



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

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Unified School District 374 takes priority the health and safety of our students and staff. With the potential spread of the coronavirus or “COVID-19,” we all must remain vigilant to help mitigate the spread. In order to be safe and maintain operations, we have developed this plan to be implemented throughout the District. We will monitor available information from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Haskell County Health Department.

Part I: Health and Safety of Students and Staff

(A) Masks will not be required, but will remain optional for students & staff who would prefer to wear them. For those that choose this option, per CDC guidelines, masks are to be worn correctly and should completely cover both the nose and the mouth.

(B) USD 374 will continue to recommend and encourage consistent handwashing and/or sanitizing practices along with the “Cover your Cough” protocol.

(C) USD 374 will maintain a regular cleaning schedule that will include the cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of surfaces and facilities. Electrostatic disinfecting will continue to be utilized in all buildings and classroom windows can be opened for additional ventilation.

(D) USD 374 will continue to work with the school nurse and Haskell County health officials to handle any contact tracing, isolation and quarantine issues. Decisions will be made in conjunction with current state and local guidelines.

(E) USD 374 will continue and maintain appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities based on student’s specific health concerns. Special education services will be provided consistent with each student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

(F) USD 374 will continue to monitor county and local infection numbers as they are provided by health officials. Communication and decisions will be a collaborative effort.

Part II: Protocol Positive Cases

(A) Positive cases will result in quarantine for 5-days at home. If fever free without the use of medications for 24 hours, student/staff may return on day 6.

- a. Students/staff must mask for 5 additional days after return to school OR test negative upon return to school.

(B) Household positive:

- a. Household contact(s) must mask for 10-days following last exposure with positive case OR 10-days after positive case is off isolation.
- b. Or test every other day for 7-days with no mask after last close contact with positive household member.
- c. Must be symptom free throughout masking/testing process.

(C) If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.

** These protocols are subject to change as KDHE and CDC guidelines change.

Part III: Continuity of Services

(A) In the event that a student cannot attend classes in-person, due to infection or illness, teachers will provide school work via Google classroom or paper packets. Teachers will make themselves available to assist students and answer questions by giving the student and parent(s) contact information, as well as specified times they are available. USD 374 assures students in quarantine will have at least one meaningful daily connection with their teacher. For technology assistance, please contact your child's respective school.

(B) USD 374 employs counselors, principals, and has access to a school psychologist through the High Plains Education Cooperative. The district also maintains a strong working relationship with Compass Behavioral Health and Southwest Guidance Center on specific counseling needs. These individuals are available to assist students, teachers and families as needed. The district utilizes Kansas Communities That Care, SAEBRS & MySAEBRS to screen and monitor the social-emotional health of our students. Parents may opt out with notification to building principal.

(C) USD 374 employs a full-time nurse who is available daily to assist students with health needs or concerns. Students not able to attend in-person will be provided meals that can be picked-up at the Elementary School.

(D) If there is an increase in county Covid-19 cases, the school district will take appropriate measures for the safety of students and staff.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding this plan to return, please contact
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