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A FRAMEWORK FOR REOPENING STUART PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This framework is organized into categories essential to planning for the 2021-22 school year, with specific actions and considerations in each category. In general, the categories are intended to facilitate communication and planning to meet the challenges of the 2021-22 school year, ensuring stakeholders and school district Personnel understand how to support operations to produce the best outcomes for all, including CDC Guidelines, community health considerations and conditions for learning.

For FY 22, Stuart Public Schools plans to return to full time on campus instruction. Any student with medical conditions requiring them to be virtual will require proper medical documentation and those students will be allowed to receive instruction virtually via distance learning. **All** other students will be on campus, unless required by the Stuart School Board of Education (The Board), the Superintendent of Stuart Public Schools (decision to close based on numbers of sick/quarantined students/staff or inclement weather or other qualifying event), the State Department of Education (SDE), State Health Department (SHD), executive order by Governor or President, or legislative action based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, to close schools and use virtual/distance learning. In the event that occurs, **ALL** students will follow the FY 22 Distance Learning Plan for Stuart Public Schools.

Safe Return Plan

In safely returning to school for FY 22, Stuart Schools and stakeholders have developed the following as a means of providing the safest possible return for students, teacher, staff, and visitors to campus.

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks

- A. Upon the Governor signing SB 658, schools are prevented from requiring mandated mask policies.
 - (1.) Elementary Students will still be instructed on how to properly wear masks during morning meetings and High School Students will receive instruction during annual handbook and policy meetings at the beginning of the school year and new students throughout the year will be instructed upon enrolling.
 - (2.) Disposable masks are made available to students, staff, and visitors. Located in

the front office where all visitors must check in upon entry to the school building.

2. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing

- A. Stuart Schools has modified classrooms by spacing desks a minimum of 3 feet apart and using plastic shields on each desk.
- B. Students are socially distanced in the cafeteria and at PE.
- C. We have staggered passing times in the hallway so girls and boys change classes at different times and their lockers are staggered to allow the maximum space between students.
- D. Signs are posted in high traffic areas encouraging social distancing and encouraging the wearing of masks.

3. Hand washing and respiratory etiquette

- A. Elementary home rooms go over hygiene and proper ways to cover coughs and sneezes at enrollment and during morning meetings.
 - (1.) Teachers provide hand washing breaks periodically throughout the day.
- B. Grades 7-12 personal hygiene and proper ways to cover coughs and sneezes are covered at enrollment and during Morning messages.
- C. Hand sanitizing stations have been placed in each classroom and throughout the hallways for use in addition to hand washing.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

- A. Cleaning has increased since the pandemic with extra staff hired to clean. New Air Scrubbers and Ultra-Violet lights in HVAC ducts have not only cleaned the air but have increase the need for dusting as the ionized particles from the air fall to surfaces.
- B. MERV-13 Air Filters are installed on return air vent for all HVAC units.
- C. Except in extreme hot or cold weather, windows and doors will be left open to allow cross ventilation to occur.

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

- A. When notified of a Positive COVID case by individual or Health Provider, Stuart Public Schools currently uses cameras, questioning of teachers, students and staff,

seating charts (classrooms and buses) and questioning of infected person to determine who must be quarantined or isolated. We then publish those on the SDE/SHD joint web site as a database for those who are both positive and those quarantined.

- (1.) Stuart Public Schools is currently taking bids on an updated camera system with more cameras as to cover the entire campus which will make contact tracing even better.

6. Diagnostic and screening testing

- A. Unless Pittsburg and Hughes Counties are green on the COVID-19 map, **All** persons entering a school bus and/or the school building will have their temperature taken. Temperatures of 100.0° F or higher will not be allowed to enter the bus and/or building. Students entering the bus with less than 100.0° F temperature, but above 99.0° F when entering the school will isolate and be reevaluated every 5 minutes for up to 30 minutes to determine if they are ok to stay at school as temperature falls or must return home for isolation.

7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities

- A. Upon the Governor signing SB 658, schools are prevented from requiring COVID vaccinations for students or staff.

- (1.) Stuart Schools will still provide parents and staff members with information from State and Local Health officials on vaccination clinics.

8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

- A. Any accommodations needed will be determined by IEP team and will be implemented in order to preserve the health of each individual child, while keeping them in the Least Restrictive Environment.

9. Coordination with State and Local Health Officials.

- A. Stuart Public Schools will work with State and County Health officials in determining the best path to safe learning for the students of Stuart Public School.
- B. Stuart Public Schools will continue to document all positive COVID cases as well as quarantined students/staff and post them to the SDE/SHD database.

Academic Considerations

Stuart Public Schools plans to return to full time on campus instruction, with all students on campus for in-person learning.

Exceptions:

1. Any student with medical conditions requiring them to be virtual will require proper medical documentation and those students will be allowed to receive instruction virtually via distance learning.
2. Students with Disabilities may be placed to a virtual setting dependent upon recommendation by IEP team.
3. The Stuart School Board of Education (The Board), the Superintendent of Stuart Public Schools (decision to close based on numbers of sick/quarantined students/staff or inclement weather or other qualifying event), the State Department of Education (SDE), State Health Department (SHD), executive order by Governor or President, or legislative action based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, to close schools and use virtual/distance learning.
 - a. In the event that occurs, **ALL** students will follow the FY 22 Distance Learning Plan for Stuart Public Schools.

All other students will be on campus for in-person learning. Any other extenuating circumstance may be brought before the Principal, Counselor, and Superintendent for approval for Distance Learning. That decision may be appealed to the Board of Education at the next School Board Meeting.

Student Meal Considerations

In the event Stuart Public Schools has to close for either short term quarantines or long term as a result of a full blown pandemic, student instruction will continue via Virtual/Distance learning and breakfast and lunch meal services will be provided on both a curbside pickup for those students living in town and by delivery along bus routes to all others.

Mental Health of Students and Staff

All school counseling services will be provided in-person while maintaining social distancing or through phone conversations as virtual video is not necessarily private.

Scholarship information is listed on the Counselors page on the school website at <https://www.stuart.k12.ok.us/page/counselor-corner>

For all counseling services that fall out of the realm of the school counselor, referrals will be made for any student or staff member needing services as pertains to their social, emotional and mental health needs.

Teachers will apply SEL (Social Emotional Learning) 5 Core Competencies strategies within their daily instruction – (1. Self-Awareness, 2. Self-Management, 3. Social Awareness, 4. Relationship Skills, & 5. Responsible Decision Making).

Teachers will receive professional development training over integrating SEL strategies - CASEL (casel.org) SEL Roadmap for Reopening Schools and (<https://sde.ok.gov/distancelearning>.)

The school will stay socially connected to students and parents through text message, email, the school Facebook page, web site and through notifications on the school app.