



WUSD Key Safety Protocols



»»» Educate and Inform «««

- CDC Coronavirus education materials will be posted throughout our sites in English and in Spanish in highly visible locations to include: handwashing hygiene practices, when to stay home, cough/sneeze safely, and everyday protective measures
- Staff will be provided training on safe practices
- Regular routines will be established for handwashing and sanitizing
- Parents, students and staff will receive regular communication via multiple venues – email, website, videos and written communications.
- Support will be critical to our success – it will be critically important that individuals not feeling well stay home and follow hygiene practices at home and at school

»»» Physical Infrastructure «««

- Plastic barriers may be used in public spaces
- Bubblers (water fountains) will not be available; bottle fillers will be able to be used
- Sanitation stations will be used throughout our sites
- Teaching spaces and classrooms have been reconfigured as necessary to create maximum space for physical distancing
- Cleaning and disinfecting includes daily and weekly protocols and in between new groups of students
- Hand hygiene will be taught and reinforced
- Isolation rooms are established at each site to be used as needed with students or with staff

»»» Transportation «««

- Shuttle service will be resumed for students
- All buses will have and use seating charts. Students will ride near the same students in the morning and afternoon whenever possible.
- Sitting at windows with 1-2 students per seat is preferred and should be used whenever possible – 2-3 students may sit per seat if necessary
- Students from the same household are strongly encouraged to sit together and may sit with three in a seat
- Buses will be disinfected following each route with special attention to high touch areas
- Whenever possible, bus windows should be open to increase circulation of outdoor air, but not if doing so might pose a health or safety risk (temperature too cold, risk of falling, etc.) If the weather is cold outside, bus drivers may choose to open two windows up to one inch to increase ventilation while keeping the bus temperature warm and safe for students and staff.

»»» Food Service «««

- Routines have been established for handwashing and sanitizing before and after any food handling/consumption
- Maximum physical distancing when consuming food will be practiced
- Cafeterias/gyms/common spaces may be designated for lunch
- Food service will serve only nut-free food items during the 2021-2022 school year

»»» Staffing «««

- In-person trainings will be conducted with maximum distancing maintained
- Appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided to staff as needed

»»» Activities/Athletics «««

- We will rely on guidance from the WIAA, or activities organization, to hold safe athletic practices, competitions, and events
- Safety protocols will be followed as established for activities and athletics as they are during the school day
- Virtual options will be pursued when appropriate/necessary

»»» Health and Behavioral Norms «««

- We encourage parents and other essential visitors, but appointments must be made whenever possible and visitor policies must be followed
- Non-essential visitors and visits will be limited and are at the discretion of the site administration
- School staff will work with students and staff with high risk/vulnerable conditions to address concerns on a case-by-case basis
- Upon arrival at school, students will have a staff member complete a visual symptom checker and check his/her temperature. Any child with a temperature of 100.4 or above or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will meet with the health assistant/WUSD Nurse for further assessment
- The Watertown Health Department will handle positive COVID-19 positive cases with the cooperation of the WUSD

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