

Parents and Guardians:

Detailed in the pages that follow is the School Reopening Plan. Our goal is to safely educate our students to the greatest extent possible. We feel this plan best addresses that goal. This plan is fluid; it has undergone a number of changes, and will continue to be adjusted due to the rapidly changing circumstances of this pandemic and student needs. This plan is an outline of the procedures the school will operate under. A number of details have been left out, as they are too numerous to mention, and some have yet to be worked out.

Input we received from the survey that was sent earlier in the summer was considered in laying out this plan. For students/ families who do not feel comfortable returning for face-to-face instruction, classes will be broadcast virtually so students can participate online.

After you have had a chance to review the plan, we will send out a survey for you to fill out next week.

The recommendations and procedures in this plan were developed in coordination with the following individuals and organizations:

-School staff, teachers, and parents; Crawford County Public Health; Crawford County Emergency Management; Wisconsin Department of Health Services; CESA #3 District Administrators; Department of Public Instruction; Wisconsin Association of School Board lawyers; TriCor Insurance representatives; Center for Disease Control; and American Association of Pediatrics.

Seneca Area School District 2020 School Reopening Plan

Priorities:

1. The health and overall wellness of our students and staff is of the highest priority. The District will do everything possible to minimize risk of COVID 19 for all those at school.
2. The primary directive of our school is to educate young people. This includes facilitating intellectual, physical, mental, emotional, and social growth.
3. Safely educate our students in the most effective way possible.

Health Department Guidelines:

1. **Social distancing:** Minimum of 3' between elementary students. 6' between other individuals.
2. **Masks:** Worn by all to the greatest extent possible to minimize spread from infected persons.
3. **Regular hygiene:** Washing of hands, or sanitation of hands, on a regular basis.
4. **Temperature checks:** Preventing sick individuals from being in contact with others to the greatest extent possible.

General Safety:

1. Students will wear masks upon entering the building. Masks should be worn at all times in the school buildings, with the exception being teacher permitted activities in the classroom where social distancing is being observed.
2. Persons with temperatures over 100.4 degrees, or other Covid symptoms, will need to leave the building.
3. Persons with temperatures or other symptoms will be quarantined until they can leave.
4. Partition at front office desk, and utilized by teachers if beneficial.
5. Visitors entering school minimized. Visitors must follow building protocol for social distancing and masking.
6. Parents/ guardians will be notified if a student in their child's classroom tests positive for Covid.

Classroom Organization:

1. Elementary students (grades K-5) will attend on a daily basis.
2. Middle school and high school students (grades 6-12) will attend 2 out of 3 days, on a rotational basis. The days those students are not here, they are expected to participate in their classes virtually. (2/3 of each class attending daily; 1/3 participating virtually from home). Students who have challenges with online learning may need to attend every day.
3. Virtual option: for students who choose to participate virtually, and not attend classes at school, all classes will be broadcast online, so students can participate from home.
4. Elementary and middle school students at school will remain in their cohorts (class groups) during the school day.
5. Desks spaced following social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible.
6. Students and staff sanitize hands each time they enter a room. Hand sanitizing stations will be in all classrooms that do not have sinks.
7. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, as bubblers will not be used. Water bottles will be provided for those who forget their bottle, and filling stations will be available.
8. High school students who rotate to a different room will wipe down their desks prior to using.
9. Technology will be embedded into daily instruction to support a smooth transition to online learning if it becomes necessary.

Transitions:

1. Students and staff have temperature taken upon entering the building to the greatest extent possible.
2. Staggered class release times to prevent congregation in the hallways.

3. Unnecessary transitions eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
4. Elementary and middle school students will remain in their cohort to help minimize transitions.
5. Students in line spaced to social distancing guidelines.

Lunch Program:

1. Breakfast served as “grab and go” for most classes.
2. Students socially distanced to the greatest extent possible in lunchroom, and lunch line. 6 separate lunch periods to facilitate social distancing.
3. Partitions placed between consumers and food serving areas.
4. Lunch workers will load food on plates.

Maintenance:

1. Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
2. Ventilation of class areas will be utilized to the greatest extent possible.
3. Doors propped open if possible.
4. Building thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis.

Mental Health:

1. Students will be monitored for challenges, and provided support as needed.
2. The District has contracted for additional counseling services to assist staff.

Transportation:

1. Students must wear a mask upon entering the bus.
2. Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
3. Students will have assigned seats, following social distancing protocol to the greatest extent possible. Students who live together will be seated together.
4. Bus interiors will be disinfected between each use.
5. Windows will be open if weather allows.
6. Parents are encouraged to transport their children to school if they choose to.

Outdoor Activities:

1. Recess and other outdoor activities will take place following social distancing guidelines.
2. Students will not need to wear masks for outdoor activities, but must wear masks until they are outside the building. Masks for outdoor activities will be utilized if students are not social distancing.
3. Elementary playground will be divided so classes can have recess separately from others, in their cohort.
4. Physical education classes will take place outside whenever possible.

5. If playground equipment is used, it will be disinfected between groups. Individual classes will have their own balls, etc.

Next Steps:

1. Parents and guardians will review the proposed plan, and enter feedback through a survey July 23-31.
2. Board will give final approval at their August meeting.
3. School starts September 1.