

2022-23 USD 398 Peabody-Burns District Plan to “Stay, Learn and Play” Instruction and Continuity of Services

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for how USD 398 will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2022-23 school year. This document is fluid and ever changing, based on the latest information provided to us from KSDE, KDHE, KASB, County and Local Health Departments, and USD 398 Families, Faculty and Staff. **This document will be reviewed as needed at board meetings or if needed a special board meeting will be called.**

Masks & Face Coverings

- USD 398 Peabody Burns will follow the Gating Criteria in the wearing of masks for all staff, students and guests, in their facilities for the 2022-23 school year.

Physical Distancing

- USD 398 will physical distance to a minimum of three (3) feet or more when possible.
- All teachers who have requested sneeze guards for their desks can continue to use those when working with individual students
- Plexiglas is available for classroom use, but is not required

Handwashing, Respiratory Etiquette & Hygiene Measures

- USD 398 will promote handwashing and hand sanitizing. Promotional information will be provided to classroom teachers to use in their classrooms. It will also be available on the school website and through social media.
- USD 398 will provide students, staff and administration time to wash and sanitize their hands
- Hand sanitizing stations will be maintained at key entrances to the buildings and other high traffic locations.
- Sanitizer will be available in each classroom and school administrative offices
- Each classroom has a Medify Air filter that will be maintained and used in each classroom.
- The air handling systems will be maintained and filters replaced as recommended by the manufacture.
- USD 398 strongly recommends that all students stay home when feeling ill. We ask that students remain at home until they have been fever free for 72 hours.
- USD 398 strongly encourages families to implement preventive procedures at home.

Cleaning & Maintaining Facilities

- USD 398 will clean and sanitize our buildings as recommended.
- Classroom teachers will also have readily available cleaning supplies in their classrooms to sanitize high use surfaces if needed and at the end of each class period if needed.
- Cleaning supplies and sanitizer will be available on all district transportation vehicle

Contact Tracing, Isolations and Quarantine

- USD 398 administration will work with local health providers, the Marion County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment when needed to protect the safety of our students, teachers, staff and administration.
- If a parent or staff requests to be tested, but the student or staff is not a close contact, the student or staff would not be required to be on modified quarantine.
- Any student or staff who has been vaccinated and was a close contact will not need to be tested or be quarantined.

Diagnostic Testing and Screening

- USD 398 is currently administering the Abbott Binax Now Antigen Covid test. Any student or staff who signs a permission slip to be tested, can be tested. Testing can take place if the staff or student is identified as a close contact or testing is requested by the parents.
- USD 398 will work with the students, their parents, their family physician, Marion County Health Department or other local testing sites when students need to be screened for the COVID-19 symptoms.

Vaccinations

- USD 398 students and staff will not be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to attend school
- USD 398 has worked with the Marion County Health department to provide vaccinations onsite in the past and we would be open to that option in the future if there is a need.
- We will provide information of local vaccination provided for those who request the information.

Students with Disabilities

- USD 398 along with Marion County Special Education Cooperative Interlocal #617, will continue to make appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities in all aspects including health and safety concerns according to the Individual Education Plan or 504 needs of the student.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

- USD 398 will continue to coordinate with State and local health officials to keep our students, staff and community safe.
- The Superintendent of Schools is in contact with the Marion County Health Department on a regular basis.
- The Superintendent of Schools attends Zoom and in-person meetings scheduled by KSDE, KASB, Greenbush and ESSDACK to keep up to date with CDC guidelines and COVID updates.

Learning Opportunities

- Academic needs will be met through continued full-time, in person instruction.
- Social, Emotional and mental health needs will be met through social emotional training of staff and students.
- USD 398 will work with individual students and families if a student is absent from school due to COVID related issues.