

2021-2022 USD 294 - DISTRICT PLAN FOR SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

<i>*ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT*</i>			
	Phase 1- Limited Cases in the Community	Phase 2- Limited Covid Cases in the School	Phase 3- Community Spread and School Spread
In-Person School in Session	Yes	Yes, but may require a 2-day break to do a deep clean. This time may need made up by adjusting holiday breaks or going additional days later or extending the school days.	Yes, but may need to take a week break to break the cycle, if county Public Health Officer orders. This time may need made up at a later date with extra days or adjusting other breaks or extending the school days.
Do you plan to continue in-person school?	Yes	Yes, but students who have had close contact with a covid case will be given the option to do USD294's modified plan.	Yes, but more precautions will be taken; a break may be needed. Even in an outbreak, USD 294's goal is to provide in-person. USD 294 will be in close contact with the County Health Officer.
Masks	We will follow the local health department guidelines		
Hygiene Measures	Please keep students home if they have a temperature or are sick. Students will be instructed how to wash hands and cover coughs or sneezes. Good handwashing and hand hygiene with hand sanitizer will be required. Signs about hygiene and covid will be posted in bathrooms and at entrances. Staff will be trained on covid symptoms to watch for. Rooms will be sanitized as per guidelines.		
Hand Sanitizer	Hand sanitizer is available at school entrance and in classrooms. Handwashing or hand sanitizer will be encouraged throughout the school day.	Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms. Handwashing or hand sanitizer is required at least once per hour.	

Temperature Screening	Each student will have their temperature taken before entering the school building. Each teacher will have a touchless thermometer and can take temperatures of any student looking or feeling ill. Those with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent to the designated Covid room, where parents/guardians will be contacted to come get their child immediately. Bus students will be screened when they get on the bus.
If my child has a temperature but no other symptoms of covid, when can they come back to school?	24 hours fever free without the help of medicine. If they have had other symptoms, please get evaluated before coming back.
If my child has other symptoms of covid but no temperature, should they stay home?	Yes! Some cases only present with loss of taste or smell and/or diarrhea. Symptoms are fever (100.4 or higher), chills, rigors, muscle/body aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea. May have only one but can have multiple symptoms. Please stay home from school until all symptoms resolve. We know this will affect attendance; this year will not be a normal year.
How long do students/staff have to stay out of school if they get covid?	If you test positive for covid, you will have to stay out until the Decatur County Health Department allows you to come back. A note from the Decatur County Health Department or KDHE will be required before you can re-enter school.
Will my child's name be released if he/she calls in sick with covid?	Privacy will be respected. You will be contacted by KDHE or Decatur County Health Department if your child tests positive for Covid. Your child's name will not be given. The school will not be a part of the quarantine process unless requested by KDHE or the Decatur County Health Department.
What happens if my child gets a temperature or has other symptoms while at school?	You will be called to come pick up your child. Your child will be given a mask to wear until you come pick up your child and will be placed away from the other students.
What happens if someone in my child's class tests positive for covid?	If someone in your child's class tests positive, contact tracing will be performed by Decatur County Health Department or KDHE. If your child has been in close contact with the positive person, your child will be contacted by KDHE or Decatur County Health Department and will be given instructions from them.
What cleaning will take place in my child's classroom if covid is identified?	All desks, lockers, and workspaces will be thoroughly disinfected. If the school is not needing that room, the custodians will block off that area and will wait to disinfect the main classroom for at least 24 hours. If that is not possible, cleaning will occur immediately.
What happens if a family goes on a vacation?	We encourage all families to seriously consider the potential ramifications of visiting any counties or states with widespread community transmission of covid. For the safety of all Decatur County residents, we ask that you postpone all unnecessary trips until the summer.
What happens if too many teachers get sick?	

<p>Because we understand the importance of educating our youth, we will continue to have school for as long as we possibly can. If too many teachers get sick, we may have to take a break from school and make up our time later in the school year, or the school day may be extended.</p>			
Bus Regulations	<p>Assigned seating by family or by grade levels. Busses will be cleaned daily. Larger busses may be used to prevent transmission. The school will not provide transportation for those who choose to participate in a modified quarantine option. Students are required to wear masks on the bus.</p>		
K-12 Mixed Grade Level Activities	<p>We will try to keep K-6 separate from the older kids this year. There will be no high school aides in the grade school, however, high school students will be allowed to go to the grade school for their Professional Learning Experience (PLE) Class. We will still have social-emotional activities for the various grade levels, but we'll try to space out the kids and keep the elementary apart from the JH/HS.</p>		
School Supplies	<p>Each child will be required to bring their own box of school supplies, such as pencils, markers, scissors, glue. If any items are shared, they will have to disinfect each item after use.</p>		
High School classrooms	JH/HS will be allowed to move from classroom to classroom.	JH/HS will be allowed to move from classroom to classroom.	JH/HS may be asked to stay in one room and have the teachers come to them, depending on which students are being affected by the outbreak.
Classroom set up	All pillows, blankets, dress-up clothes, and soft items will be removed from the classroom. Desks or tables may be arranged in any fashion.	All pillows, blankets, dress-up clothes, and soft items will be removed from the classroom. Space students apart as much as possible.	Classes may be asked to space students apart as much as possible, but for many of our small rooms, it will not be 6 feet.
Classroom Cleaning	Classrooms will be cleaned as per regular procedures.	Any classroom with a case will receive a deep cleaning before re-entry is allowed.	The school may be shut down for a few weeks for a whole-school cleaning if the health department deems necessary.
Hallways	Students will be allowed to walk in lines in hallways as normal.	Some hallways or areas may be blocked off if one area is designated as a quarantine area.	Some hallways or areas may be blocked off if one area is designated as a quarantine area.
Water fountains/water bottles	<p>Each student may bring their own water bottle; however, a water bottle will be provided. The water bottle refill stations will be open to refill bottles.</p>		
Lines	<p>Lines will be limited as much as possible. Students will not gather in the grade school or commons, before school. High school student may go to the gym but they have to be social distanced. Students at OES will go to their teachers classroom after arriving at school. Students at the high school may go to their classrooms when they arrive at school. Teachers at OES will take their students out to recess individually and will gather their own class back into the classroom at staggered times.</p>		

Bathroom cleaning	Bathrooms may be cleaned twice a day.	Bathrooms will be cleaned at least twice a day. One bathroom may be designated for use for quarantine students only.	Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
Breakfast	ALL will eat in the cafeteria and maintain social distancing.		
Lunch seating	Students will eat in the cafeteria. We will change lunch dismissal times, groups sizes, and traffic patterns as needed to promote social distancing and small group interaction.		We may have to split groups out further, depending on the severity of the spread.
Lunch cleaning	Tables are washed between every lunch shift at OES and DCHS. Students need to stay seated until dismissal. High school students will be encouraged to eat outside.		
Locker Rooms	Locker rooms may be used as normal.		
Music/art/PE	Students will be allowed to go to special classes. Teachers will be encouraged to space students out as much as possible, to clean equipment between classes, and to take their larger classes outside as much as possible. Band may choose to play outside. Band and choir will utilize the auditorium.		
Locker assignments	Lockers will be assigned per grade level, as usual.		
Backpack policy	To limit the number of students needing to get into lockers at one time, backpacks will be allowed in the 5-12th grade classrooms once again.		

Beginning and End of Day	School buildings open at 7:50 am. Students will enter at their designated area and go straight to their classroom. Oberlin Elementary: PreK and Head Start enter east doors by the gym. Kindergarten will enter their classroom door. 1st grade will enter west doors by the gym. 2nd and 4th will enter the southwest doors by the office. 3rd grade will enter southeast doors. 5th and 6th will enter the south doors. All students and staff will be screened prior to entering the building. Those with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, he /she will need to stay home. Bus students will enter through the north doors and head straight to the classroom. If a student arrives after 8:10, they are to go directly to the office doors (west doors) to be screened and temp checked. DCJ/SHS: Boys use the southeast doors, girls -southwest doors, junior high - front doors.		
Foreign exchange	All foreign exchange students will be required to quarantine at their host family's home for two weeks before attending school or any activities. The host family is not required to quarantine, unless the foreign exchange student starts exhibiting covid symptoms. If that happens, the host family must also quarantine for 14 days from the onset of symptoms.		
Calendar	The calendar may be adjusted to make up days due to covid, by adjusting holiday lengths. The school days may be extended as well. We thank you in advance for your flexibility throughout this school year.		
Dances	Homecoming and prom dances will be allowed. Outside dates will be screened for Covid exposure and symptoms.	Homecoming and prom dances will be allowed, but no dates outside of Decatur County will be allowed.	Dances may be cancelled or postponed in community spread is present.
Music Programs	Music programs will be allowed.	Music programs may be allowed but limit audience to only parents and siblings allowed to watch. Live stream or record for other extended family and friends.	Music programs will most likely be cancelled or pre-recorded only.
Shared Classroom Technology	Teachers will label computers for use, grouping so family members use the same ones. Disinfect commonly shared items after use.	Technology will be labled and will need disinfected after every person uses.	Only one person per device.
Sports	KSHSAA Sports guidelines will be followed.		