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Introduction

The global Coronavirus pandemic has introduced a new level of risk for in-person instruction and in-person gatherings. Our schools are designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions. The benefits of this approach to education are well accepted. Public input was provided for our plan and federal law requires we review our plan at least every six months. Individuals who speak other languages may have the plan interpreted. Please contact Dr. Adam Willard at 417-788- 2543 for this request.

We have heard from our community and access to school is important. We also know our community prioritizes student and staff safety, and expects a thoughtful re-entry plan. The Walnut Grove R-V School District will begin the academic year on August 24, 2021 with traditional, in-person classes, but will have planned and prepared for an outbreak that causes the school community to transition swiftly to distance learning. Schools will make a reasonable best effort to minimize risk; however, attending our schools in-person will introduce a greater risk of exposure.

As we continue to navigate COVID-19 and the impact it has on our organization, we have never lost sight or focus on the impact it has also had on our staff, students and community. We know that each individual has been impacted in different ways and that everyone has differing views on how we should return and what that should look like.

Parents who choose not to send their students to school will have access to our Alternative Learning Model. An online learning option will be provided for students who choose not to return to school because of the health risks associated with COVID-19. **The Walnut Grove R-V Elementary** has formally partnered with Springfield Public Schools and will utilize their **Fueled by Launch** platform to provide a credible online learning program. **The Jr. High & High School students** who choose a stay-at-home alternative learning model will participate in the Walnut Grove Jr. and High School online learning management system, **Canvas**. Teaching and learning will be facilitated by Walnut Grove Jr. High and High School teachers. This decision will require a quarter by quarter commitment for students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Students in grades 6-12 must make a semester long commitment.

We will follow the Department of Health and CDC recommendations regarding sanitation, social distancing, and changing structures and systems to comply with certain guidelines. As the guidelines change and adjust, so will our direction and communication. We will continue to adapt to our environment and provide the best support to our staff, students and community. We ensure that this plan will remain a fluid, amendable document that considers stakeholder feedback and Department of Health and CDC recommendations.

Sincerely,

Adam Willard
Superintendent
Walnut Grove R-V

Walnut Grove R-V Person of Contact

Dr. Adam Willard, Superintendent, has been identified as the primary contact who can help the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and Polk County Health Department with COVID-19 cases and contact tracing as well as communication with members of our school district community.

Masks

The Walnut Grove R-V School District encourages but will not mandate protective face coverings for students and staff. Mandating protective face coverings may be considered throughout the school year if student and staff positive cases and quarantines become significantly high.

Social, Emotional, and Mental Wellness

Students and staff will be invited to attend a host of school activities including academic activities and athletic competitions. School counseling staff will be available to students and staff, including options for students who need individual counseling sessions. Wellness checks will be conducted by principals, school resource officers, school counselors, and instructional staff during periods of distance learning.

Surveillance, Screening, and Triage

Students and staff who have a fever (100.4 or higher) and/or cough may be asked to stay home and report the absence to the school office or supervisor. Students and staff must conduct a daily self-check. This self-screening outlines that you should not enter a building if, in the past 14 days, you have *experienced two or more of these symptoms that are unusual for you personally*:

- a fever (100.4 or higher) or a sense of having a fever (you don't feel well);
- chills, cough, sore throat, headache;
- new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches;
- shortness of breath, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea;
- if you or a close contact has been diagnosed or presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19.

Those allowed into the school buildings may be screened. Those who are identified to have concerning symptoms may be instructed to use hand sanitizer and go to a designated area to be picked up by parents and sent home. *Students/staff must be fever/symptom/medicine free for 24 hours to return to school. Temperature will be taken before re-entry. Parents should consider COVID testing when their child has multiple symptoms.*

Suspected Case of COVID-19

In the event of a suspected case of COVID-19, the following protocols will be followed:

SCENARIO

- An employee or student doesn't feel well and visits the school nurse.
- The nurse determines symptoms may be COVID related.
- The employee or student will be temporarily separated from others.

Remember that schools are not expected to screen students or staff to identify cases of COVID-19. However, COVID-19 tests are available to the school district and can be administered by the district nurse. If a community (or more specifically, a school) has cases of COVID-19, the school nurse will help identify those individuals and will follow up on the next steps. Employees who are fully vaccinated do not need to participate in screening testing and do not need to quarantine if they do not have any symptoms; though decisions regarding screening testing may be made at the state or local level.

EMPLOYEE

- The employee will contact their primary healthcare provider and the provider will arrange for testing, or, the employee may request to be tested by the district nurse.
- If the employee tests positive for COVID, the provider that ordered the test will call the employee with the positive result.
- **An employee who has COVID-19 needs to stay home for 10 days after symptoms appeared, and at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms are improving. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.**
- The Health Department will also contact the employee and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing). If the employee resides in a county other than Greene, then that county's Health Department will contact the employee.
- The district nurse or district administration will ask the employee about all close contacts the employee had from the 48 hours prior to symptoms up to and including the day the employee began isolation measures.
- **An employee in quarantine (this would be someone who had been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 patient) needs to stay home for 14 days since their last exposure. However, an employee who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does NOT need to stay home:**
 - **Someone who has been fully vaccinated and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 or**
 - **Someone who has COVID-19 illness within the previous 3 months and**
 - **Has recovered and**
 - **Remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath).**
- The district nurse or administration will direct the individual and any other person at possible risk of being infected with what to do.
- Your local public authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last, based on local conditions and needs. Follow the recommendations of your local public health department if you need to quarantine. Options they will consider include stopping quarantine after day 10 without testing and after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or after).

STUDENT

- The school nurse will contact the parent. When the parent arrives, the nurse will encourage the parent to have the child tested. The nurse will offer to assist the parent with making phone calls to the healthcare provider.
- **A student who has COVID-19 needs to stay home for 10 days after symptoms appeared, and at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms are improving. Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.**
- Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to participate in screening testing and do not need to quarantine if they do not have any symptoms; though decisions regarding screening testing may be made at the state or local level.
- The healthcare provider will arrange for the student to be tested. If the student tests positive for COVID, the healthcare provider will contact the parent.

- The district nurse or district administration will then contact the parent and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing).
- The parent will be asked about any close contacts the student may have had from the 48 hours prior to symptoms up to and including the day the student began isolation measures.
- **A student in quarantine (this would be someone who had been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 patient) needs to stay home for 14 days since their last exposure. However, a student who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who meets the following criteria does NOT need to stay home:**
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- The district nurse or administration will direct the parent on what the student and any other person at possible risk of being infected with what to do.
- Your local public authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last, based on local conditions and needs. Follow the recommendations of your local public health department if you need to quarantine. Options they will consider include stopping quarantine after day 10 without testing and after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or after).

If the employee has been told to self-isolate, *they should contact his/her/their direct supervisor/principal and complete the required application for leave.* If the student has been told to self-isolate, the family will be requested to call the school. The school will check to see if there are siblings or other family members in the WG R-V. The principal/supervisor will contact the Superintendent. The Superintendent will advise the Board of Education. *Superintendent will consider initiating the following WG R-V Positive COVID-19 Protocols:*

- consider closing the building for 24-48 hours.
- contact the Health Department for additional guidance.
- official communication to the Board of Education, administrators and families (and media, if appropriate)
- building principal or supervisor will follow up with the staff member or family of the student.

Nursing

The WG R-V District nurse regularly keeps a log of health room visits. The name and number/address of all persons seen with fever and new cough will be recorded. Due to student privacy, these records are not public; however, information may be shared with the Polk County Health Department or Springfield-Greene County Health Department as appropriate. These Health Departments will provide guidance on students and staff who have had contact with people who are suspected COVID-19 positive. The school nurse or district administration will notify, to the extent allowable by applicable privacy laws, teachers, staff, and families of students who were close contacts as soon as possible (within the same day if possible) after they are notified that someone in the school has tested positive. Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do NOT have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested.

Student Transportation

While bus-transportation is available, families will need to request service for the year so that we can plan effectively for ridership. Due to COVID-19 social distancing recommendations, it is highly recommended students provide their own transportation.

Drop students off as close to the school start time as possible and not too early as to avoid the gathering of students before doors open.

Upon dropping your child off, please remind them that their first responsibility as they enter the building is to either wash their hands or use the hand sanitizer located in the entrance of buildings or in their classroom. Students will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Please be patient with district employees as they work to implement new protocols. Arrival and dismissal procedures may initially take more time than in previous years. Your understanding is appreciated.

Parents are asked to not allow their students to attend school or take the bus if sick.

Students riding the bus and drivers will be required to wear a mask. CDC's federal order applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. Regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order. For example, if a student attends a school where mask use is not required due to vaccination status (e.g., a high school with a high rate of vaccination), the student is still required to wear a mask on the school bus.

Schools should provide masks to those students who need them (including on buses), such as students who forgot to bring their mask or whose families are unable to afford them. No disciplinary action should be taken against a student who does not have a mask as described in the U.S. Department of Education.

Drivers will sanitize the rail frequently with an EPA approved disinfectant.

Drivers will sanitize seats between use with an EPA approved disinfectant.

Drivers will assign seats for all riders. Each bus list of assigned seating will be maintained so it can be provided to the Health Department for contact tracing, if needed.

Extra routes may be added to minimize students on the bus.

Students within the same household (or students who are considered in each other's stable group) will be assigned seats together or in seats across from, in front of, or behind each other.

Students will be limited to 3 students per row when possible.

Drivers will pay special attention to students at higher risk of severe illness from COVID 19, especially students riding special education and early childhood special education buses.

WG R-V will encourage alternative forms of transportation for these students, or prioritize social distancing for these students.

Bus routes times may be adjusted to minimize the amount of time students are at school prior to the official starting time.

Parent pick-up and bus loading areas may be adjusted to minimize students congregating.

Preschool Drop-off and Pick-up: Parents will be required to wear a mask while entering the building to drop off students and when picking up at the end of the day.

Physical Distancing

Because of the importance of in-person learning and if everyone is not fully vaccinated, Walnut Grove R-V will implement physical distancing to the extent possible within their structures, but should not exclude students from in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement. In general, CDC recommends people who are not fully vaccinated maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from other people who are not in their household. However, several studies from the 2020-2021 school year show low COVID-19 transmission levels among students in schools that had less than 6 feet of physical distance when the school implemented and layered other prevention strategies, such as the use of masks.

Based on studies from 2020-2021 school year, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking, screening testing, cohorting, improved ventilation, handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19, and regular cleaning to help reduce transmission risk. Mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is particularly important when physical distance cannot be maintained. A distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated.

Cohorting

The Walnut Grove R-V School District may implement Cohorting if determined necessary. Cohorting means keeping people together in a small group and having each group stay together throughout an entire day. Cohorting can be used to limit the number of students, teachers, and staff who come in contact with each other, especially when it is challenging to maintain physical distancing, such as among young children, and particularly in areas of moderate-to-high transmission levels. The use of cohorting can limit the spread of COVID-19 between cohorts but should not replace other prevention measures within each group. Cohorting people who are fully vaccinated and people who are not fully vaccinated into separate cohorts is not recommended. It is a school's responsibility to ensure that cohorting is done in an equitable manner that does not perpetuate academic, racial, or other tracking.

Breakfast and Lunch

Cafeteria capacity during lunch will be reduced to allow for physical distancing, which ultimately could require some students to eat in their classrooms or additional identified spaces. Food service employees will continue to be intentional with their selection of food and communication with teachers to ensure students with food allergies are not exposed to foods to which they are allergic. If you would like to send lunch with your child, please ensure that you are following any guidelines set forth by the classroom teacher as they relate to student allergies.

Elementary Procedures

Students will eat breakfast in the classroom. This allows us to limit large gatherings in situations in which physical distancing and the wearing of a mask is difficult. Additional safety measures include:

- Desks and classrooms will be disinfected between student usage.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands prior to eating (to reduce the possibility of ingesting the virus after touching food contact surfaces such as tongs, merchandisers, handles, etc.). Self- service is not allowed during this time.
- All students will be offered a meal in the lunchroom. To help with social distancing, the typical elementary lunch shift has been divided into two separate shifts. This will considerably reduce the amount of students in the cafeteria at one time.
- Teachers will organize and hand student lunch cards to the cashier who will scan them and return them to the teacher.
- Meal substitutions and seating accommodations will be made for students with food allergies/intolerances, based on medical forms on file.
- Meals may be sent home for those that choose the online, virtual option. However, some ingredients may be restricted to minimize the risk for students with severe food allergies. Your student's teacher will notify you if this is the case.
- Cafeteria tables will be disinfected between each student usage. In addition to normal sanitizing procedures, the kitchen and serving area will be disinfected at the beginning and end of food preparation and meal service.
- Students will have an assigned seat in the cafeteria for tracing purposes which may be requested from the Health Department.
- Parents or visitors will not be allowed to each lunch with their student in the cafeteria.

Junior High & High School Procedures

- Breakfast will be eaten in the student's first period class.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands before entering the serving area (to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus to others through contact surfaces such as tongs, merchandisers, handles, etc.).
- During lunch, students will scan their ID card at the cash register, using a touchless badge scanner or the cashier will enter the number for the student In efforts to limit contact.
- Meal substitutions and seating accommodations will be made for students with food allergies/intolerances, based on medical forms on file.
- Cafeteria tables will be disinfected between each student usage. In addition to normal sanitizing procedures, the kitchen and serving area will be disinfected at the beginning and end of food preparation and meal service.
- Students will have an assigned seat in the cafeteria for tracing purposes which may be requested from the Health Department.
- All cafeteria tables will be utilized during the high school and junior high lunch shifts. Students will have assigned seats and social distancing opportunities will be maximized.

- Lunch being dropped off for a student must be given to the secretary at the door. Visitors will not be allowed into the building to drop off lunch for a student.

Classroom Safety Protocols for grades K-5 performed by the classroom teacher or students with teacher guidance

Prior to lunch or when returning from lunch, desks, tables, chairs, door knobs and other high touch areas will be sprayed and wiped down. At the end of the day, spray and wipe down Chromebooks or any devices used by students

Classroom Health & Safety Norms

- Assign seats to students and keep a record of seating charts (REQUIRED FOR TRACING PURPOSES)
- Use hand sanitizer/wash your hands for 20 seconds each time you enter and exit the school building.
- Use hand sanitizer/wash your hands for 20 seconds each time you enter and exit each classroom
- Wash your hand for 20 seconds before and after lunch
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds after using the restroom
- Stay socially distant from your classmate in your room and during transitions in the hallway when feasible.
- Cough and sneeze in your sleeve
- Keep your hands out of your mouth and eyes
- Do your best to use your own supplies

Additional classroom considerations

- Limit the use of community supplies
- Use the Chromebooks for work submission instead of paper when possible
- Utilize virtual manipulatives as much as possible
- Limit multiple student touching/interacting with the same materials
- Keep students socially distant to the extent possible.
- Ensure students are facing the same direction as much as possible.
- Students will be grouped together to minimize cross-contamination throughout the day.
- Personal water bottles are encouraged due to limited or no drinking fountain availability. Students will be allowed to fill water bottles at fountains, but will not be allowed to drink directly from the fountain.

Classroom Safety Protocols for grades 6-12 performed by the classroom teacher or students with teacher guidance

At the conclusion of each class, desks, tables, chairs, door knobs, Chromebooks and other high touch areas will be sprayed and wiped down.

Classroom Health & Safety Norms

- Assign seats to students and keep a record of seating charts (REQUIRED FOR TRACING PURPOSES).

- Use hand sanitizer/wash your hands for 20 seconds each time you enter and exit the school building.
- Use hand sanitizer/wash your hands for 20 second each time you enter and exit each classroom.
- Wash your hand for 20 seconds before and after lunch.
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds after using the restroom.
- Stay socially distant from your classmates as much as possible.
- Cough and sneeze in your sleeve.
- Keep your hands out of your mouth and eyes.
- Do your best to use your own supplies.

Additional classroom considerations

- Limit the use of community supplies.
- Use the Chromebooks for work submission instead of paper when possible.
- Utilize virtual manipulatives/tools as much as possible.
- Limit multiple student touching/interacting with the same materials.
- Keep students socially distant to the extent possible.
- Support social distancing between classes.
- Ensure students are facing the same direction as much as possible.
- Personal water bottles are encouraged due to limited or no drinking fountain availability. Students will be allowed to fill water bottles at fountains, but will not be allowed to drink directly from the fountain.

Specials/Related Arts Classes

Elementary PE: K-5 students will continue to have PE class with activities that minimize student contact. When it is possible, PE may be held outside.

Elementary Art: All students attending in-person instruction in the fall will continue to receive art instruction during the school year at least once a week for 55 minutes. The Art teacher will be delivering their lessons in the art room. Modifications will be made to the curriculum and instruction to limit shared supplies and ensure that each student is receiving high-quality instruction whether at school or in an online environment, should a school need to close temporarily.

Elementary Music: All students attending in the fall will continue to receive music instruction during the school year at least once a week for 55 minutes. The Music teacher will conduct lessons and activities in the Music classroom. Modifications are being made to the curriculum and instruction to limit shared supplies and ensure that each student is receiving high-quality instruction whether at school or in an online environment, should a school need to close temporarily.

Elementary Computer Classes: All students attending in the fall will continue to learn foundational technology skills during their specials' rotation. Lessons will be available for face-to-face learning in the students' home classroom or technology classroom (3rd-5th grade in Mr. Carter's room, K-2nd in the classroom) or virtual learning will be delivered utilizing student-assigned Chromebooks.

Elementary Library: The Librarian will continue to work with classroom teachers to integrate information and literacy skills into classroom content as needed. Students will be able to check out print and digital materials from the library. Procedures for doing so will be shared with both the elementary and secondary teachers and students.

Elementary Special Services: All special education students will be provided instruction relative to their IEP goals. The child's case manager will work with families to ensure a child's IEP is being met.

Students' services will be provided in a pull-out and/or push-in model to ensure the student's IEP goals are being addressed. If WG R-V has to close a school or the district due to health concerns, students will continue to receive their services from their special education teacher.

Junior High and High School Seated Instruction

Students will retain a "normal" schedule, but interactions outside the classroom will be limited in order to reduce the expansion of the established stable groups. Students will report to first hour class upon arrival. Students are allowed to get breakfast upon arrival and take it to their first hour class. Large gatherings will be limited and this may result in:

- Concerts and performances in small groups.
- Cancellation or modification of school dances, assemblies, and functions.

Classroom protocols will include assigned seating and other measures to minimize the expansion of a stable grouping and aid in contact tracing.

CTE (Career and Technical Education) Classes will be available for students. OTC is currently planning to have seated instruction. Transportation will be provided. Parents may contact the high school administration to request permission for students to transport themselves at no expense to school district.

Secondary Special Services: All special education students will be provided instruction relative to their IEP goals. A child's case manager will work with families to ensure a child's IEP is being met. Students' services will be provided during the students' special education classes, in a pull-out and/or in a push-in model to ensure the student's IEP goals are being addressed. If WG R-V has to close a school or the district due to health concerns, students will continue to receive their services from their special education teacher.

Performing Arts (Band and Choir): Classes will be reorganized to emphasize social distancing and may require reductions in typical class sizes. This will potentially include alterations to traditional class expectations. Playing instruments, singing, or acting scenes may only happen in small groups. We will utilize all available digital tools and classroom resources for sectionals or group rehearsals where social distancing is achievable. Students will use their own equipment to avoid sharing. When this is not possible appropriate cleaning and sanitizing will take place.

Visual Arts: Visual art classes will continue with enrolled students. Classes will be reorganized to emphasize social distancing. We will utilize all available digital tools and classroom resources to maximize student learning. Students will use their own equipment to avoid sharing. When this is

not possible appropriate cleaning and sanitizing will take place. The Art teacher will demonstrate proper hand washing and cleaning of tools, equipment, and media so that students can properly clean shared items when appropriate. Students will follow teacher demonstration and expectations.

Physical Education: Classes will engage in outdoor activities as much as possible. Social distancing will be managed as much as possible. Students will be provided with their own equipment for class when possible and equipment will be regularly disinfected. Hand sanitizing before and after physical activity will be expected. Activities will be used which limit close contact with others. Students may not have access to locker rooms.

Library: All secondary students will have access to print and digital materials available through the Library. Limited access to the library will be available for individual and small groups of students. Social distancing will be followed. Safety measures will be enacted to clean and sanitize circulated materials.

Learning from Home Virtual Instruction

Students 6-12 who have chosen to stay home when school opens will be required to participate in Walnut Grove R-V's Canvas online learning management system. Students in grades K-5 who have chosen to stay home when school opens will be required to participate in the Springfield School District's Fueled by Launch online learning platform. Unfortunately, there will not be an online stay-at-home option for Preschool students. The District will provide a Chromebook and internet for students that do not have access.

Elementary students are required to commit to Launch by quarter. Once a student has enrolled in Launch, they will not be allowed to return to Walnut Grove R-V until their required commitment with Launch is completed.

More information regarding Fueled By Launch may be found at www.fueledbylaunch.com

Once officially enrolled, Fueled By Launch Virtual open houses for Elementary parents. Those dates are to be determined.

School Closures (If needed)

The decision to close WG R-V Schools may be made as a means to prevent further spread of an epidemic, or in response to high student and/or staff absenteeism. The Superintendent will make school closure decisions in consultation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and neighboring school district superintendents. Current CDC recommendations will help guide closure decisions.

Possible School Closure Trigger Points:

- Student absenteeism: Schools may close if absenteeism is in the range of 30%-40% percent for two consecutive days. Instruction would then transition to virtual learning facilitated by the classroom teacher. Again, students who started the school year at home enrolled in Launch will continue their learning with these programs.
- When it is not economically prudent to keep the school open.

- Teacher/Staff absenteeism: When the number of staff available to supervise and instruct students drops below what is necessary to maintain a safe learning environment.
- Confirmed case(s) of COVID-19.
- To protect the public health and safety: When advised to close by the Governor or state and local health authorities.

The decision to close on these triggers is the school district's decision in conjunction with guidance from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and the CDC.

Staff members may be required to report to work and facilitate virtual instruction during normal contracted time. Support staff may be required to report to work to prepare and deliver meals and help assist instruction and student learning.

Possible Modifications for any COVID 19-related reason:

- Whole Group/Carpet Time: Students will be required to remain at their desk during whole group mini-lessons.
- WG R-V Elementary may develop recess schedules that limit the number of students on the playground or within a specific area of the playground.
- To limit the movement of staff and students throughout the district's facilities, Specials' teachers and the Librarian may travel to students' classrooms to facilitate their lessons and activities.
- Staff and student temperatures may be checked daily as they enter the building.
- All students may eat lunch in their classroom. Meals will be delivered by staff to the classroom.
- Limited or no use of facilities by outside groups.
- When students need to leave school during the school day, school staff will accompany the student to the exit and await the arrival of the parent/guardian.
- School will close in either the elementary, junior high/high school, or both. The students who chose to enroll in Launch will continue their stay at home online learning option. All other students will participate in virtual learning with their assigned teacher(s). This could include a blend of hard copy materials, online lessons and required student participation through online applications such as Zoom and Google Hangout. Devices and internet access will be provided to the students without access.

Custodial

WG R-V will maintain adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and tissues throughout the district's facilities. The custodial staff will ensure the maintenance of stock. Custodians will clean frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g. tables, water fountains/filling stations, light switches, and doorknobs) with district supplied cleaning and disinfectant products. Custodians are to refill teacher supplies as requested. Custodians will sanitize each classroom on a daily basis with a disinfectant spraying machine. This practice, however, will not replace regular cleaning routines.

ESSER III Loss of Learning Funds

The Walnut Grove R-V will be required by law to allocate approximately \$130,000 ESSER III funds to remedy any loss of learning accounted for due to the pandemic. At this time, Walnut Grove R-V is considering summer school for the 2021-22 school year for remediation and loss of learning. More information will be presented as it becomes available.

Extra-curricular Activities (including athletics and cheer)

WG R-V Schools plans to provide students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. While offering these opportunities, the district will prioritize the health and safety of students and staff by adhering to the CDC and Springfield-Greene County Public Health Center recommendations. We understand that as we abide by those recommendations, some if not all, of those opportunities may be limited in the extent in which they can be provided. Additionally, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and the Polk County League may further outline guidelines as to how athletics and activities will be offered at district high schools and middle schools.

As a district, we understand the importance of offering these opportunities to our students and will continue to make every effort to do so. However, we know there may be decisions made by local, state, or national organizations that may prohibit some, if not all, extracurricular activities from taking place. To the extent possible, we expect all athletics and activities that can be performed in accordance with CDC and Greene County Health Public Health Center recommendations will be available for student participation.

WG R-V Schools is committed to providing all co-curricular opportunities possible while adhering to CDC and Greene County Health Department recommendations. Certain opportunities may be limited to the extent in which they can be offered due to physical distancing and gathering size recommendations. Some of the co-curricular opportunities may only be offered virtually, as they were this past spring.

Offering of and participation in co-curricular activities will require flexibility by students, families and sponsors which may include, but are not limited to:

- Before or after school practice in larger spaces to account for physical distancing.
- Multiple “practice times” in order to promote smaller group sizes and physical distancing.
- Students and staff wearing masks due to inability to consistently maintain physical distance.
- Adjusting performances and competitions to adhere to gathering size and physical distancing recommendations.

Local and state organizations may provide further guidance to schools on how to provide these opportunities while prioritizing student and staff safety. School officials will communicate that information upon availability.

Pending further guidance from state and local health officials, to the extent possible, WG R-V Schools will adhere to the most current recommendations concerning physical distancing, gathering size and personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff at the time of the extracurricular opportunity.

Persons playing a sport are not required to wear a Face Covering.

Commonly touched surfaces will be avoided when possible. Those surfaces and/or objects will be disinfected before and after use when avoidance is not possible.

Locker rooms will be disinfected, and commonly touched surfaces in locker rooms will be cleaned throughout the day.

Covid-19 Vaccinations (Students & Staff)

The Walnut Grove R-V School District will provide swift assistance to those who wish to be vaccinated. Please contact the district nurse or superintendent if interested in the COVID-19 vaccine.

Potential Questions regarding Activities and Athletics

What actions will be taken if a student or coach/sponsor tests positive for COVID-19?

We will communicate with the individuals and families and ask them not to return to our campus until 24 hours have passed without fever and 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or until cleared by a doctor. Coaches, sponsors, and the district nurse will communicate with families to ensure adherence to this expectation.

We will identify staff and students considered close contact (contact for >10 minutes within a 6 foot radius). Close contacts will be asked to not to return to campus for 14 days. If at that point the individual(s) have not shown any signs or symptoms of COVID- 19, they may return to campus. If it can be traced to limited individuals or no contact was made, that team can continue to practice.

If a student who tested positive has been in contact with multiple members of the team, it may require shutting down that team or group for a specified amount of time. Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be asked to not return until 24 hours have passed without fever and 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or until cleared by a doctor

Additional measures may be required if a student or staff member is infected that may include, but are not limited to:

- Requiring that group participate in only physically distant, non-sport specific activity.*
- Restricting the group from practicing on campus or for an extended period of time.*

Will the district allow spectators to attend games, competitions and/or performances?

WG R-V will review recommendations from national, state and local health organizations while prioritizing the safety of students, staff and families. It is also possible that some sports and activities will be able to compete and perform while others will not. Restrictions concerning these events will be determined by state and national organizations. School officials will communicate that information as it becomes available.

Additional requirements may be in place during competitions or performances. Essential personnel only will be allowed near students during games and competitions. Those individuals will maintain social distance when possible. .

Live-streaming services for events will be offered when possible.

What daily precautions can students and staff take when participating in athletics and activities?

- *If you are sick or do not feel well, stay home.*
- *Be aware and disclose any potential contact with individuals who tested positive for COVID-19.*
- *Wash and sanitize hands often.*
- *Do not touch face, eyes and mouth as much as possible.*
- *Practice physical distancing regularly.*
- *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.*
- *Wash or sanitize any gear or apparel used in activity that day.*
- *Maintain a list of people you've been in contact with daily.*
- *Comply with any and all federal, state and local guidelines.*

What additional measures are the staff taking to minimize the risk for students each day?

- *Disinfect the venue and all equipment (weights, balls, jump ropes, etc.—anything that can be touched) prior to activity each day.*
- *Verify that coaches and participants are symptom-free before activity each day.*
- *Take attendance at each day's activities, including the coaches.*
- *Prepare and schedule frequent hand washing/sanitation opportunities during activities.*
- *Require participants to bring their own water bottles and avoid use of water fountains.*
- *Modify drills and activities to limit or reduce potential violations of physical distancing guidelines including high fives, huddles, team meetings, etc.*
- *Regularly sanitize items that are most often touched during activities.*
- *Avoid using whistles when possible to reduce droplet spread.*
- *At the end of activities that day, sanitize and disinfect the venue and all equipment used.*