

# Proposed COVID 19 Pandemic Re Entry Action Plan for Success R-VI School District

## Commentary Regarding COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols

- The safety and well being of Success students and staff is our top priority in all decisions related to conducting school and providing a quality education to all students we serve.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- The content in this document will be updated as additional guidance is provided by state, local, and federal authorities. Please refer to this document often to stay informed about the most current guidelines and protocols our district will be following. Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to call the Success R-VI School District at 417-967-2597 to discuss and address those concerns.

## General Information for Students & Faculty/Staff

- Students and faculty have the option of wearing protective masks.
  - If a student or faculty/staff member is unable to obtain masks, the district will provide masks. Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.
  - Student requests for masks are subject to approval from parents/guardians.
  - Availability of district-provided masks is subject to the district's ability to procure masks (shortages of masks may limit availability).
  - Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition.
  - Students may not share masks, or provide masks to other students at school.

- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette (CDC Guidance)
  - Teach and reinforce [handwashing](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
  - Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - 
  - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).
  - Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
  - Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout buildings and will be located at each classroom.
- Drinking fountains will be removed from service. Water bottle filling stations will be available for students to fill water bottles.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff, and students. Social distancing is more achievable in hallways, outdoor areas, larger facilities.
- Student activities will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidance.
- Students with diagnosed medical conditions that are related to COVID-19 susceptibility, or that request virtual instruction for other reasons, will be provided opportunities for distance learning and other accommodations as appropriate and practicable.
- Faculty/staff with diagnosed medical conditions that are related to COVID-19 susceptibility will be provided accommodations as appropriate and practicable.

## **Understanding & Recognizing COVID-19**

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council. The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills.
- Muscle pain.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Newly emerged loss of taste or smell.

### **Staying Home When Appropriate**

- Staff and families will be educated about when they/their child(ren) should [stay home](#) and when they can return to school.
  - Employees and students who are sick or who have recently had [close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home. Sick leave policies for staff and procedures for students will be enforced to encourage sick employees and students to stay at home without fear of reprisal. Attendance incentives have been removed and virtual learning and telework options will be utilized as feasible.
  - [Staff and students should stay home](#) if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#). These individuals will be directed by the Texas County Health Department and in consultation with our school nurse.
  - Staff and students who have recently had [close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19 should also [stay home and monitor their health](#).

### **General Health Information for Students & Faculty/Staff**

- Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Anyone with symptoms of illness are expected to stay home until symptoms have subsided.
- Students at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the nurse or authorized personnel. If evaluation suggests potential for COVID-19 infection, the student will be placed in a separate room near and masked (if appropriate for health) until picked up by a parent/guardian.

- Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home.
- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the Texas County Health Department. Please understand that guidelines may change over time. At the time of this publication, the guidelines are as follows:
  - Students not tested for COVID-19 may return if the following conditions are met:
    - **No fever for 24 hours** without use of medicine that reduces fever. Students will be required to report to the nurse for a temperature screen upon their return.
    - Other symptoms have improved (cough or shortness of breath).
    - At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- Students that **have tested positive for COVID-19** may return **based on the guidance and consultation from the Texas County Health Department. This is not a school decision.**

### **Transportation**

- Buses will release immediately after they arrive. No earlier than 7:45 am.
- Students riding the bus, from the same household, will be required to sit together.
- Buses will be sanitized after each route.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses.
- Drivers will use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, throughout routes.
- Students will be assigned seats and wear masks if they are unable to social distance.
- Any student displaying symptoms of illness-cough, sneezing, etc. will be required to wear a mask.
- [https://www.musicprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SCHOOLS\\_Transportation-Guidelines-Following-Pandemic.pdf](https://www.musicprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SCHOOLS_Transportation-Guidelines-Following-Pandemic.pdf)

## **Arrival at School**

- ***Student drop off time is 7:50.*** All parent drop offs will be at the side gym entrance. Parents will not be permitted to walk students to their classrooms during the pandemic. Students will be escorted by staff into the building.
- Buses will release immediately upon arrival and will release at the front door.
- All students will go directly to their homeroom.
- Parents/visitors will have access to the office window to conduct business.

## **Cafeteria/ Meal Times**

- Breakfast/Lunch shifts will be staggered as possible to minimize the number of students gathered.
- All lunches will be plated or boxed. Self-serve options (salad bar, etc.) will not be available.
- Classes will rotate eating in the cafeteria and/or classrooms.
- Students will wash hands prior to eating and prior to engaging in other activities after eating.

## **Food Service**

- Food will not be shared and unopened food/drinks previously served will not be re-served.
- Gloves should be worn when handling used utensils and removing trash bags.
- Self-serve drink stations and communal pitchers/containers will not be used.
- Kitchen surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant before food preparation begins.
- All kitchen staff must wear a mask and gloves during meal preparation and serving.
- All tables will be cleaned thoroughly between uses.

## **Recess/Playground**

- Recess will be with individual groups unless otherwise scheduled or will be separated by individual classes
- Teachers will encourage students to maintain social distancing when possible.
- Lining up- Students will be instructed about spacing and maintaining distance.
- Students should be allowed to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the classroom.

## **Hallways/Building**

- Students will be instructed to proper distance while in lines.
- Students will not be allowed to roam freely in the hallways
- Students should not go to rooms other than their own classroom
- Water Fountains will not be used during the pandemic.-Water bottling stations will be provided to fill water bottles.
- Students will be allowed to have their own water bottles in the classroom.

## **During the School Day**

Pre-K - 8 students will remain with their class all day. Cooperative activities with other classrooms will not be permitted.

Pre-K-8 students will remain with their class during inside recess. Classes will not commingle during outside recess. Staggering recess times will be established.

Sharing of student supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated.

Equipment used by more than one student will be sanitized between uses.

No field trips, assemblies, or visiting presenters will be allowed at this time.

### **Classrooms**

- Students should be allowed to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the classroom.
- Hand Sanitizers are installed at all classroom doors, students will use hand sanitizer prior to entering the classroom.
- Seating arranged to minimize student contact.
- During group activities adequate spacing will be provided to maintain social distancing as much as possible
- Measures will be taken so that persons exposed can be more easily traced if needed.
- Provide time for classes to use the restroom and allow only 2 students at one time in the restroom.
- Disinfect desks, chairs, etc. often throughout the day.
- When possible no sharing of pencils, pens, markers, etc. - gloves may be used if sharing is needed. Items shared will be disinfected between class periods.

### **Physical Education**

- Outdoor activities will be used as often as possible
- Games and activities that reduce physical contact as much as possible will be utilized.
- All shared equipment will be sanitized between classes.
- Students should be allowed to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the classroom.

### **Art Class**

- Schedule to push in and pull out of classes to provide adequate time to disinfect the art room.
- Students should not share art equipment when possible
- Encourage the use of gloves if items have to be shared.
- Space students in the room to provide adequate social distancing when possible.
- Students should be allowed to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the classroom.

### **Shared Objects**

- Sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect will not be permitted. Each child's belongings will be separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas as much

as possible. If adequate supplies cannot be acquired to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assigning each student their own art supplies, equipment), use will be limited to supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time, cleaning and disinfecting supplies/equipment between use will be required. Students will be discouraged to share electronic devices, toys, books, and other games.

- Library books will be quarantined in an airtight container for 72 hours prior to being reshelved.

### **Health Concern During School**

- Administration, School Nurse and staff will assist the health department in determining risks of students who have contact with COVID 19.
- The school will be working closely with the Texas County Health Department to determine appropriate actions needed in mitigating COVID 19 spread.
- If a student has COVID related symptoms, the school nurse will inform the school administration and the parents and consult with the Texas County Health Department if needed to determine a course of action. (Teachers and other school staff will not be allowed to communicate any information about students health condition )
- School officials, staff are not allowed to communicate with parents/guardians about students other than their own children concerning health matters or possible exposures. The Texas County Health Department in consultation with medical professionals will be communicating with parents/guardians concerning possible exposures through contact tracing and the need for additional actions.

### **Alternative Methods of Instruction - AMI**

- AMI plans are developed to provide instruction that meets state requirements in the event the school is forced to shutdown due to any circumstance which includes COVID 19.
- AMI plans have been submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved for the 2020-2021 School year.
- Success School promotes in school classroom seated instruction as the best practice, but in the event of a cancellation of classes



due to any circumstance, alternative plans will be implemented to continue the learning process for our students during a shutdown.

- Refer to AMI plan for further details.

### **Community Events**

- Assess group gatherings and events:
  - Consider postponing non-critical gatherings and events.
  - Consider whether any of these events should be canceled. Speak with local health officials to help determine the best approach.
  - Consider limiting or restricting outside organizations' use of facilities.

### **Other Information**

- Attendance incentives have been removed for the regular school term. Mandatory attendance protocol is relaxed during the pandemic.
- Visual markers will be used to assist students and staff with social distancing.

### **Cleaning & Disinfection**

- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within the school and on school buses at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects (e.g., gym or physical education equipment, art supplies, toys, games) should be limited when possible, or cleaned between use.
- Bus drivers shall practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene, cloth face coverings). Clean and disinfect school buses or other transport vehicles.

- A schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection has been established. Custodians will be working daily from 8 am - 9 pm to ensure Cleaning and Disinfection protocols are completed.
- Ensure [safe and correct use](#) and storage of [cleaning and disinfection products](#) including storing products securely away from children. Use products that meet [EPA disinfection criteria](#)

## **References:**

- CDC
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- MSBA
  - <https://ams.embr.mobi/Documents/DocumentAttachment.aspx?C=ZfON&DID=GJGDM>
- MUSIC
  - <https://www.musicprogram.org/covid-19-complimentary-courses-from-safeschools/>
- Texas County Health Department
  - <https://www.texascountyhealth.org/>
- Illinois Plan
  - <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf>