SEMINOLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

SAFE RETURN AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

June 22, 2021

Health and Safety

WELLNESS SCREENINGS

Families are expected to screen children for fever and/or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 prior to students' arrival at school each day. Staff members are expected to self-screen for fever and/or other symptoms associated with COVID-19 prior to arrival at school each day.

CHIEF COVID OFFICER

Seminole Public Schools' Chief Covid Officer is our school nurse, Stephanie Killian R.N. She assists in creation and compliance with health related procedures and policies.

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MASKS

Seminole Public Schools is operating according to recommendations provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Face coverings are optional. It is the recommendation of the district that stakeholders receive a COVID-19 vaccination to ensure individual protection. Masks are recommended, but not required, for the 2021-22 school year for Seminole Public Schools students and staff. Students and staff will continue to follow state and local health department guidance.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Students and staff will continue to maintain physical distance, when feasible. Teachers will arrange space in classrooms to maximize distance between students. Distancing decals will remain on the floors. Students will be instructed and encouraged to keep their distance regarding minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

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HANDWASHING/HAND SANITIZING

Handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer has become a wonderful habit for students and staff. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be in place at multiple locations at each school site. Instruction will be commonplace at each grade level regarding the importance of proper handwashing and the frequent use of hand sanitizer.

APPROPRIATE ACCOMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Seminole Public Schools' Special Services Director and the Special Education Team will continue to ensure that appropriate accommodations are provided to children with disabilities in respect to Covid-19 health and safety policy and practices. The Special Education Team will consult with the School Nurse (Covid-19 Officer) and coordinate with state and local health officials as necessary.

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PROPER RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Proper respiratory etiquette will be a part of routine instructional practice. These good health principles will be taught by our classroom teachers and our school nurse (Seminole Public Schools' Chief Covid Officer). CDC guidelines for respiratory etiquette (hand hygiene/cough) recommend the following measures to contain respiratory secretions and decrease the spread of respiratory infections:

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
- If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used for staff and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer.
- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Post signs in highly visible locations that promote protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs such as proper handwashing and proper way of covering your cough.

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CONTACT TRACING/ISOLATION/QUARANTINE

Seminole Public Schools' Chief Covid Officer, Stephanie Killian R.N will communicate information to the school community about Covid-19 community vaccination efforts. She will coordinate and market efforts for vaccinations for students and staff with local agencies as opportunities to vaccinate arise.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Seminole Public Schools' Chief Covid Officer, Stephanie Killian R.N. will continue contact tracing, in coordination with state and local health departments.

COVID-19 TESTING

According to health officials protocol, Seminole Public Schools' Chief Covid Officer, Stephanie Killian R.N. will test for Covid-19.

Safe School Facilities

CLEANING AND SANITIZIATION

Cleaning and sanitizing buildings is of paramount importance. Custodial staff will maintain the sanitizing and increased cleaning procedures instituted during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic. These enhanced cleaning and sanitization practices will occur with increased frequency and include the use of equipment commonly used in hospitals to disinfect classrooms and common areas. In addition to common, EPA-approved cleaning agents, electrostatic sprayers and other sanitizing equipment will be used. The district will provide teachers and staff members with additional sanitation materials for their classrooms and/or work spaces.

IMPROVING VENTILATION

The initiative will continue toward improving building ventilation. Proper ventilation is an important aspect in minimizing the risk of Covid-19. Repurposing learning areas to maximize proper distancing and ventilation will be ongoing within our school sites.

MINIMIZING RISK ON SCHOOL BUSES

Seminole Public Schools' will maximize the number of buses so that students are not overcrowded, thus maximizing their distance. Buses will continue to be sanitized between groups of students. Windows will remain open to facilitate better air flow.

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SUPPLY SHARING

Shared supplies will be avoided to the extent possible. Frequent cleaning and sanitization procedures will be used when it is necessary to share supplies.

RECESS

Students' ability to participate in unstructured play is an important component for children to develop physical, mental and social skills. Recess schedules will be staggered and the number of children on the playground will be limited at any given time to accommodate physical distancing guidelines. Hand hygiene practices will be in place before and after recess.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Seminole Public Schools' will maintain Covid safe practices during extracurricular activities to the extent possible. Each sport or activity will have its own facets to consider in the prevention of Covid-19 risk. Please consult the leader in the specific activity to inquire about safety precautions within the extracurricular activity.

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VISITORS

Visitors may enter Seminole Public School buildings with administrative permission. Visitors must adhere to Covid-19 precautions and safety measures anytime they are in our building or school grounds.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Seminole Public Schools believes in the importance of reading and research; the school media centers will remain open for student use. There will be necessary changes in routine, scheduling, spacing, and sanitation.

Virtual library selections will also be available for students to access books and research materials in a virtual format.

Social-Emotional Learning

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Many of our students have experienced significant hardships and traumatic events during the course of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Students cannot learn if they do not feel safe. The social and emotional wellbeing of children is important and makes a difference in students' ability to learn and grow. Our school counseling teams are prepared to support students and are also poised to provide resources and referrals to families in need. Our school counselors will be working with school administrators in the development of a system of support to assist with social-emotional learning for all of our students.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR STAFF

Seminole Public Schools' employees have experienced significant amounts of stressful change during the Pandemic. Ever changing procedures and conditions have made the Pandemic difficult to navigate. Seminole Public Schools have responded to the mental health needs with professional development sessions including the topics of self care and coping strategies. Seminole Public Schools will seek input from teachers and staff for ways that we can better support their mental, social, and emotional health and well being this upcoming school year.

Academic Plan

SUPPORTING UNFINISHED LEARNING

Seminole Public Schools will have a focus on unfinished learning in our curriculum for the 2021-22 school year. At the beginning of the school year, students will be assessed to determine what academic gaps may exist for each student and to mitigate any loss of learning that may have occurred due to the pandemic. During the course of the school year, teachers will use a variety of instructional strategies to fill these gaps. Academic assessments and interventions will be balanced with needed social and emotional supports.

Learning Pathway Options

ON-SITE, IN PERSON LEARNING

Seminole Public Schools will have traditional, on-site learning for students with the aforementioned Covid-19 safeguards, practices and procedures in place. Digital learning days may be imbedded in the in-person school calendar and may be utilized when classes are canceled or temporarily interrupted.

VIRTUAL LEARNING CENTER

Seminole Public Schools has established a Virtual Learning Center with highly qualified certified teachers who are passionate about offering a quality education to students whose families need a virtual learning option.