



USD 489 Hays

Updated COVID Plan for

2020-21 School Year



Learning & School Safety Operations

Regardless of the learning environment, the district has identified four priorities as areas of focus throughout this school year:

- Promote Behaviors that Reduce Spread
- Maintain Healthy Environment
- Maintain Healthy Operations
- Prepare for When Someone Gets Sick

On-Site Learning Environment - Students and staff attend on site with enhanced and mandatory health and safety protocols put in place. This will be implemented when there are low levels of community restrictions and/or as determined by building gating criteria.

Hybrid Learning Environment - Students spend part of their time in the classroom and part of their time learning remotely. Students may be targeted for stable groups and asked to attend on site in a controlled environment while also doing remote learning. This learning environment may be implemented when there are moderate to high levels of community restrictions and/or as determined by building gating criteria.

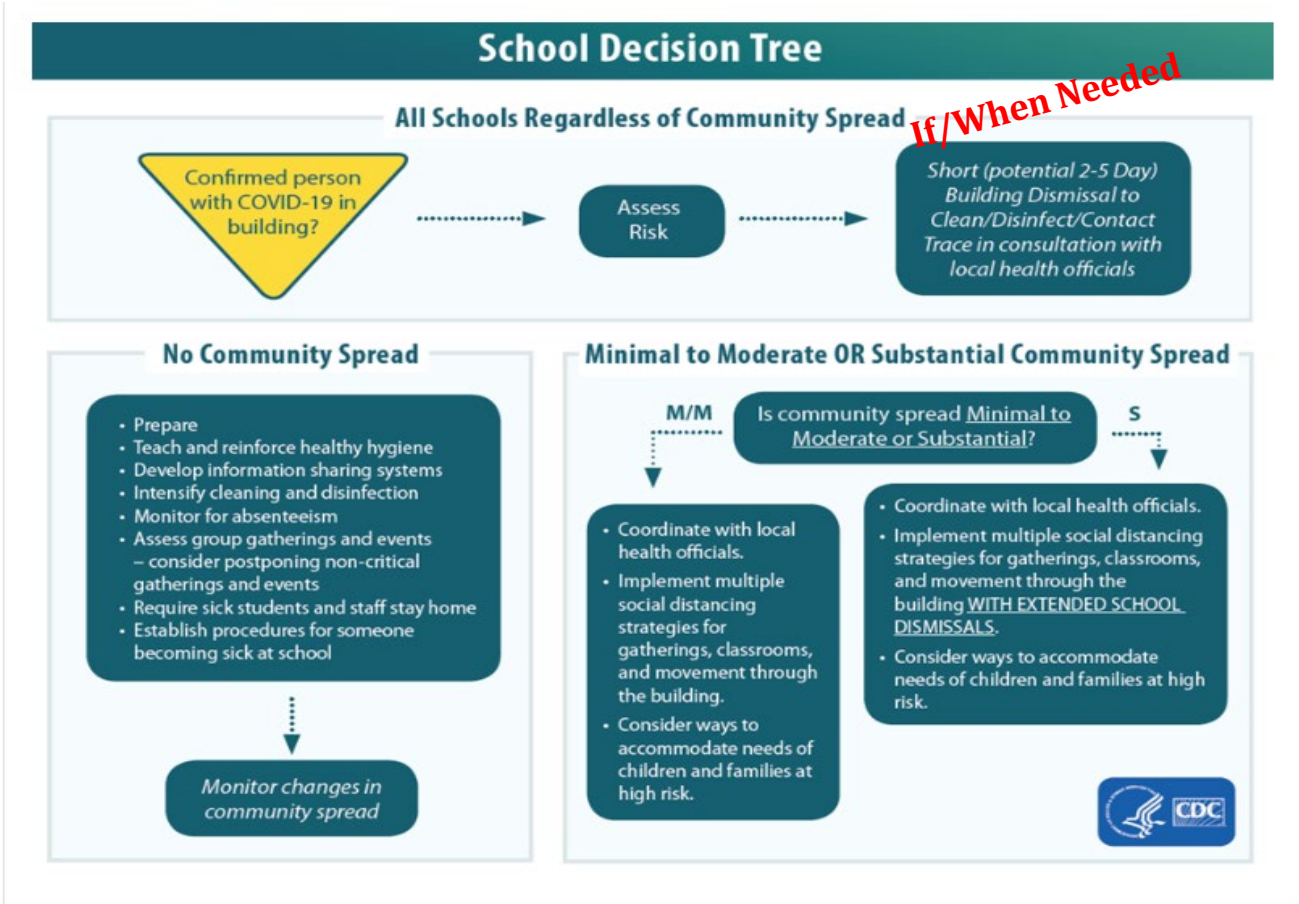
Remote Learning Environment – Students receive their learning remotely by USD 489 teachers. This is the most restrictive situation, implemented at a single school, multiple schools, or entire district when there are high levels of community restrictions and/or as determined by building gating criteria.

Parent Choice Remote Learning is available as an option for USD489 families. This is the option for families who do not wish to have their child(ren) attend on-site.

Learning Environments for the district and/or individual buildings/classrooms will be decided upon based on the level of community restrictions and/or building gating criteria.

In addition, USD489 administration will meet weekly with local medical professionals and the county health officer to review cases, county, and building gating measures and thresholds used for implementation of mitigation measures. All measures will be reviewed to provide guidance on determining appropriate learning environments, having the health and safety of our students and staff as our top priority.

Low Restrictions	Moderate Restrictions	High Restrictions
Disease spread, as represented by the daily case rate of new cases by onset date should be low or a steady decline - utilize on-site learning	Disease spread, as represented by the daily case rate of new cases by onset date should be flat - utilize hybrid learning	Disease spread, as represented by the daily case rate of new cases by onset date would be increasing over 4 – 6 weeks or less if determined by the health department - utilize remote learning







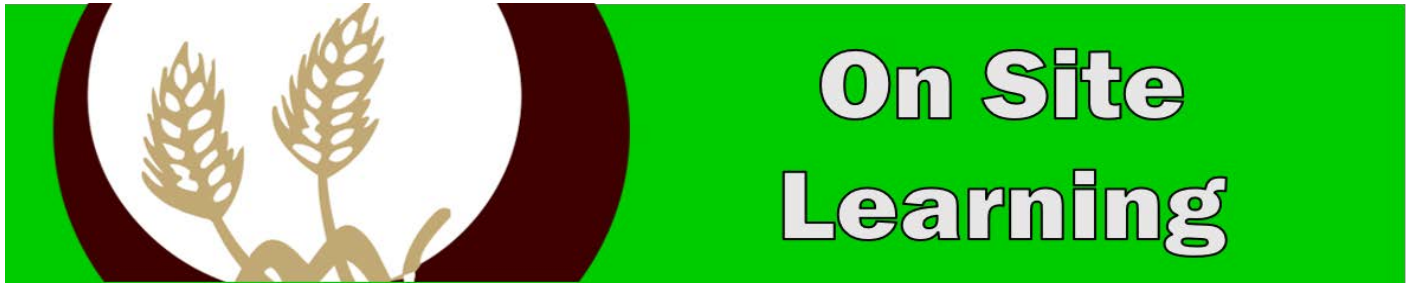
Confirmed Case in a building, regardless of community transmission – All Phases

1. Conduct internal contact tracing measures in collaboration with local health officials.
2. Identify close contacts of confirmed cases who are then required to quarantine.
3. If/When needed close building/ area of a building for a short period of time to clean and disinfect. This closure may include all extracurricular activities. Communication will be made as to when operations will resume.

In such a situation, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by the American with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

All Phases - Staff and Students should stay home when ill.

	Physical Distancing 	PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) 	Health Screening 	Hygiene Measures 
On-Site Learning Environment Parent Choice Off-Site Learning available.	Six-feet w/ infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. Physical distancing as feasible implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms.	Mask or face covering required for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors with exceptions outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59.	Temperatures will be taken for staff and students at the beginning of each day. All staff and families are encouraged to monitor symptoms and take temperatures prior to arriving at school.	Hand washing/sanitizing upon entrance of buildings, cafeteria, and at regular intervals throughout the school day, no less than once every hour.
Hybrid Learning Environment Students are targeted for stable groups on-site in a controlled environment while also doing remote learning. Parent Choice Off-Site Learning available.	Six-feet w/ infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity. Physical distancing as feasible implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms.	Mask or face covering required for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors with exceptions outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59.	Temperatures will be taken for staff and students at the beginning of each day. All staff and families are encouraged to monitor symptoms and take temperatures prior to arriving at school.	Hand washing/sanitizing upon entrance of buildings, cafeteria, and at regular intervals throughout the school day, no less than once every hour.
Remote Learning Environment Parent Choice Off-Site Learning available.	NO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION – REMOTE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL			



What to expect

Instruction: Students and staff return to on-site learning with parent choice remote learning made available for students. Health and safety precautions are in place.

Students with Exceptionalities: Students who are medically able and willing to return to school receive their typical support and programming. Support will continue for students with special needs or are medically vulnerable who need to remain in home learning.

Health and Safety Precautions: Physical distancing as feasible implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms, and six-foot distancing with infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity at all other times. Face coverings are required for staff and students with noted exceptions. Temperatures will be taken for staff and students at the beginning of each day. Hand washing/sanitizing takes place upon entrance of buildings, cafeteria, and at regular intervals, no less than once every hour on an hourly basis throughout the day.

Classrooms: Furniture will be arranged to have students face the same direction when possible. Students will be assigned seats. The sharing of school supplies/materials will be limited to the greatest extent possible. Hand sanitizers will be available in classrooms.

Common Spaces: Access to these areas will be limited to students, staff, and essential personnel. The number of students in office spaces will be limited to maintain physical distancing. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in these areas.

Transitions: Reduce the use of lockers when feasible. Minimize students traveling between buildings and/or classrooms.

Extra and Cocurricular: Maintain an attendance roster for activities that take place. Use appropriate precautions based on the activity.

Food Services: Breakfast and lunch will be made available for student and be served in the cafeteria and/or other designation areas at all locations. Physical distancing will take place with additional seating added.

Transportation: Normal service will be provided to eligible students. Face coverings will be required as outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59. Students will be assigned seats on the bus.



Hybrid Learning

What to expect

Instruction: Students are targeted for on-site learning in stable groups in a controlled environment while also engaged in remote learning through the use of district, student-issued devices.

Students with Exceptionalities: Special education services will be provided consistent with each student's participation in hybrid learning. Individual plans are put in place for students who are immunocompromised and for families who choose to keep their students in online instruction.

Health and Safety Precautions: Physical distancing as feasible is implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms, and six-foot distancing w/ infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity at all other times. Face coverings are required for staff and students with noted exceptions. Temperatures will be taken for staff and students at the beginning of each day. Hand washing/sanitizing takes place upon entrance of buildings, cafeteria, and at regular intervals, no less than once every hour on an hourly basis throughout the day.

Classrooms: Students and staff will be scheduled for targeted, stable groups to attend on-site and will have limited access to the building. Furniture will be arranged to have students face the same direction when possible. Students will be assigned seats. The sharing of school supplies/materials will be limited to the greatest extent possible. Hand sanitizers will be available in classrooms.

Common Spaces: Students and staff targeted to attend on-site will have limited access to the building. Movement will be limited within specific areas. Students and staff will maintain social distancing of six feet. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in these areas.

Transitions: Students and staff targeted to come in will have limited transitions from one area of the building to another.

Extra and Cocurricular: All USD 489 activities and events may be canceled and/or postponed as determined by the risk of transmission.

Food Service: Food Distribution is provided curbside.

Transportation: Limited Services for identified students. Face coverings will be required as outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59. Students will be assigned seats on the bus.



What To Expect

Instruction: Learning is conducted remotely through the use of district, student-issued devices. Students engage in school online during regular school hours and follow a standard school schedule with daily contact being made by staff via video conferencing.

Students with Exceptionalities: Teachers of students with special needs work virtually with them. ICLPs will be developed.

Health and Safety Precautions: Buildings/Classrooms are closed to all but district staff. Staff will maintain physical distancing of six-feet w/ infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity while performing job duties. Face coverings are required for staff with noted exceptions. Temperatures will be taken for staff and students at the beginning of each day. Hand washing/sanitizing takes place upon entrance of buildings at regular intervals, no less than once every hour on an hourly basis throughout the day.

Classrooms: Buildings/Classrooms are closed, and all learning is conducted remotely.

Common Spaces: Buildings /Classrooms are closed, and all learning is conducted remotely.

Transitions: Buildings /Classrooms are closed, and all learning is conducted remotely.




Extra and CoCurricular: Building activities and events may be canceled and/or postponed as determined by the risk of transmission.

Food Services: Food Distribution is provided curbside.




Transportation: No services are provided to those students learning remotely.

Learning Environments at a Glance

Instructional

	Type of instruction 	Physical Environment 	Students with Exceptionalities 
	<p>Students learn on-site with health and safety precautions in place.</p> <p>Parent Choice Remote Learning available for families.</p>	<p>Physical distancing as feasible implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms, and six-foot distancing with infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity at all other times as outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59.</p> <p>Access to common areas will be limited to students, staff, and essential personnel.</p>	<p>Students who are medically able and willing to return to school receive their typical support and programming, with appropriate adjustments to meet health and safety requirements.</p> <p>Support will continue for students with special needs or are medically vulnerable who need to remain in home learning.</p>
	<p>Targeted, stable groups will attend on-site for targeted groups and remote learning takes place for all students.</p> <p>Parent Choice Remote Learning available for families.</p>	<p>Buildings/Classrooms are closed to all but district staff. Physical distancing of six feet, required face coverings, and temperature checks will be in place.</p>	<p>Special education services will be provided consistent with each student's participation in hybrid learning. Individual plans are put in place for students whose families choose to keep their students in online instruction.</p>
	<p>All learning is conducted remotely.</p> <p>Parent Choice Remote Learning available for families.</p>	<p>Buildings/Classrooms are closed to all but district staff. Physical distancing of six feet, required face coverings, and temperature checks will be in place.</p>	<p>Teachers of students with special needs work virtually with them. ICLPs will be developed.</p>

Operational

	Food Services 	Transportation 	Extra and Cocurricular 
	Meals will be served in the cafeteria and/or other designation areas at all locations.	Normal service will be provided to eligible students. Face coverings will be required as outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59. Students will be assigned seats on the bus.	Maintain an attendance roster for activities that take place. Use appropriate precautions based on the activity.
	Meal service will be curbside at designated locations.	Limited Services for identified students. Face coverings will be required as outlined in KS Executive Order 20-59. Students will be assigned seats on the bus.	All USD 489 activities and events may be canceled and/or postponed.
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