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Covid-19 Back-to-School Plan

Prairie School District RE-11J

Prairie School District realizes that the COVID-19 virus is still present and may pose challenges for all of us as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. We also realize that reportedly safe and effective vaccines and treatments are available to the public who either need or want them. Fifty perfect of all Americans are fully vaccinated (70% have had their first vaccination) and 54% of Coloradoans are currently fully vaccinated. Plus, we must consider the mental health of our students. At this point in the COVID cycle, we feel that a shift can be made more towards self-protection strategies for students and families rather than required protection strategies. We encourage families to take protective measures that they feel are appropriate for themselves.

This plan is in effect as we begin the year but could change if COVID-19 evolves in different directions. We are monitoring guidance and requirements from Weld County Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Here is where we will be as school starts:

1.     We plan on opening school as normal as possible.

2.     We will continue to clean and sanitize appropriately.

3.     We will encourage students to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer.

4.     We encourage families to monitor student’s health before they leave for school. If students or staff have symptoms of COVID-19, we ask they stay home instead of attending school.

5.     Masks will be recommended according to CDC guidelines but will be left to individual discretion.

6.     We will work with Weld County Health in following COVID quarantine procedures if necessary.

7.     If necessary, we will utilize remote/E-learning for a period of time.

8.     We have no plan, or the personnel, to mandate COVID-19 testing or vaccinations.

The Prairie Community is large and at times we look at things differently, sometimes by necessity, and dealing with the COVID-19 situation may be one of these times. If a student wants to, or doesn’t want to, wear a mask we will support that families’ decision.

Please remember that this plan may change depending on COVID-19 outbreaks and information from Weld Health, CDPHE, and the CDC.

It is our hope that the COVID-19 outbreak is winding down and we are looking forward to having a much more normal, enjoyable, and successful school year.