, USD 220 will continue to monitor the COVID-19 transmission rate within our community to determine the level of wearing masks. USD 220 will continue to provide masks and encourage proper wearing as required in school and all school events.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

USD 220 will continue to practice social distancing when necessary in order to provide for the health and safety of all students, staff, and patrons. Classroom and facilities will be structured to include social distancing with additional physical barriers available as needed. Small class sizes allow for cohorts/podding by instructional staff to support social distancing. USD 220 will continue to encourage safe practices at all events and activities.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

USD 220 will continue to follow best practices to support student, staff, and patron health and hygiene. Informational signage will continue to be placed throughout district facilities to encourage all persons to maintain healthy habits. Hand sanitizer and cleaners are placed in each classrooms and common areas with regular sanitation of hands and surfaces.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

Maintenance and custodial staff follow a daily designated cleaning schedule for all USD 220 buildings. Cleaning supplies are in each room and teachers are asked to wipe down tables and chairs between classes and frequently throughout the day. The Jr-Sr High School HVAC system was replaced four years ago and we work with Johnson Controls to clean/replace the HEPA filters. The district is exploring options to improve the air quality system at the Elementary School including the addition of HEPA/UV light filters throughout the building.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

We will continue to fully cooperate with Clark County Health Department and our local health professionals to assist with contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine as necessary.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

We will continue to work with our families, local health professionals, and the Clark County Health Department to monitor for symptoms of illness. Students, staff, and visitors exhibiting a fever or other signs of contagious illness are asked to stay home and seek appropriate medical care.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

We will continue to work with the Clark County Health Department to provide both education and opportunities for students, staff, and our community to be vaccinated. Staff are not charged leave time, nor are student absences counted as unexcused if they need to leave to get the vaccine.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

USD 220 will provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities, as well as all students as needed. Recommendations for specialized services will occur through our Student Intervention Team (SIT) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) team on an individualized and differentiated basis. We will include appropriate health officials as members of those teams when warranted by the student's need and will work with them to ensure health and safety needs are met.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

We will continue to coordinate with the Clark County Health Department, KSDE, KDHE, and, as needed, implement contact tracing or quarantine, as well as frequently evaluate and adjust our practices as necessary.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) services to address students' academic needs

USD 220 is fully equipped with 1:1 Chromebooks and prepared to implement remote or hybrid learning for students as needed. The method and style of instructional and materials delivery may differ depending on the particular situation, number of students involved, and/or the individual needs of the students at that time. We utilize Google Classroom.

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

USD 220 staff will focus on the emotional and mental wellbeing of our student by establishing positive relationships through SECD activities and curriculum (Second Steps, Seminar Time, Bluejay Family Time. District and building leadership teams regularly meet to review and discuss students needs, including frequent check-ins, surveys, planned activities, and other services throughout the year that help monitor and address social-emotional concerns. Additionally USD 220 partners with the Iroquois Center to provide on-site counseling services to all students and staff as needed.

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

We have established a second food service location at Ashland Elementary which acts to both preserve instruction time and limit the exposure between buildings. We are in the process of upgrading those food service needs to include dedicated equipment, new tables, dedicated storage, and equipment for transporting food while maintaining appropriate temperatures. Students or staff exhibiting symptoms of illness during the day remain in a designated room in the office, receive temperature checks and basic triaging by the office staff until such time as parents can pick them up to seek appropriate medical care. Both campuses are within one mile of our Regional Hospital and there are Emergency Medical Response members on staff.