

Communicable Disease-COVID-19

Exposure Control Plan (2-14-22)

In consideration of the recommendations and guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Guy-Perkins School District is implementing this *Emergency Exposure Control Plan* for all students and employees of the district as part of the Communicable Disease Policy (Policy 4.34) found on page 3 of this document. This Plan shall be enforced by the Guy-Perkins School District until further notice.

SCREENINGS

At this time based on the recommendations from the CDC and ADH, health screenings shall continue to be implemented daily for students of the district. For approved visitors to buildings, screening by office staff, or the nurse, with digital thermometers will continue. Proper signage regarding COVID 19 will posted. The frequency, manner, and place of such visitors allowed and screenings shall be implemented under the direction of the Superintendent, or his designee.

FACE COVERINGS - STUDENTS

Until further notice, all students in Kindergarten through the 12th grade will be GIVEN THE OPTION to wear a mask (face covering) a) while attending school, or a school function in any school building, facility, or other area of the district, and b) when riding in school-provided transportation.

FACE COVERINGS - EMPLOYEES

Until further notice, all district employees will be GIVEN THE OPTION to wear a mask (face covering) while working or attending a school function in any school building, facility, or other area of the district.

CLEANING AND SANITATION

Until further notice, all district employees will be required to help with cleaning, as needed, while working or attending a school function in any school building, facility, or other area of the district. All employees shall assist, as needed, in the following manner:

- Common spaces, high-traffic surfaces, restrooms, gyms, the cafeteria, and classroom work spaces will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the school day;
- Buses will be sanitized after each route;
- Athletics will continue to adhere to all guidelines set forth by the ADH and Arkansas Activities Association (AAA), which includes disinfecting and sanitizing all facilities and equipment; and

- Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will be practiced by employees and students throughout the school day.

QUARANTINES AND ISOLATION

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issued guidance for school districts on 2/1/22 - <https://tinyurl.com/4249n28a>. The Guy-Perkins School Districts will continue to isolate students/staff testing positive for COVID-19 and encourage students/staff to quarantine if they are a “probable close contact” with someone testing positive for COVID-19. Nurse Sarah Toller (R.N.) is the Point of Contact for the district and will continue to work with parents to help determine the best option for each student and their family.

The Guy-Perkins School District is implementing this *Emergency Exposure Control Plan* for the safety and well-being of all students and employees per ADH, DESE, and CDC guidance and as part of the Communicable Disease Policy (Policy 4.34). **The district reserves the right to make changes to the *Emergency Exposure Control Plan* as information is updated by the CDC, ADH and DESE.**

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4.34—COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND PARASITES

Students with communicable diseases or with human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment shall demonstrate respect for other students by not attending school while they are capable of transmitting their condition to others. Students whom the school nurse determines are unwell or unfit for school attendance or who are believed to have a communicable disease or condition will be required to be picked up by their parent or guardian. Specific examples include, but are not limited to: Varicella (chicken pox), measles, scabies, conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), impetigo/MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), streptococcal and staphylococcal infections, ringworm, mononucleosis, Hepatitis A, B, or C, mumps, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever (100.4 F when taken orally). **A student who has been sent home by the school nurse will be subsequently readmitted, at the discretion of the school nurse, when the student is no longer a transmission risk. In some instances, a letter from a health care provider may be required prior to the student being readmitted to the school.**

To help control the possible spread of communicable diseases, school personnel shall follow the District's Exposure Control Plan when dealing with any blood-borne, food-borne, and **air-borne pathogens exposures**. Standard precautions shall be followed relating to the handling, disposal, and cleanup of blood and other potentially infectious materials such as all body fluids, secretions and excretions (except sweat).

In accordance with 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS, the District shall maintain a copy of each student's immunization record and a list of individuals with exemptions from immunization which shall be education records as defined in policy 4.13. That policy provides that **an education record may be disclosed to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.**

A student enrolled in the District who has an immunization exemption may be removed from school at the discretion of the Arkansas Department of Health during an outbreak of the disease for which the student is not vaccinated. The student may not return to school until the outbreak has been resolved and the student's return to school is approved by the Arkansas Department of Health.

The parents or legal guardians of students found to have live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment will be asked to pick their child up at the end of the school day. The parents or legal guardians will be given information concerning the eradication and control of human host parasites. A student may be readmitted after the school nurse or designee has determined the student no longer has live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment.

Each school may conduct screenings of students for human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment as needed. The screenings shall be conducted in a manner that respects the privacy and confidentiality of each student.