

Stockton USD #271

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

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021, provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to states and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.

USD 271 Background:

On July 24th, 2020, the Stockton USD #271 BOE adopted a Re-Opening Plan.

PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

(A) Personal health assessments.

Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to conduct a personal health assessment prior to entering any district facility or participating in any district sponsored activity or event. We will not be taking temperatures upon entering buildings and events. Individuals that suspect they are ill (i.e. fever, chills, cough, etc.) and are not feeling well should stay home.

(B) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

Stockton USD #271 no longer has a mask requirement. Masks are optional inside Stockton schools and other facilities for those individuals who are fully vaccinated or individuals who

are not been fully vaccinated. Masks are also optional for all students and staff during outdoor activities. No individual shall be treated unfairly or uncivilly based on their masking choices.

(C) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing

Physical distancing will be encouraged where and when possible, within and outside Stockton Schools and other facilities. Classrooms, lunchrooms, and other educational areas will return to pre-COVID usage.

(D) Hand-washing and respiratory etiquette.

Individuals are encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. Hands should be washed or sanitized before and after using shared supplies. Covering coughs and sneezes is always recommended.

(E) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

In spaces that are regularly occupied, enhanced cleaning and maintenance protocols will continue to be used. Teachers may choose to do additional cleaning. Managing and monitoring air quality through HVAC systems will continue to be used as a mitigation strategy.

(F) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

Stockton School District will cooperate with Rooks County Health Department for contact tracing purposes. Contact tracing and follow up instructions to be provided by Rooks County Health Department to exposed individuals.

Stockton School District will collaborate with Rooks County Health Department to determine necessary action in the case of increased positivity rates in a class, group, school, etc.

Students and staff who have been exposed by COVID-19 but are not positive will not be isolated unless required by Rooks County Health Department. Students and staff who have been exposed by COVID-19 and are positive or showing COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated.

(G) Diagnostic and screening testing.

Students, staff, and community members can access COVID-19 diagnostic or screening tests through Rooks County Health Department. Staff will continue to monitor for symptoms, trends, and clusters, and request that students and staff seek medical services as appropriate.

(H) Vaccinations.

COVID-19 vaccination is not a requirement for school attendance. Vaccination information is utilized by Rooks County Health Department when making quarantine decisions. As appropriate, the district will inform parents/guardians of COVID-19 vaccination opportunities for eligible students.

Requests for vaccination status would only occur in cooperation with Rooks County Health Department. If parents want to voluntarily share this information with us, it would help eliminate some contact tracing.

(I) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

USD 271 is encouraging students and staff who want to be vaccinated to visit with one of the following: their family physician or Rooks County Health Department.

(J) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

USD 271 will provide accommodations to its policies for students with disabilities as determined appropriate based upon the individual student needs and in accordance with an individual accommodation plan or individualized education plan. Students requiring

accommodations should contact the building administrator to request information on plans for students with disabilities.

Specific student health needs are addressed through a student health plan.

(K) COVID-19 outbreak.

Because there is the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak within our school community, we must all be prepared to adapt to any number of actions to increase preventive measures in response to changing circumstances throughout the school year. Guidance from local, state, or national agencies influence these measures and could result in revisions to this plan.

The Stockton School District will comply with any local, state, and federal mandates associated with COVID-19. If there is a conflict in laws, we'll consult our school district attorney.

(L) Coordination with State and local health officials.

USD 271 officials meet regularly with the Rooks County Health Department, Rooks County Doctors, Rooks County Hospital, Rooks County Emergency Manager and Rooks County School Districts.

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