



**2021-2022**

**Grandview R-II**

**COVID-19 Plan**

**“Safe Return to In-Person Instruction  
and Continuity of Services Plan”**

**(Effective January 4, 2022)**

What we can and are required to do:

According to Missouri Law under state statute. §167.191, RSMo. School districts have a legal obligation to **exclude** students from school **who have a contagious disease** or **who are "liable to transmit" a communicable disease**. While a recent court decision has put into question the authority of local health departments to contain contagious diseases, **a school district's authority and obligation to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in schools has not been impacted.**

According to Missouri Law under state statute. §167.191,  
**"It is unlawful for any child to attend any of the public schools of this state while afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease, or while liable to transmit such disease after having been exposed to it. For the purpose of determining the diseased condition, or the liability of transmitting the disease, the teacher or board of directors may require any child to be examined by a physician, and exclude the child from school so long as there is any liability of such disease being transmitted by the pupil."**

According to Missouri Law under state statute. §167.011,  
**The board of education has "general control of the property and affairs of any school district[.]"**

According to Missouri Law under state statute. §162.261 and 162.471  
**A school board has "government and control" of its school district.**

According to Missouri Law under state statute. §171.011  
**The school board may make "all needful rules and regulations" for the government in the school district.**

In addition to State Law the Missouri Supreme Court has ruled:  
**That school boards can enforce reasonable rules to prevent disease in schools. State ex rel. O'Bannon v. Cole, 119 S.W. 424, 429-30 (Mo. 1909).**

## What we Know:

- According to data tracked by the district pertaining to COVID-19 quarantines and isolations during the 2021-22 school year, we have had less than a 1% weekly transmission rate in the school setting.
- According to data tracked by the district pertaining to students and staff testing positive with COVID-19, we have had less than a 1% average weekly positivity rate.
- The Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD) notified county school districts the Jefferson County Health Department will no longer mandate that schools contact trace and issue quarantines, and that the district should no longer issue the “notice of quarantine” letter from the JCHD.
- School data has shown that out of school exposures (generally home exposures) have led to a much higher transmission rate. As high as 19% in one building.

## What this means for Grandview:

- Going forward, Grandview will follow our district policy and regulation 2860 (Students with Communicable Diseases)
- The district will not contact trace or issue quarantines.
- Based on policy and regulation 2860 we will exclude students and staff with a communicable disease (including COVID-19). This means any student or staff that test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from school for 5 days. Students and staff members may return to school after five days, if symptom-free, without being required to wear a facemask. If not symptom-free a face mask is required for days six through ten.””

- Masks will be required for any building that attains a positivity rate of 2% of students and staff and will be worn until such a time that the positivity rate decreases to a level under 2%.
  
- Masks will be required for the District in the case the District reaches a positivity rate of 4% of students and staff and will be worn until such a time that the positivity rate for the district falls below 4%.
  
- Due to the higher rate of transmission, out of school exposures (Household Exposures) will have the option of returning to school immediately if a mask is worn for ten (10) days or after 72 hours without a mask with a negative test from the date of the household member testing positive. The test needs to be from a medical professional i.e. (Pharmacy, Urgent Care, Doctors Office, Hospital, Health Department etc.), that identifies the student.
  
- We will continue to follow the guidelines outlined in our student handbooks which states those with suspected COVID-19 or influenza symptoms may be required to stay home for up to 72 hours after being fever/symptom free without the use of medication AND improvement of other symptoms.
  - Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Sore throat
  - New onset of a cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
  - Diarrhea or vomiting
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.
  - New congestion/runny nose
  - Fatigue from an unknown source
  - Muscle/body aches

- Athletics and Activities will follow the same guidance outlined above.
  - **Masks will STILL be required on school buses. (*this is a federal mandate*)**  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/21/executive-order-promoting-COVID-19-safety-in-domestic-and-international-travel/> )
  - Grandview strongly recommends students and staff to wear masks, social distance and get vaccinated when possible.
  - **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:**
    - Grandview will encourage students and staff to follow all CDC guidance on Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette.
  - **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities:**
    - Grandview will continue its enhanced cleaning protocols, which include weekly fogging of the school buildings, wiping down of high traffic and touch areas.
  - **COVID-19 and Students with Disabilities:**
    - Special Services will provide any needed safety plans for students with disabilities.
- Other Information:**
- In the event of a school closure due to a COVID-19 outbreak Grandview will use the District AMI (Alternative Means of Instruction) Plan to educate students off campus and virtually.