

Hector School District

COVID-19 Precautions Procedures

Purpose: The intent of these Procedures are to provide guidance for the Hector School District during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Data to guide the parameters of the Procedures will be reviewed by the administrative team utilizing Point of Contact and contact tracing as its primary data source. This guideline is subject to adjustments based on guidelines received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and any directives from the Governor or DESE.

Standard Precautions: At all levels of risk, classrooms should continue to emphasize the use of washing hands, physical distancing, and thorough disinfecting of all facilities.

WHO: All K-12 staff and K-12 students

Limited Response: Classroom or Grade Level Modification if necessary

- Positive COVID-19 cases are confirmed in a school building but limited spread allows onsite operations to continue.
 - Students and staff quarantines may require classroom or grade-level pivots to remote learning using a blended learning approach.
- The percentage of staff and students affected will not alter the delivery of school-wide or district-wide on-site instruction and special services. AMI day/closure not needed.
- The school will make adjustments for teachers and students to stay connected and to provide meaningful instruction.

STEP 1: Superintendent supports P.O.C. and school staff to communicate with parents of affected students

STEP 2: Superintendent reports limited response modification in Insights reporting system

STEP 3: Superintendent does not have to consult with DESE/ADH; however, the superintendent may wish to talk to the assigned DESE P.O.C

Moderate Response: School level Modification is Necessary

- Positive COVID-19 cases are confirmed within the district with moderate spread that extends beyond a specific group of students or classroom. Within-school spread of Covid may be occurring. **MASK MANDATE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF DURING THIS TIME. MASK MANDATE WILL BE EVALUATED WEEKLY UNTIL CONFIRMED CASES SUBSIDE.**
- The percentage of staff and students affected within a school building may alter the delivery of on-site instruction and special services to the extent that a school closure to on-site instruction is warranted for in-person learning for a period of time.
 - AMI plans may be implemented if all students and staff pivot to remote learning.

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- The extent of school closure will be determined in collaboration with DESE/ADH.
- Buildings may remain open for staff to continue teaching.
- Limited on-site services may still be provided to smaller student groups.

STEP 1: Superintendent supports P.O.C. and school staff to communicate with parents of affected students.

STEP 2: Superintendent determines if AMI plans will be implemented for the school. Superintendent reports moderate response modification in Insights reporting system.

STEP 3: Superintendent must consult with DESE/ADH for closures that extend beyond the time needed for contract tracing, securing substitutes, and/or cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

Critical Response: District Wide Modification is Necessary

- AMI/school closure implemented
 - AMI: Pivot to remote learning for all students district-wide with AMI plans implemented for the delivery of meaningful instruction.
 - District-wide closure: May be required with make-up days scheduled for a later date if meaningful instruction cannot occur.
- Special services may still be provided on-site with limited numbers of students; however, it is anticipated that services may have to be provided remotely due to limited school personnel available.
- Postpone/cancel school-sanctioned events.

STEP 1: Superintendent supports P.O.C. and staff to communicate with parents of affected students. **CRITICAL RESPONSE:** District-wide Modification is Necessary

STEP 2: Superintendent determines if AMI plans/closure will be implemented for the district. Superintendent reports critical response modification in Insights reporting system.

STEP 3: Superintendent must consult with DESE/ADH for closures that extend beyond the time needed for contract tracing, securing substitutes, and/or cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

WHAT: Wearing of mask

1. Wearing a mask at all times is strongly recommended for K-12 students and staff.
2. A mask will be worn at all indoor events if that individual school is under a mask mandate.
3. Masks are optional for all outdoor athletic events.

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4. There may be other learning opportunities that require mandatory masking that will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Quarantine: Hector School District will follow the Arkansas Department of Health's recommendation for the quarantining of students and staff.

If a staff member or student is fully vaccinated they will not be required to quarantine if they are considered a close contact of a positive case, unless they start having symptoms, or test positive.