

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

SAFETY PLAN

2021-2022
SCHOOL
YEAR

Union R-XI's number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. Our safety plan is developed from local and state guidelines regarding social distancing and sanitation to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Union R-XI School District has or may take additional procedures in preparation for the start of school. These procedures are based on the most recent recommendations from state and federal resources may evolve as information is updated from state and federal health agencies.

MASKING & HYGIENE



- Face coverings for all staff teaching grades PK-12 will be optional.
- Face coverings for all students grades PK-12 will be optional.
- Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands as they enter and before they leave school each day.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout each school.
- Hand hygiene awareness signs are posted to remind everyone of the importance of clean hands to wash for at least 20 seconds.

TRANSPORTATION



- All bus riders must wear face masks/coverings (which will be provided if needed).
- Student family members are asked to share seats.
- Buses are disinfected after each route, before starting the next route.
- Parents are encouraged to drop off / pick up students to decrease the number of students on the school bus.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



- To help minimize cross-contamination, elementary students are grouped together with the same staff throughout the day, and as much as possible for older students.
- Classes utilize outdoor learning spaces when applicable.
- Desks are arranged to increase space between students where possible.
- Only supervisors and staff who are required for instruction are allowed in classrooms.
- Adequate art supplies or other educational tools are available to minimize sharing. When sharing is necessary, staff minimizes the number of students with contact to supplies and teaches disinfecting techniques.
- Elementary recess schedules are altered to minimize the number of students on the playground and allow for social distancing.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH



- Elementary: Breakfast is grab-and-go and will be eaten in the classroom.
- Secondary: Grab-and-go and hot breakfast will be available in the cafeteria.
- Table sanitization will occur between lunch shifts.
- Elementary Schools: Students will eat in their grade level/teams to minimize cross-contamination.
- Secondary Schools: Along with the cafeteria, alternate spaces will be utilized during lunch periods to allow students to spread out more.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING



- High-touch common surfaces (doorknobs, drinking fountains, desks, computers, tables, chairs and restrooms) are cleaned and disinfected properly multiple times daily. All disinfectants are EPA registered to kill COVID-19.
- All Union R-XI Custodians are training on enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Disinfectant is available for all classroom teachers.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS



- A nurse is available for every building.
- Any person exhibiting signs of COVID-19 is sent to the nurse immediately for evaluation.
- Students are sent home if they exhibit two or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based upon CDC Guidance.
- Parents are encouraged to screen children daily before sending them to school.
- Parents must keep children home if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.
- We will follow protocol to determine a return to school if a student is excluded.