

USD 457 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services 2022-2023

PART I: Health and safety of students, educators, educational providers, and visitors

Covid-19 preventative measures are strongly encouraged. In the event of a high concentration of Covid-19 in a classroom or other school setting, it may become necessary for administration to require the use of preventative measures.

In the event of overarching district changes or recommendations to the Covid plan from KDHE or the local health department, the BOE will retain final approval as an agenda item at a regular scheduled BOE meeting or a special meeting.

Universal and correct wearing of masks

- Masks, unless following a positive diagnosis will be optional in Garden City Public Schools.
- When a mask is worn, the mask should follow school dress code standards.
- If diagnosed as positive, staff or student may return to school on day 5 and wear a mask through day 10 **or**
- If diagnosed as positive, may retest on day 5. If negative, a mask would not be required.

The district will follow current CDC, KDHE and health department guidance:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing

- Current CDC and KDHE guidance will be followed with input from the local health department.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

USD 457 will ensure optimal healthy hygiene practices, including handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

Custodial staff will follow specific cleaning protocols and procedures. USD 457 will continue to monitor ventilation efficiency and effectiveness for opportunities to continually improve air quality.

Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

- USD 457 does not do contact tracing
- School Nurses may test and identify cases. They will follow current CDC and KDHE guidance for isolation with input from the local health department.
- School nurses will accept results of home COVID 19 tests if they are positive, and ask the child to isolate.

Diagnostic and screening testing.

Covid testing, as well as influenza testing, is available for symptomatic students, staff and household members.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

USD 457 will work with the local health department to provide optional on-site immunization clinics for students and staff.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

Our district will provide reasonable, necessary, and appropriate accommodations to its policies and practices for students with disabilities as determined by individual student needs and in accordance with an individual's documented accommodations and/or individualized education plan (IEP).

Coordination with State and local health officials.

- USD 457 will collaborate with the local health dept as needed to determine community level of spread and changes that may be needed in the school plan.
- The testing strategy is in collaboration with KDHE. KDHE provides all of the testing supplies.

Part II. Continuity of services

Services to address students' academic needs

- All USD 457 services will be in person unless designated through an individual plan such as a 504, IEP or Medically Homebound.
- Student academic needs may be addressed through Student Assistance Teams (SAT) at the individual buildings.
- Students at the Middle and High school levels will have a virtual attendance option

Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

- USD 457 utilizes the Optum referral system for Staff needs as well as through planned meetings and activities as arranged by the district wellness coordinator.
- There is a District Oversight committee for social emotional learning needs
- USD 457 is collaborating with Compass and Genesis to provide in school support and therapy for students.
- USD 457 has adopted a classroom social emotional curriculum available at all levels. In addition, the following supports available for students:
 - Social Emotional Facilitator
 - Building counselors
 - School Psychologists
 - Behavior and Family Support Specialists
 - Mental Health Intervention team

Other needs, which may include student health and food services.

- All students may eat free of charge breakfast.
- Nursing services will be available in all buildings, all day, every day.

Any individual employee needs or variations will be handled through as an accommodation process with the personnel office

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