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**At home before school:**

Families and employees are asked to screen your students at home for any concerning COVID symptoms prior to getting on the school bus or coming to school. Symptoms to watch for are:

- Cough
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting / Diarrhea

If your student is experiencing any of these symptoms, we ask that you please remain home and consult your student's primary care physician.

**Any absences occurred during the school year related to illness or quarantine due to COVID will not negatively impact your student's attendance under the following circumstances:**

- Students who are placed in isolation or quarantine by the LPHA qualify for homebound instruction and must participate in 5 hours of instruction each week (can be virtual) in order to be considered "present" for school attendance purposes. However, IF the student does not participate in this virtual instruction, they MUST be counted absent.
- All school work will continue to be provided in either paper or electronic form regardless of the students' participation in the 5 hours of "homebound instruction".

**School buses:**

We are still running complete bus routes and welcome students to ride each day. Each bus will have a seating chart and will be loaded back to front.

**Breakfast:**

Students should not arrive at school before 7:40am. Upon arrival to school, breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Elementary students will sit at assigned tables with their grade level to eat breakfast. Teachers will need to be at school at the regular report time of 7:40am to assist in supervision of students.

**Lunch:**

Students in grades K-8 will sit with their cohort during lunch time. These are the students they are with most of the day.

**Day to day class activities:**

Teachers will attempt to arrange their classrooms to allow for social distancing when possible.

We understand there will be times when this is not possible so the following measures will be taken in classrooms each day:

- All areas of the campus are mask-friendly and if staff or students wish to wear a mask, they are more than welcome to do so.
- Sanitation of desks and high touch surfaces will be completed multiple times throughout the school day.
- Recess times may be split out so there are only one or two classes in a particular playground area at a time.

#### **Students or staff who become ill at school:**

If students or staff become ill at school or show any of the above mentioned symptoms, they will be sent home to self-monitor with recommendations to call their primary care physician. If a student or staff member is exhibiting concerning symptoms, they may return to school once they are symptom free for 24 hours or receive a note from a doctor.

#### **Students and staff members with possible COVID:**

We will be working closely with the Pettis County Health Center (PCHC) to manage any possible cases of COVID. If we receive confirmation from the PCHC that there is a student or staff member in our building with COVID, we will assist them in contact tracing and PCHC will be responsible for reaching out to anyone considered a close contact. A close contact is identified as being within 6 ft. or less for 15 minutes or more with a confirmed positive case. Any person considered to be “exposed” to the student or staff member will be quarantined as directed by the PCHC and will be able to re-enter school if no symptoms are present. It is certainly possible that school could be shut down for several days following a positive case for tracing, cleaning, etc.

- If a student has confirmed COVID or is placed in quarantine due to being a close contact, instruction will continue in a virtual or paper packet format for that student. Staff members will check in with student throughout their absence and provide feedback via email, Google classroom, phone, etc. In order to be considered “present” for attendance reporting purposes, the student must engage in 5 hours of instruction (virtually).

#### **Re-Entry After Illness Guidelines:**

Current guidelines reflect the following:

- Positive cases of COVID may return to work/school as directed by the PCHC and they have been fever free for at least 24 hours.
- Individuals placed in quarantine must remain for the duration of the assigned length of time as dictated by the PCHC.

#### **Bathrooms:**

- The bathrooms will be routinely sanitized throughout the school day. We will limit the amount of students in the bathroom at one time and we will ask the line to form out in the hallway to allow for social distancing.

#### **Field Trips:**

- All field trip requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis and approval processes will still go through the principal.

**Other considerations:**

- All students should bring a see-through water bottle to school to be filled instead of drinking directly from water fountains.
- 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be encouraged not to congregate at lockers during passing times.
- All classes will have mandatory seating charts which will be turned into the office to assist in contact tracing if needed.
- Visitors to school must seek prior approval from the main office to ensure we are able to maintain our ability to provide contact tracing to the PCHC.

**Mitigation & Prevention Strategies Summary:**

<b>Mitigation Strategy</b>	<b>District Plan</b>
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masks allowed.</li></ul>
Physical distancing and cohorting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social distancing when possible.</li><li>• Seating charts.</li><li>• Students will remain in cohorts as much as possible.</li></ul>
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will be frequently reminded to wash hands.</li><li>• Proper handwashing taught and reinforced.</li><li>• Sanitizer and tissue provided.</li></ul>
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase cleaning for high-touch surfaces.</li><li>• Upgrades to HVAC as funds and equipment become available.</li></ul>
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact tracing by the Pettis County Health Center (PCHC) with assistance from LEA.</li><li>• Quarantine and isolation orders from the PCHC.</li></ul>
Diagnostic and screening testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Testing provided onsite for staff members and students with parental permission.</li><li>• Students and staff with concerning symptoms will be assessed by the nurse and sent home if necessary.</li></ul>
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District communicates opportunities available in the community to become vaccinated if desired.</li></ul>
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan</li></ul>

**Continuity of Services:**

- The district returned to fully in-person learning in August of 2020 and continues to provide in-person instruction moving forward.
- If there are further interruptions of in-person instruction due to quarantine, isolation, or temporary school closures, the district will continue to provide instruction via distance learning. Students with disabilities will continue receiving services as outlined in their IEP.
- The LEA will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students during in-person instruction and during any interruptions of in-person instruction. The district is also partnering with Burrell Behavioral Health to provide social-emotional instruction to students.

**Periodic Revision:**

- The LEA will periodically review and revise, if necessary, the SRCSP, no less than every six months at a public session of the school board.
- The next public meeting regarding this SRCSP will be prior to the August 2021 school board meeting.

**Understandable Language:**

- The SRCSP is available in languages understandable to stakeholders. The SRCSP will be available in English and Spanish in the district office and on the district website. Stakeholders who employ the oral tradition or who need a copy in another language may contact the office.