

# Safe Return to Schools Plan 2021-2022



To ensure a safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services, USD 503 will maintain the health and safety of students and all staff with the following practices in the 2021-2022 school year:

## Healthy School Environments

- Every person age two and older will wear a mask when indoors on school district property and on buses.
  - Outdoor masking is recommended, but not required.
  - This new universal mask requirement is effective 08/11/21 and subject to review at each monthly Board of Education meeting.
- Efforts will be made to maintain classroom seating with a minimum of 3 feet of social distancing between students and staff.
  - Considerations will be made for cohorts or podding if needed.
- Hand washing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be taught and signage will remain posted throughout buildings.
- Custodial staff will continue to follow specific cleaning protocols and procedures.
  - USD 503 will continue to use cleaning solutions that are rated to eliminate the COVID-19 virus.
- Administration will continue to complete all contact tracing documentation and efforts.
- Parent, community partner and volunteer activities in school buildings, as well as field trips, pep rallies and assemblies will resume in the 2021-2022 school year.
- The district may adopt reasonable safety measures to protect the safety of personnel, students and visitors during school-related activities.
  - Reasonable safety measures may include: cleaning and sanitization plans, use of physical safeguards and barriers and the use of PPE.



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## COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations

- USD 503 Students and staff members can access COVID-19 testing and vaccinations through the School Health Office.
- USD 503 participates and partners with vaccination efforts in accordance with state and federal law for staff and eligible student groups.
- District personnel will continue to collaborate with the Labette County Health Department and KDHE on a regular basis to determine next steps as needed.

## Continuity of Services

- USD 503 will provide reasonable, necessary, and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as determined by individual student needs and in accordance with their individualized education plan (IEP).
- Additional instructional personnel have been added or reassigned where possible to implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas.
- Where possible, specialists, paraeducators and educational consultants will be available and utilized during the instructional day and/or during before and after school tutoring programs throughout the year.
- District K-12 staff and counselors will continue to monitor and address the social and emotional learning needs of all students.
- Free meals will be made available for all students during the 2021-2022 school year.
  - There will be a charge for a la carte items.
- The district has provided staff with opportunities to utilize social and emotional support through an Employee Assistance Program (EAP).



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