

# SRCS PLAN

## ARCADIA VALLEY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

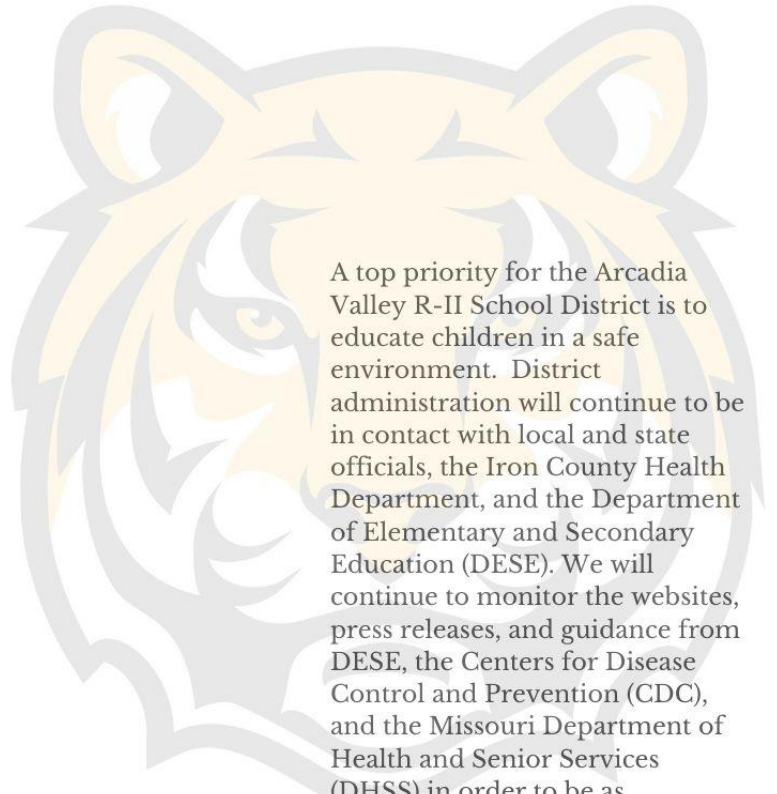
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Safe Return to In-Person  
Instruction and Continuity of  
Service Plan 2022-2023

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A top priority for the Arcadia Valley R-II School District is to educate children in a safe environment. District administration will continue to be in contact with local and state officials, the Iron County Health Department, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We will continue to monitor the websites, press releases, and guidance from DESE, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in order to be as preventative and educated on a on health and safety issues for our students as possible.

The Arcadia Valley R-II School District's SRCSP is a Four Phase Plan. At any point in time, the district may move from one phase to any of the other phases. This document may also be revised at any point in time based on guidance given to the school by local and state officials. The latest version can always be found on the school district website at [www.avr2.org](http://www.avr2.org).



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# ARCADIA VALLEY R-II

## PHASES OF RESPONSE

Phase One	Phase Two	Phase Three	Phase Four*
<p>School Buildings Closed.</p> <p>Remote learning in place for students grades PK-12.</p>	<p>School Buildings Open.</p> <p>Social distancing and large group protocols in place.</p>	<p>School Buildings Open.</p> <p>Less social distancing and large group protocols in place.</p>	<p>School Buildings Open.</p> <p>School fully opened and operational with face-to-face on-campus learning as the standard option for learning.</p>

### PHASE ONE

#### School Closure

*School buildings will be closed short-term or for an extended period of time with remote learning of virtual instruction and/or “nonconnected” lessons being provided from students’ classroom teachers. Grades will still be taken on remote learning coursework.*

### PHASE TWO

#### AV Options for Learning #1

*School buildings are open for face-to-face learning with COVID-19 cleaning and distancing protocols in place.*

### PHASE THREE\*

#### AV Options for Learning #2

*School will lessen restrictions on distancing and large group protocols (i.e. assemblies allowed, lunch room, etc).*

### PHASE FOUR

#### School Fully Opened and Operational

*School will be back to normal with the standard, face-to-face classroom setting as the normal option for learning.*

*\*Current Phase as of August, 2022*

# PHASE ONE – PROTOCOLS (School Closure)

If the district transitions to Phase One for any reason listed on pg 18 we will be in remote instruction only. All school buildings will be closed for entire school instruction. The district may continue facility use when/if possible in vastly smaller groups.

- Remote instruction will be delivered to all PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- This will be different than the virtual learning platform, as our classroom teachers will be doing all the instruction.
- Teachers will assign curriculum-related lessons, activities, and assessments via their Google Classroom and/or remote instruction flash drives and/or supplement activities as needed. Equitable access to opportunities for all students learning will be made regardless of circumstance.
- Teachers will track completion of assignments on a weekly basis and provide feedback to students.
- Remote instruction and assignments will contain the same content as the regular grade/subject area curriculum.
- Remote learning assignments and assessments will be required and graded as assigned from the teacher.
- The grading scale for remote instruction will follow the same guidelines as in-person instruction.
- Hotspots will be available throughout the community for students who do not have internet access at home in order to upload assignments or connect to Google Classroom to download assignments.
- Locations of hot spots will be provided upon request and can be found on our school website. If you do NOT have access to the internet or Wi-Fi service, please contact the building office if you would like information on possible access opportunities.
- Training will be provided to all students on how to access all assignments and remote instruction. In addition, tutorials will be posted on our school website for parents to access as needed.
- The district will work with all parents who need additional assistance with remote instruction.
- All students will have access to a district provided chromebook to use for remote learning.
- We will still provide meal service during this time. Information on that will be released once we enter Phase One.
- MSHSAA policies and procedures will be followed for all extracurricular/athletic activities.

# PHASE TWO - PROTOCOLS

The district will implement the following preventative protocols in Phase Two for all students:

## KEY POINTS

- The district's number one priority will be to protect the health and safety of all stakeholders. We are asking that parents screen students for COVID-19 symptoms at home prior to getting on the bus or coming to school. See page 9 for symptoms and screening measures.
- As a general rule, during Phase Two, the wearing of masks will be encouraged for both students and staff, but not required. At any time during the year, should the local or state health departments require masks for our community, the district will require students/staff to wear them. The district has purchased masks to provide to students if that becomes the case.

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

We ask that if at all possible, students do not arrive at school prior to 7:45 a.m. Bus times will be moved back as to not deliver students until at least 7:45 a.m. Once students arrive to school, they will gather in the following spots:

- Between 7:30 - 7:45:
  - ES - Gym sitting 6 ft apart
  - MS - Cafeteria... sitting 6 ft apart
  - HS - Cafeteria... sitting 6 ft apart
- At 7:45:
  - ES - to homeroom
  - MS - 1st hour
  - HS - will report to 4th hour

## CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS

In All Classrooms (PK-12)

- Student attendance and any information from the nurse's office will be closely monitored.

## PHASE TWO – PROTOCOLS (cont...)

- Large gatherings (such as all-school assemblies and school-wide celebrations) will not occur.
- Classroom protocols will include assigned seating and other measures to minimize contact with a variety of students and work areas.
- Schools will make reasonable best efforts to minimize risk. However, attending schools in-person will introduce a greater risk for exposure.
- Every effort will be made to eliminate the sharing of school supplies, unless the supplies have been disinfected after each use.
- All classrooms will be set up to encourage social distancing. Student desks will be spaced apart with as much distance as possible. **We do not** have the staff or facilities to maintain 6ft distances in individual classrooms.
- Nurses and Classroom teachers will educate students on proper hand hygiene and reinforce those procedures often.
- Signs will be posted in all bathrooms about proper hand washing procedures. In addition, students will use hand sanitizer before and after moving from one location to another.
- Assigned seating will take place in all classrooms. This will reduce the number of students sharing a space and help keep up with student locations at all times.
- There will be time built into the daily schedule for routine hand washing by both students and teachers.
- All desks will be facing forward in the same direction so students do not sit face-to-face.
- Teachers using group work or partner activities will use electronic devices to facilitate the activity if they cannot maintain the 6ft social distance guidelines.
- There will be sanitizing stations in the halls and main areas for students/staff use.
- Classrooms will have hand sanitizer for use as needed.
- Music classes will be arranged to allow for maximum social distancing. Instruments that are shared will be wiped down between each use. At no time will mouth pieces be shared.
- Physical Education classes will be held outside as much as possible. All equipment will be disinfected between classes. Close contact sports/activities will be minimized.

### Elementary School (PK-4)

- Every best effort will be made to maintain stable learning groups (children will remain around the same cohort (grouping) of students throughout the day).
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled throughout the day to avoid overcrowding, to the extent possible.
- Students will remain in their homeroom throughout the day except for scheduled events such as recess, special classes, or bathroom breaks.



# PHASE TWO - PROTOCOLS (cont...)

## Middle School and High School (5-12)

- In grades 5 and 6, to the extent possible, students will remain in the classroom and teachers will move throughout the day for their core classes. Students will travel to their special classes. All other grades will rotate throughout their normal schedule.

## Career Tech Center (9-12)

- Every effort will be made to eliminate the sharing of supplies and equipment, unless they have been disinfected after each use.
- All classrooms and shops will be set up to encourage social distancing.
- CTC Breaks will be on a schedule with different classrooms on break at a different time

## CAFETERIA PROTOCOLS

- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom at this time, with the exception of Pre-School, Kindergarten, and 1st grade (PK-1 will eat socially distanced in the cafeteria).
- Cleaning/Sanitizing procedures will take place between lunch shifts in the cafeteria.
- High School students will be eating lunch in their 4th hour classroom.
- (7th/8th grade) Middle School students will be eating lunch in their 4th hour classroom.
- 2nd grade through 6th grade students will eat in homeroom

## RECESS PROTOCOLS (Elementary)

We understand the importance of recess time for the elementary students. Classrooms will visit the playground on a schedule that limits interaction between different classrooms. Consequently, recess times will be spread out throughout the day. There will be protocols put into place during outside time. These will include cleaning processes and expectations.

- Playground equipment will be properly disinfected.
- Students will sanitize and/or wash their hands immediately upon reentering the building.



# PHASE TWO – PROTOCOLS (cont...)

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROTOCOLS

- Keep in mind that spectator capacity MAY be reduced to the maximum number allowable in order to seat spectators 6 feet apart. Events may even be closed to the public.
- All social activities/events and large school assemblies will be postponed.

## TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOLS

Our goal is to make sure students are transported safely to school. Please read the following information carefully:

- We are encouraging **ALL** parents to transport their child(ren) to and from school to minimize the number of students on school transportation (buses).
- All students riding the bus will have assigned seating.
- Buses will be disinfected after each bus run.

# **DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

We are encouraging all parents/guardians to transport their child to school if at all possible. This will help us be able to minimize the amount of students on the buses and reduce the likelihood of exposure as a result of close social distancing.

The less we spread the virus, the more likely we are to be able to remain open throughout the school year.

We realize not all families will be able to do this, we are just asking you to consider if it is possible for your family.

Thank you!



# PHASE TWO – PROTOCOLS (cont...)

## FACILITIES / CUSTODIAL / MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS

- All frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected multiple times during the day. These may include door handles, light switches, and any equipment that may be used by multiple students.
- Water fountains will be closed for student use until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring bottled water to school.
- Restrooms will be disinfected multiple times during the day.
- Our custodians will ensure there is always adequate soap and paper products available in the restrooms and classrooms with handwashing stations.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and high traffic areas.
- Signs will be posted in the classrooms and restrooms with directions on how to effectively wash hands.

## HEALTH SERVICE AND GUIDANCE PROTOCOLS

It is crucial that parents read and understand the following guidelines very carefully about our NEW protocols and procedures when a student is sent to the nurse's office. The guidelines have been put into place by the CDC and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

- Students and staff should not attend school if they have exhibited any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours:

### [Symptoms of Coronavirus.](#)

Fever or chills  
Cough  
Shortness of breath or  
difficulty breathing  
Fatigue  
Muscle or body aches

Headache  
New loss of taste or smell  
Sore throat  
Congestion or runny nose  
Nausea or vomiting  
Diarrhea

- In the event your child comes to school exhibiting signs of illness, parents will be called to come pick up that child.
- Students exhibiting potential COVID-19 symptoms will be screened promptly. All care provided will be based on guidelines from the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services and the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. All students who become symptomatic while at the school require immediate isolation and will wear a medical-grade mask until they are no longer in the building. Parents/guardians will be expected to pick up the student in a timely manner.

## PHASE TWO – PROTOCOLS (cont...)

- Training will be provided to all staff on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Training will be provided to all staff and students on proper personal hygiene (handwashing), illness containment practices/respiratory etiquette (covering mouth and nose when sneezing) and social distancing.
- Teachers will contact the nurse when any student exhibits signs of illness.
- Students with symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school, and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school.
- **For students who are diagnosed with COVID-19** by a laboratory test, return to school is permissible when the student meets all the following criteria:
  - is at least 10 days from symptom onset
  - has had three days with no fever (with no fever reducing medicine)
  - has improving symptoms
  - AND**
  - has a letter from a physician or the Health Department releasing them back to campus.
- Return to school for children with an alternate diagnosis is at the discretion of their healthcare provider and/or the school nurse.
- Children who are a known close contact with COVID-19 (or an adult with symptoms compatible with COVID-19) should follow the current protocol that is approved by the local health department in accordance with the DHSS guidance.
- Nurse offices will maintain an adequate supply of personal protective gear (masks, gloves, disinfectant, and thermometers) to evaluate for the disease and reduce the spread of the disease.
- All buildings will have an isolation/holding room for sick students until a parent can come pick them up.

### **STAFF WORK PROTOCOLS**

- Every effort will be made to reduce the number of staff meetings in person, unless social distancing can be maintained. Google Meet and Zoom will be utilized as much as possible.
- Staff will regularly clean and disinfect work spaces.
- Workstations will be rearranged to ensure employees are following social distancing guidelines.
- Barriers and / or sneeze guards will be installed at reception areas and workspaces where the environment does not accommodate social distancing.
- Staff members will be encouraged to wear a mask while working in close proximity with students, another staff member or visitor.

## PHASE TWO - PROTOCOLS (cont...)

### PUBLIC/VISITORS PROTOCOLS

- Under the current circumstances, visitors to the building **WILL NOT** be permitted, unless prearranged or in an emergency situation.

## PHASE THREE – PROTOCOLS

*In Phase Three, Arcadia Valley R-II School District will look like “regular” school with a few exceptions. The school campus will begin to be less restrictive in terms of social distancing protocols and large group gatherings of students. In this phase, for example, school buildings will be allowed to have assemblies, normal recess, and other large group gatherings. In addition, the lunch rooms will be open for normal seating in all buildings, however numbers of students will be limited in order to spread students out. Health statistics will still be heavily monitored in this phase. In addition, the custodial cleaning protocols will still look much the same as phase two in terms of extra cleaning occurring in the building.*

### **HEALTH SERVICE AND GUIDANCE PROTOCOLS (Phase 3)**

Students with signs or symptoms of a communicable (contagious or infectious) disease should not be at school. If excluded from school, the student should not return until cleared by the school nurse to ensure requirements. In addition to a medical release, the nurse will consider whether the student is able to participate in routine activities or needs more care than can be provided by the school staff.

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 should not be on campus until receive a letter of return from the Health Department or from a medical physician saying they are allowed to return safely.

A student with a temperature above 100 degrees F will be excluded from school until at least 24 hours after fever is gone. Temperature should be measured without the use of fever-reducing medications (like Tylenol or Motrin).

Vomiting or diarrhea will require staying home from school for at least 24 hours or until a medical exam indicates it is not due to a communicable disease.

If a student has a rash and behavior change or a rash that is changing or spreading, a medical exam may be required before the student may return to school.

Other signs and symptoms of possible illness may require exclusion at the nurse’s discretion. These may include unusual tiredness, uncontrolled coughing; difficulty breathing or other unusual signs for the child.

The health offices will maintain records and send weekly surveillance reports to the Iron County Health Department.

## PHASE FOUR – PROTOCOLS (Fully Open and Operational)

*In Phase Four, Arcadia Valley R-II School District will return to its traditional educational learning environment of students.. All standard board policies and procedures would be followed and no additional protocols related to the COVID-19 virus will be implemented. In this phase, district nurses will follow their normal procedures for student illness.*

# COMMUNICATION OF COVID-19 CASES

The district will follow the guidance from a variety of sources including the Iron County Health Department, MO DHSS, and CDC in terms of communication of cases, contact tracing, etc.

The Iron County Health Department gets information on COVID positive cases and communicates that information to individuals and schools as needed. Information and guidance they are given changes depending on information they receive from the MO Department of Health and Senior Services. Please contact Iron County Health Department with questions and guidance on what to do with positive Covid-19 cases.

Arcadia Valley R-II School District will provide the Health Department with information as to any known close contacts on campus at their request. The district will provide the health department with seating charts, class rosters, etc as needed if they ask for it. Currently, as of August 2022, the Health Department has stopped the process of quarantining close contacts. Please contact the Health Department or your family doctor for information on what to do in the event of a positive test.

Any student or staff member who was recommended to quarantine by the Health Department or their doctor will not be allowed on campus until the school receives a note from the Health Department or a physician stating when they may return to campus safely from COVID-19.

(this information may change periodically as the ICHD and area Health Officials update their procedures)

## FACULTY/STAFF PROCEDURES

### DAILY SELF-CHECK

- Faculty and Staff are to stay home and report the absence to the school office or supervisor if they meet any of the following:
  - Have tested positive for COVID-19
  - Have been diagnosed presumptive positive for COVID-19
  - (In Phases 1 and 2) Are awaiting COVID-19 test results
  - (In Phases 1 and 2) Exhibit one or more symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance that is not otherwise explained. These symptoms include:

Fever or chills  
Cough  
Shortness of breath or  
difficulty breathing  
Fatigue  
Muscle or body aches

Headache  
New loss of taste or smell  
Sore throat  
Congestion or runny nose  
Nausea or vomiting  
Diarrhea

- Self-Quarantine – In Phases 1-2, if an employee has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms or been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has recently traveled from somewhere that is on the “hot spot” list of the CDC, the District may exclude them from the buildings and recommend that they quarantine based on guidance from the ICHD, MO DHSS, and the CDC.
- Social Distancing – In Phases 1-2 Faculty/Staff should not congregate in spaces where social distancing cannot be kept. (i.e. while eating lunch, staff should be at least 6' apart.)

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

The decision to move to any Phase of Response could be based on any of a variety of factors. Possible factors include:

- Student absenteeism
- Staff absenteeism
- Confirmed cases – a confirmed amount of cases that it becomes a recommendation of the health department or the school district to close to reduce/control the spread
- To protect the public health and safety as advised by local, state, or federal officials

In the event of a school closure. Please refer to information on page 4.

## Other Mitigation Strategy Policies

1. Correct mask wearing is not required. However, correct wearing masks procedures will be provided from the CDC found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>
2. Handwashing etiquette will be taught using information provided from the CDC found at <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>
3. Respiratory etiquette will be taught using information provide from the CDC found at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/resphygiene.htm>
4. Vaccinations: we will work with Iron County Health Department to help provide resources to get vaccinations to those who wish to receive them.
5. Contact Tracing – school officials will follow Iron County Health Department, MO DHSS, and CDC guidance on contacting tracing individuals to determine close contacts per <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/contact>



[-tracing.html](#). Seating charts will be maintained to identify students seated within 6ft and information from Iron County Health Department interviews.

6. Accommodations will be made for all students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
7. Contact Tracing – should the Iron County Health Department inform us of the need to contact trace students the following will occur:
  - a. Identify all students who are sitting within 6ft in the classroom setting of the positive case (or the definition of a close contact by the ICHD, DHSS, and CDC)
  - b. Identify any students sitting within the 6ft perimeter of the positive student on the school bus (or the definition of a close contact by the ICHD, DHSS, and CDC)
  - c. Identify any student who interacted with the positive case in after school or extracurricular programs as set by the definition of a close contact by the ICHD, DHSS, and CDC.
8. Quarantine – the school will follow guidance on quarantining students per guidance from the Iron County Health Department, MO Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Center for Disease Control.

## Continuity of Services

1. Should we have any interruption of in-person instruction again, the district will continue to provide services to all students. We will follow the district's AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction) Plan.
2. During in-person instruction and in the event of any interruption of in-person instruction, we will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff. Administrators, teachers, counselors, school social worker, and staff will remain readily available to address concerns and provide access to resources to help meet social, emotional, and mental health needs.

## Periodic Revision

1. This plan will be updated and revised at least every 6 months in order to help maintain a safe education environment for our students. We will continue to consult with stakeholders to help be sure the plan remains a benefit to keeping our kids in school and learning occurring.
2. The original plan document was adopted as part of a public board meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021. This second document has been updated as of December 9, 2021.

*\*Please contact the district office if you need this plan made available in other languages or to stakeholders who employ the oral tradition.*