

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY

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

PART I.

How will USD 330 MISSION VALLEY 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 330 MISSION VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION voted on April 21, 2021 to remove the mask requirement and made the wearing of protective masks optional by students, staff, and visitors in USD 330 buildings, buses, and at all USD 330 sanctioned events.

If needed, USD 330 MISSION VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION may adopt reasonable safety measures to protect the safety of district personnel, students, and visitors during school-related activities.

Reasonable safety measures may include, but may not be limited to, cleaning and sanitization plans, use of physical safeguards and barriers, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Exceptions to any requirements may be granted as required by law, state, county, and/or local health officials, and on a case-by-case basis.

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will continue to monitor national, state, and local government and health agency mandates, guidance, and recommendations as well.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing.

The practice of social distancing is recommended to promote public health but not required.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be taught to students with emphasis and practice protocols rehearsed more frequently in the primary grade levels. Signage will continue to be posted throughout our buildings as reminders of handwashing and respiratory etiquette for all students, staff, and visitors. In addition, hand sanitizing stations and liquids will continue to be made available for use throughout the facilities.

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

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY custodial staff will continue to follow recommended cleaning protocols and procedures. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will continue to consider assignments/reassignments to applicable shifts in order to continually clean high traffic and high contact surfaces. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will use cleaning solutions that are rated to eliminate the COVID-19 virus. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will continue to monitor ventilation efficiency and effectiveness for opportunities to continually improve air quality.

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

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USD 330 MISSION VALLEY administration will provide notice to families when an individual (student or staff member) is diagnosed as a positive case of COVID-19. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will work with the local county health department regarding quarantine & isolation requirements.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will assist the local health department in providing information about diagnostic and screening testing to students, staff, and community members. School health staff will monitor for symptoms, trends, and clusters, and request that students and staff seek medical services as appropriate.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's COVID-19 vaccination status. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will work with the local health department to support vaccination efforts for those who are eligible and wish to be vaccinated.

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

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY 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). Parents or guardians of students requiring accommodations should contact the applicable building administrator(s) to request information on plans for students with disabilities

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Applicable district personnel currently participate, and will continue to participate, with our local county health department and/or agencies on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed.

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will follow health & safety requirements placed upon the district by the Wabaunsee County Health Department, Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas State Department of Education, or the Kansas High School Activities Association.

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

(A) Services to address students' academic needs

USD 330 MISSION VALLEY has implemented a summer learning program to assist students with academic recovery. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY plans to continue full time, in-person instruction beginning the Fall of 2022. Additional instructional personnel have been added or reassigned where possible to implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas. Where possible, specialists, paraeducators, and educational consultants will be available and utilized during the instructional day, on professional development days, and/or during before and after school tutoring programs throughout the year to support students.

(B) Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

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USD 330 MISSION VALLEY has K-12 staff to monitor and address the social and emotional learning needs of our students. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will use school counseling department staff to help support students and families. USD 330 MISSION VALLEY will also continue to partner with local mental health services with the goal of helping students and families overcome obstacles with connecting to school.

Staff social and emotional wellness and mental health are also considered in district communications and staff committees.

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

Free and/or reduced meals are available for all eligible youth. Families are recommended to contact USD 330 Mission Valley schools for any other health or food service needs.

PART III: Other Information

(A) Board Policy

For additional information regarding Communicable Diseases please refer to Board Policy (GAR):

Whenever an employee has been diagnosed by a physician as having a communicable disease as defined in current regulation, the employee shall report the diagnosis and nature of the disease to the superintendent so that a proper reporting may be made to the county or joint board of health as required by current law.

An employee afflicted with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health shall be suspended from duty for the duration of the contagiousness in order to give maximum health protection to other district employees and to students.

The employee shall be allowed to return to duty upon recovery from the illness, or when the employee is no longer contagious as authorized by the employee's physician.

The board reserves the right to require a written statement from the employee's physician indicating that the employee is free from all symptoms of the communicable disease.

If a district employee has been diagnosed as having a communicable disease and the superintendent has been notified by the employee, as provided in policy, the superintendent shall determine whether a release shall be obtained from the employee's physician before the employee returns to duty.

Decisions regarding the type of employment setting for an employee with a communicable disease shall be made by the superintendent based upon consideration of the physical condition of the employee and the following factors:

- the nature of the risk;
- the duration of the risk;
- the severity of the risk
- the probability that the disease will be transmitted or cause harm to the employee or to others who will share the same setting

No information regarding employees with communicable diseases shall be released by district personnel without the employee's consent except to comply with state or federal statutes.

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(B) Student Handbooks

USD 330 Mission Valley will use the information from student handbooks regarding the management of students who are sick.

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