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COVID-19 Response Protocol

The following protocol will guide the School District response during a public health emergency. What guides our protocol is our responsibility to ensure the safest and healthiest environment for students, employees, and the public. Our protocol was developed in collaboration with local public health officials and takes into consideration CDC guidelines in a practical manner. The measure that we can monitor in a timely and most accurate manner that reflects conditions within the School District of Gilman is local student and staff absenteeism rate due to COVID-19 positive cases or quarantine.

Extracurricular and cocurricular activities

Our COVID-19 response plan for extracurricular and cocurricular activities will be based on COVID-19 infections and/or quarantines that occur within each individual program rather than the COVID-19 rates for the entire school or athletic department. For example if a football game is cancelled due to COVID-19, volleyball may continue.

3P Fitness Center

It is our goal for 3P Fitness Center to remain open regardless of COVID-19 infections and/or quarantines within the school. Individuals that use 3P Fitness Center are expected to follow universal precautions, proper hygiene, and cleaning practices at all times. Our COVID-19 response plan for 3P Fitness Center will be based on COVID-19 infections and/or quarantines within our community. Should we experience a high infection rate in the community, 3P Fitness Center may experience temporary closures.

Definitions

Absenteeism rate = The percentage of students or staff who are absent from school due to COVID-19 positive cases or quarantine over a seven (7) day period.

Low Risk = 0% to 5% absenteeism rate due to COVID-19 positive cases or quarantine.

Moderate risk = 5.01% to 9.99% absenteeism rate due to COVID-19 positive cases or quarantine.

High risk = Greater than 10% absenteeism rate due to COVID-19 positive cases or quarantine.

Response Plan

Low risk

- Provide in-person and at-home learning options for students.
- Sneeze guards for offices and every teacher desk will be made available.
- Cubicle sneeze guards for work stations will be made available where social distancing isn't practical such as instructional labs.
- Implement social emotional support for students, staff, and families.
- Educate stakeholders on proper social distance and hygiene practices.
- Increased focus on everyone practicing proper hygiene
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of the building, playgrounds, frequently touched surfaces, and school buses.

Moderate risk

- Encourage social distancing. Student participation will be limited to groups less than 35 participants and 50% capacity of indoor facilities where practical.
- Encourage the use of facial coverings if social distancing isn't possible.
- Encourage remote participation at meetings.
- Public access to the building during the school day is limited. Parents and visitors will use Door 1 and report directly to the office. Student drop-off is at door 1.
- Educate stakeholders on proper social distance and hygiene practices.
- Implement social emotional support for students, staff, and families.
- Consider closing the building or sections of the building for 1 to 3 days for enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the building, playgrounds, frequently touched surfaces, and school buses.

High risk

- Encourage social distancing in all locations to the greatest extent practical.
- Encourage the use of facial coverings if social distancing isn't possible. A facial covering requirement may be considered.
- Consider cohort student groups, limiting students moving from class to class, A/B student groups and class schedules, and/or at-home learning.
- District facility and equipment use requests by the public are postponed.
- Public access to the building during the school day is restricted to the office. Parents and essential visitors will use Door 1 and report directly to the office.
- Increase social emotional support for students, staff, and families.
- Consider closing the building for 3 to 10 days for schoolwide quarantine and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the building, playgrounds, frequently touched surfaces, and school buses.