

# Greenfield R-IV School District



## SRCSP

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

*Covid-19 Guidelines and Protocols For*

*2023-2024 School Year*

*Reviewed on June 21, 2023*

**Green:** General Procedures/Protocols- These measures will be the least restrictive guidelines and will continue on a daily basis throughout the pandemic

**Yellow:** Increase in Restrictions/Safety Protocols-All “green” measures and these additional measures will be in place when there is a spike of positive cases in our community

**Red:** School Closure: -These measures will be taken if the district is not able to operate safely with students on campus. Students NOT on campus

## General Guidance for School in the Fall

<b>General Guidelines</b>	Below are the general guidelines and protocols that will be followed in order to take extra precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while having a face-to-face K-12 education experience. This plan was developed with public input and will be reviewed every six months (December 2023 and June 24).
<b>Goal</b>	Our goal is keep our staff and students healthy while providing a safe and effective learning environment to the best of our ability. In order this goal to be achieved, we will need a concerted effort from staff, students, families and our community.
<b>Staff Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Masks are highly recommended but not required</li><li>● Staff members are expected to monitor their health daily prior to beginning their work day-checking for temperature and calling their building administrator for a substitute if COVID-19 symptoms are present.</li><li>● Employees will be notified if there has been a possible exposure to COVID-19 at work.</li><li>● Employees are to routinely wash their hands for at least 20 seconds and regularly sanitize their work space. Classroom ventilation can be improved by opening classroom windows and doors.</li><li>● Employees will be reminded to not touch their eyes, nose, and mouth</li><li>● Employees will be reminded of proper respiratory etiquette: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, throw used tissues in the trash, if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow not your hands.</li><li>● If an employee becomes sick at work, the employee will be sent home and the workspace will be disinfected. The district will follow CDC and the Dade County Health Department recommendations, and district policy to determine when the employee may return to work.</li><li>● Good hygiene and social distancing practices will be promoted with all employees</li><li>● District employees, who are interested in getting a Covid-19 vaccination, tested for Covid-19, or interested</li></ul>

in learning more information about the Covid-19 vaccination should contact their health care provider or they will need to contact the Dade County Health Department at 417-637-2345.

## Student Health

- Masks are highly recommended during the school day but not required in classrooms, hallways, or common areas.
- If parents prefer for their child to wear a mask at school, they are asked to teach appropriate use prior to the start of school. If mask usage becomes disruptive in the educational environment, the principal may contact parents/guardians
- Student temperatures will be monitored every time a student goes to the nurse's office. If a student's temperature is above 100 degrees, the student will be provided a mask and parents called for immediate pick up
- If a student becomes sick at school, the student will be sent home and the workspace will be disinfected. The district will follow CDC and the Dade County Health Department recommendations, and district policy to determine when the student may return to school.
- Students who exhibit cough, shortness of breath, or multiple of the following symptoms will be sent home:
  - Chills
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste/smell
  - Runny nose/congestion
- Staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach students
- Staff will work to promote regular student handwashing, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds during the following:
  - After going to the bathroom
  - After playing outside
  - Before eating
  - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- If soap and water are not available, students/staff will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Students will be reminded of proper respiratory etiquette: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue

	<p>when you cough or sneeze, throw used tissues in the trash, if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow not your hands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elementary students will continue to have recess, but will be limited on their interactions with students outside of their classrooms</li> <li>● Staff will continue to teach/train students not to touch their eyes/nose/mouth and to stay out of one another's personal space</li> <li>● Students will be reminded to not share utensils, cups, food/drink</li> <li>● Personal water bottles will be encouraged.</li> <li>● Accommodations for children with disabilities, with respect to health and safety policies, will be available as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plans.</li> <li>● The parents/guardians of eligible students who are interested in getting a Covid-19 vaccination, tested for Covid-19, or interested in learning more information about the Covid-19 vaccination should contact their health care provider or they will need to contact the Dade County Health Department at 417-637-2345.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building and Ground Operations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure adequate supplies (soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues) to support healthy hygiene practices throughout all facilities</li> <li>● Routinely clean/disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched throughout the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Doorknobs</li> <li>○ Light switches</li> <li>○ Counter tops</li> <li>○ Sink handles</li> <li>○ Shared tables</li> <li>○ Lockers</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Use all cleaning supplies according to label directions</li> <li>● Meal times will be more socially distanced with tables/seating continuing to be disinfected between usage</li> <li>● Playground equipment will be routinely disinfected</li> <li>● Increase airflow/ventilation as weather allows</li> <li>● Signs encouraging good hygiene practices will be posted throughout district buildings</li> </ul>
<p><b>School Bus</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Masks are not required on district provided transportation, but are recommended.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents are encouraged to bring/pick up their students to/from school</li> <li>● All students will be in assigned seats on all school buses.</li> <li>● Parents will be asked to check for symptoms before each school day</li> <li>● All school buses will be disinfected following each route</li> </ul>
<b>Social Distancing Practices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Classrooms will be modified where students are likely to be in very close contact.</li> <li>● Increased space between desks/workspaces where possible will be allowed</li> <li>● Students will be faced in the same direction in classrooms wherever possible</li> <li>● During recess, there will be limited contact/exposure to other students in other classes</li> <li>● Mixing of students in common spaces will be avoided when possible. Meal times will be adjusted to minimize student mixing.</li> <li>● Teachers will continue to teach students about maintaining personal space and effective social distancing practices</li> </ul>
<b>Visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any necessary outside visitors (contractors/vendors) are highly recommended to wear a mask during their time in the school</li> <li>● Non-essential visitors- volunteers, special guest readers, etc. will need to be pre approved and will be monitored to ensure social distancing recommendations are being followed</li> <li>● Promote/encourage virtual parent meetings or parent teacher phone calls when possible</li> <li>● Parents are expected to drop off their child in the carline, instead of walking them into the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attendance will be reviewed to monitor absenteeism patterns in students and staff</li> <li>● Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick</li> <li>● Critical job functions/positions will be identified, and plans for alternative cross-training of staff will be made.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Virtual Option</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a student has a need to attend virtual learning, this will be offered on a limited basis</li> <li>● This option will involve an application process</li> <li>● If a family chooses and is selected for this type of learning, there will be a significant workload and expectations placed on the student and family</li> <li>● This virtual commitment will be made for a minimum of 1 semester</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Plan if Confirmed Case</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, parents or staff members will need to immediately notify the school.</li> <li>● District administration will help identify student/staff exposure in relation to direct contact with a positive Covid-19 case. Parents will be notified if their student is considered a close contact and will be asked to watch for symptoms.</li> <li>● If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be permitted on campus for 5 days from the first symptom, and must follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask while on campus to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.</li> <li>● If a student or staff member has been exposed to COVID-19 by someone living in the same household or is identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for over 15 minutes), the district strongly recommends the student stay home from school and school activities for for 5 days from the last contact with the person who tested positive to monitor for symptoms.</li> <li>● Students or staff members who want to be tested for COVID-19 will need to contact the Dade County Health Department or local clinic.</li> <li>● Targeted cleaning and disinfection of exposed/infected area(s) will occur after notification of a positive COVID-19 case.</li> <li>● Exposure, absenteeism, and symptoms will be monitored within a classroom/building to determine further action</li> <li>● If a student tests positive for COVID-19, or kept home due to close contact with a positive household member or staff/student, the student will be allowed (if health allows) to temporarily transition to remote learning to keep from falling behind in an academic setting.</li> <li>● If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, or kept</li> </ul>

	<p>home due to the close contact with a positive household member or staff/student, the staff member will (if health allows) continue to work with students in their classroom remotely, in conjunction with the substitute teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with the Dade County Health Department will continue throughout the year.</li> </ul>
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## Additional Threat/Exposure Leveled Response

### Yellow-Safety Measures

<b>Yellow - Additional Precautions</b>	Below are the additional measures that will be taken if there is an increase in community COVID-19 cases or an isolated student/staff exposure within the school. All “green” precautions will continue to be followed
<b>Staff Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks highly recommended but not required</li> <li>• Mandatory temperature checks for all staff prior to entering a district building each morning</li> </ul>
<b>Student Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks highly recommended but not required</li> <li>• Mandatory temperature checks for all students prior to entering district buildings each morning or taking their seat on the bus</li> </ul>
<b>School Bus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are highly recommended but not required on all district provided transportation</li> </ul>
<b>Building and Grounds Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolated deep cleaning of exposure areas</li> </ul>
<b>Action Plan if Confirmed Case</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct communication with the Dade County Health Department of the school related cases</li> <li>• Communication with staff and families of exposure possibilities</li> <li>• Transition COVID-19 positive students/staff into a temporary remote learning setting</li> </ul>



## Red-Safety Measures

<b>Red - Additional Precautions</b>	School Closure: These measures will be taken if directed by the state or if the district is not able to operate safely with students on campus. Students NOT on campus during this time.
<b>Staff Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mandatory masks for staff in the building when social distancing cannot be maintained</li> <li>● Staff would be asked to work and continue to teach</li> <li>● Staff may be required to work from school</li> </ul>
<b>Student Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student check-in's would be made on a weekly basis by all classroom instructors for academic progress, well-being, and mental health</li> </ul>
<b>Building and Ground Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The district would not be open to students for academic or extracurricular use</li> <li>● Isolated deep cleaning of the district and standard cleaning/disinfection on a daily basis</li> <li>● Pick up meals will be available for students</li> </ul>
<b>School Bus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School buses will be used school work delivery/pick up for students without internet access</li> </ul>
<b>Remote Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If the county/state were to issue a mandated closure, the Greenfield R-IV School District will implement our plan for virtual learning</li> </ul>
<b>Action Plan if Confirmed Case</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Direct communication with the Dade County Health Department of the school related cases</li> <li>● Communication with staff and families of exposure possibilities</li> <li>● Transition COVID-19 students/staff (if health allows) into a temporary remote setting</li> </ul>

## **Plan Development**

The Greenfield R-IV School District in collaboration with local stakeholders and the Board of Education has collaboratively developed the following guidance in an effort to define the district's Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP). Information contained in this document is designed to meet the requirements associated with the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds. Section 2001 of ARP places certain requirements on LEAs as a condition of receiving funds. Any LEA receiving funds must publish a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

District administration understands the statutory authority of Section 167.191, RSMo. and Section 171.011, RSMo. The Greenfield R-IV School District has utilized these statutes to assist in the development of district mitigation measures against COVID-19.

## **Safety Accommodations for Students With Disabilities**

The Greenfield R-IV School District recognizes that the safety guidance provided above may not meet the unique needs of all students. The District will make necessary efforts to make accommodations for students with disabilities.

## **Continued Vaccination Efforts**

The Greenfield R-IV School District is committed to taking necessary steps to promote the safety and well-being of all staff and students. . The District is committed to continued promotion of vaccination opportunities for both staff and students during the 2023-2024 school year. Individuals interested in Covid-19 Vaccinations may contact the Dade County Health Department.

## **Availability of Plan in Other Languages**

The Greenfield R-IV School District will provide a copy of the SRCSP in other languages including orally upon request. Requests should be made to the District's Central Office, 410 College Street, Greenfield, Mo. 65661.

## **Social/Emotional/Mental Health**

The Greenfield R-IV School District recognizes the mental and emotional toll the COVID-19 pandemic and surrounding circumstances have had on both staff and students. In addition to extensive efforts taken by our counseling and health-related services staff to support students and teachers throughout the school day, opportunities exist outside of the district. Requests should be made to the District's Central Office, 410 College Street, Greenfield, Mo. 65661.

### **Regularly Scheduled Review and Revision Cycle**

The Greenfield R-IV School District recognizes that no plan of this nature is ever final and that a continuous review and revision cycle is necessary. The district will gather stakeholder and community feedback bi-annually in the months of June and December for plan modifications and revisions.