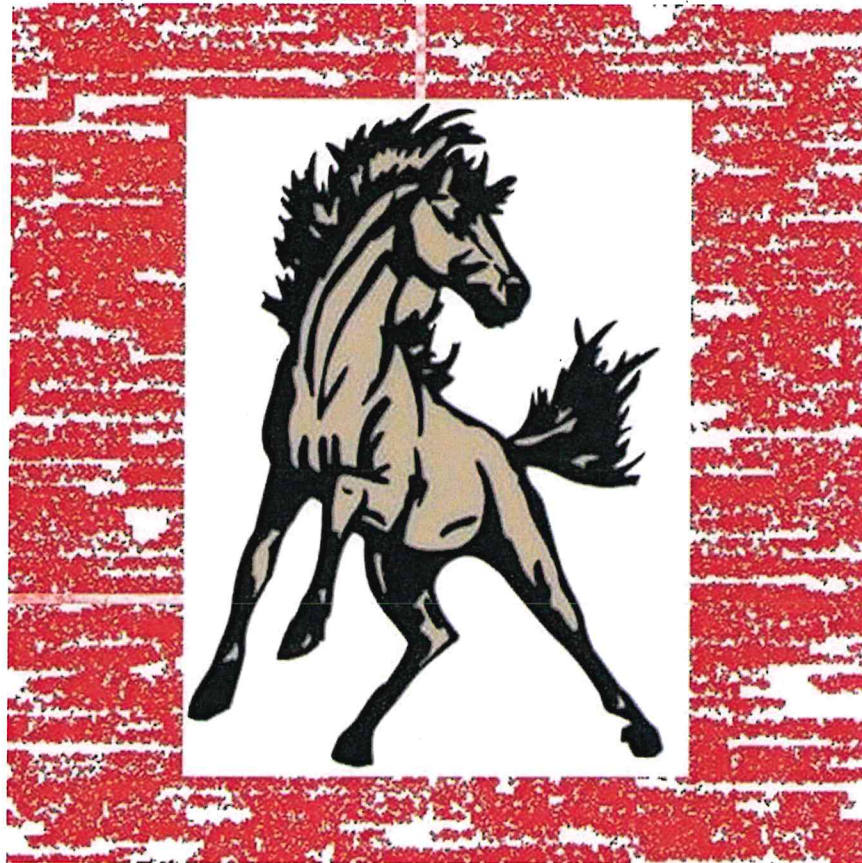


Glenwood R-8 School District



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

August, 2022

Mitigation Strategy Policies

The following Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) outlines the Glenwood R-8 School District's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This plan will outline how the school will ensure continued safe operations to maintain the health and safety of students and staff while meeting the academic needs of all students.

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, the Glenwood R-8 School District adopted a policy to require all staff members to wear masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth. Students were highly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings, but they were not mandated. As the case numbers dropped considerably in and around the West Plains community, the Glenwood R-8 School District discontinued mandatory mask wearing for staff or students. This decision was made with input from students, staff, parents, and community members. This policy may be revised at any time if case numbers begin to rise significantly, and decisions will be made with input and feedback from students, staff, parents, community members, the local Department of Health, and be consistent with recommendations from the CDC.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Glenwood R-8 School District will adopt the following policies on mask wearing (subject to change if local conditions warrant):

- Masks or face coverings are suggested but not required, for all students and staff
- Signs will be posted throughout the school encouraging mask wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Physical Distancing

Recommendations regarding physical distancing will be consistent with recommendations from the CDC. For the 2022-2023 school year, the following policies regarding physical distancing will be implemented:

- It is encouraged that students and staff remain six feet apart when possible

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Policies regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be maintained consistent with recommendations from the CDC and Howell County Health Department. The following policies will be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Proper handwashing will be taught to all students by the Glenwood R-8 School District's full-time nurse at the beginning of the school year
- Proper handwashing will be reinforced by school staff every day
- Proper respiratory etiquette will be taught to all students by the school nurse at the beginning of the school year and reinforced every day by school staff
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in every classroom and common rooms throughout the school, and proper usage will be taught to all students by district staff

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

The Glenwood R-8 School District has adopted the following policies for the 2022-2023 school year around cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities. All policies are consistent with recommendations from the CDC.

- All surfaces will be cleaned at least once per day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces.
- Hallways, considered high traffic areas will be cleaned more frequently.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing will no longer be conducted by the Howell County Health Department. Isolation and quarantine policies will be consistent with recommendations by the CDC and state/local agencies.

Isolation

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home from school for five days. After five days, masking is suggested but not required.

You may end isolation after day 5 if:

- ☐ You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- ☐ Your symptoms are improving

If you still have a fever or your other symptoms have not improved, continue to isolate until they improve.

If you have no symptoms you may end isolation after day 5.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Testing will not be provided onsite by the Glenwood R-8 School District. Information regarding local testing sites will be communicated to parents when necessary.

Vaccination Efforts

The Glenwood R-8 School District will highly encourage all staff members receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Information regarding vaccination events will be shared with staff members as it becomes available. This district will sponsor vaccination events in partnership with local health agencies if opportunities become available.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Accommodations for students with disabilities will be made as necessary and in accordance with the students' Individual Education Plan as mandated by law.

Continuity of Services

This portion of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) will address how the Glenwood R-8 School District will provide for the academic needs of students during any interruptions of in-person instruction. Further, this section will address how the Glenwood R-8 School District will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff during in-person instruction and during any

interruptions of in-person instruction, including how the district will continue to provide nutritional and health services.

Academic Needs

In the event that COVID-19 creates interruptions to in-person instruction in the Glenwood R-8 School District, the following protocols are in place to meet the academic needs of students. These policies and procedures will require further expenditures by the district to provide the technology necessary to ensure the success of these policies for both staff and students.

- Students will be provided with a device to ensure learning can occur from home, with iPads for students in PK-1st grade, and Chromebooks for students in grades 2-8
- Students have been trained to utilize Google Classroom, which is the mode in which virtual instruction will be delivered from Glenwood teachers should an interruption occur in in-person instruction
- Teachers will be provided resources and training on using Google classroom to ensure it can be successfully implemented for virtual instruction if necessary
- After school tutoring will be accessible for all students throughout the entire 2022-23 school year. In the event in-person instruction is interrupted, after school tutoring will provide an important opportunity for students to address learning gaps that may occur
- Interventions will be provided for students in all grade levels in both mathematics and reading instruction. These interventions will be an opportunity to address lost instructional time from the 2020-2021 school year as well as any potential lost instructional time if interruptions occur to in-person instruction during the 2022-2023 school year
- A diagnostic and progress-monitoring tool will be utilized by the district to assess and address learning gaps

Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

The social, emotional, and mental health needs of staff and students is an essential area to address in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For students, the district has a full-time school counselor. The counselor will regularly meet with all grade levels throughout the year to teach lessons to help meet the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students. Students will have other classroom lessons and activities to meet these needs as well, implemented by their classroom teachers. Staff members will also have access to the school counselor, and information about other social, emotional, and mental health resources in the community will be shared with staff as necessary.

Nutritional and Health Services

Meals will be available to all students even during interruptions to in-person instruction. Staff members will be available to distribute breakfasts and lunches to all students throughout the duration of any building closure due to COVID-19.

Periodic Revision

The Glenwood R-8 School District will periodically review and revise, if necessary, the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP). This review will take place on a quarterly basis at a board of education meeting. This will occur during the months of June and September during the 2022-2023 school year. During this time, the public will be invited to attend and provide input regarding the policies and procedures outlined in the SRCSP.

Understandable Language

The Glenwood R-8 School District's SRCSP is available on the district website, and physical copies will be provided in the front office. This plan may be translated to other languages or provided orally as requested. Questions regarding translation of the district's SRCSP need to be directed to Principal Jewel Holloway by phone at 417-256-4849 or by email at jholloway@glenwood.k12.mo.us.