

USD 311 COVID-19 Protocol & Guidance

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In a statement released on December 30, 2021, Reno County Health Department (RCHD) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) support the new Center for Disease Control (CDC) approved isolation and quarantine guidelines. USD 311 works in cooperation with RCHD to keep residents of Reno County safe.

We encourage parents to educate themselves and stay informed with COVID-19. While we are still enduring the pandemic, parents should continue to make the best decisions for/with their children for safety. The following protocol is in place for USD 311:

Step 1: Screening for COVID-19

PRIMARY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



FEVER



COUGH



RUNNY NOSE



BODY
ACHES



SORE
THROAT



SHORTNESS
OF BREATH



LOSS OF SENSE
OF SMELL

Screening at Home

ALWAYS SCREEN YOUR CHILD
BEFORE SENDING HIM/HER TO SCHOOL.
IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL
DUE TO NEW ONSET SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE KEEP THE STUDENT AT HOME
UNTIL HE/SHE IS SYMPTOM FREE.

A STUDENT MUST BE
FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS*
PRIOR TO RETURNING TO SCHOOL.
(FEVER FREE = WITHOUT THE HELP OF MEDICATION)

*24 HOURS MEANS AFTER THE FEVER HAS STOPPED,
NOT 24 HOURS FROM WHEN THE STUDENT WAS SENT HOME.

Step 2: Responding to Positive COVID-19 Cases in our Schools

Positive Cases & Close Contacts

USD 311 is not allowed to request proof of vaccination status; therefore, determining whether or not someone is vaccinated is NOT going to be the responsibility of school officials.

POSITIVE CASE

Those with lab confirmed COVID-19 infections, regardless of vaccination status, will quarantine at home for 5 days.

Household members of a positive case are not allowed at school for the duration of the positive household member's 5 day quarantine

UNLESS

household members choose to prove their vaccination status (with card) and have been fully vaccinated.

USD 311 officials will not request proof of vaccination.

Day 0 is now the day of the positive test.

Positive Test Day 0 Quarantine Day 1 Quarantine Day 2 Quarantine Day 3 Quarantine Day 4 Quarantine Day 5 Return Day 6

CLOSE CONTACTS of positive cases are identified as someone within a 6 ft radius for 10 consecutive minutes or more.

CLOSE CONTACT

Close contacts will be identified and contacted by school officials. Close contacts will be allowed to be at school as long as they are symptom free. It is recommended that close contacts wear a mask for five to ten days after contact.



Education during Quarantine:

Students and/or parents should contact the student's teacher(s) to inform them of the student's quarantine period. The classroom teacher will communicate the best way for the student to stay involved in class while away from school. Teachers could provide a combination of hard copy classroom work and/or online activities.

The free COVID vaccine is available for anyone 5 years of age or older.



Face coverings are recommended while at school.



Social distancing helps us fight the spread of germs. Stay 6ft apart whenever possible.