

District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

USD 294 will follow our county regulations/mandates for mask requirements. At any time, any staff or student who desires to wear a face covering is encouraged to do so in an appropriate manner.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

USD 294 will monitor and follow county recommendations.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Students and staff will continue to follow hand washing and hand sanitizing practices at regular intervals throughout the day, including but not limited to the following: Upon arrival at a district facility; before, during, and after preparing food; before and after eating food; before and after treating a cut or wound; after using the bathroom facilities; after changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom facilities; after coughing or sneezing; after touching garbage.

Use of hand sanitizer shall be secondary to proper handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

USD 294 will continue to practice cleaning for health strategies, including increased focus on touch point sanitization. Facilities will continue to have constant ventilation while occupied to increase the amount of air turnover.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

Decatur County Health Department will provide contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine orders and guidelines.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

The Decatur County Health Department offers screening testing for COVID 19 to all persons.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

The Decatur County Health Department continues to offer vaccinations to all persons 12 years old and up. Vaccinations are also available at multiple commercial pharmacies and retailers.

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

USD 294 will make reasonable accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies. Accommodations shall be approved via the USD 294 nurse and administration. Accommodations shall be focused on keeping children in school.

(I) Coordination with state and local health officials

USD 294 will continue to work with the Decatur County Health Department/local hospital on a routine basis to ensure the health and safety of our students and community. Regular communication regarding contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation orders shall continue.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) Service to address students' academic needs

USD 294 will provide in-person instruction, including tiered support and disability services, to meet the individual needs of all students.

(B) Student and staff social, emotional, mental health

Student social, emotional, and mental health needs will be met through a social-emotional curriculum, counseling staff, and staff who have been trained in trauma training. Staff social, emotional, and mental health services will be addressed through professional development and materials and cooperation with our Decatur County Health Department.

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

Our buildings share a licensed school nurse. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge.

