

# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

North Wood R-VI School District



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The safety and well-being of North Wood R-IV students and staff is our top priority in all decisions related to conducting school and providing a quality education to all students and staff we serve.

The content in this document will be updated as additional guidance is provided by state, local, and federal authorities. This document will be reviewed at least every six months by a district task force with a diverse group of stakeholders. Please refer to this document often to stay informed about the most current guidelines and protocols our district will be following. Parents/guardians with questions or concerns should contact the school district at 573 729 4607.

## Understanding & Recognizing COVID-19

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council. The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19:
  - A fever of 100 degrees or higher.
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea & vomiting
  - Diarrhea

## General Information for Students & Faculty/Staff

- Face coverings are **required** for students and staff.
- Masks or face coverings will be provided by the school district. Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.
- Students may not share masks or provide masks to other students at school.
- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:
  - Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer may be used.

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- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash.
- Students will be expected to wash hands multiple times throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout building and will be located in each classroom.
- Students will be encouraged to use refillable water bottles throughout the day and will be provided time to refill bottles at the filling stations.
  - Students cannot bring personal water bottles from home. The school district will provide two water bottles per student.
  - Students may not share water bottles
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff, and students. Social distancing is more achievable in hallways, outdoor areas, and larger facilities.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidance.
- Students, faculty, and staff with diagnosed medical conditions that are related to COVID-19 susceptibility will be provided accommodations as appropriate and practical.

## Staying Home When Appropriate

- Staff and families will be educated about when they/their child(ren) should stay home and when they can return to school.
  - Staff and students should stay home if they have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Staff and students who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
  - All students including students with an IEP will continue to receive services through a virtual platform or the Panther Academy.

## General Health Information for Students & Faculty/Staff

- Parents and students, as well as staff members are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school.
- Students at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the school nursing clerk. If evaluation by the nursing clerk suggests potential for COVID-19 infection, appropriate actions will be taken immediately.
- Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home.

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- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the health department. Please understand that guidelines may change over time. At the time of this publication, the guidelines are as follows:
  - Students not tested for COVID-19 may return if the following conditions are met:
    - **No fever for 24 hours** without use of medicine that reduces fever. Students will be required to report to the nursing clerk for a temperature screening upon their return.
    - Other symptoms have improved (cough or shortness of breath).
  - Students with symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19, may return if the following conditions are met:
    - **No fever for 24 hours** without the use of medicine that reduces fever.
    - Other symptoms have improved (cough or shortness of breath)
  - Students that have tested positive for COVID-19 may return if the following conditions are met:
    - **10 days** have passed without symptoms or released and given written approval to return by the local health department.

## Transportation Information

- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to drop students off and pick up at school instead of using bus service. Drop-off and pick-up systems will be organized to ensure social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Due to the federal CDC requirement, masks have been mandated for public transportation. North Wood R-IV drivers and students will be **required** to wear a mask on the bus. Students are expected to have a mask on the bus, if not, one will be provided.
- Students riding the bus from the same household will be encouraged to sit together.
- Hand sanitizer and masks will be available on school buses.
- Any student displaying symptoms of illness will be sent to the nursing clerk upon arrival at school.

## Arrival at school

- Student drop off time is 7:45 am. All student drop-offs will enter through the main entrance or front doors of the building.
- Parents/visitors will have limited access to the building including the building offices as the need may arise.
  - Visitors in the building will be limited and must be approved prior to arrival.

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## During the School Day

- Students will be assigned to a grade level cohort group or remain with their class all day. Students may interact with students from other classrooms during outside recess but only on a limited basis.
- Students will remain with their class during inside recess.
- Sharing of student supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated.
- Equipment used by more than one student may be sanitized between uses.

## Cafeteria/Meal Times

- Lunch shifts may be staggered slightly to minimize the number of students gathered.
- All lunches will be plated or boxed.
- Students will eat in their classroom cohort groups.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands prior to eating and prior to engaging in other activities after eating.

## Food Service

- Food will not be shared and unopened food/drinks previously served will not be re-served.
- Use individual packets of condiments if possible; if not, district employees will serve condiments using appropriate precautions.
- Kitchen surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant before food preparations begin.
- Hands should be washed after handling soiled dishes and before handling clean dishes.
- Strict kitchen sanitary guidelines will be followed.

## Academics & Instruction

- North Wood R-IV will provide in-person instruction to ALL students. Teachers will live stream classes to assist with students enrolled in the Panther Academy or the virtual school experience.
- In the event of a doctor ordered or health department ordered quarantine, students will be enrolled into the Panther Academy and provided the same every day instruction as their in-seat peers.
- Students attending through virtual instruction will meet the district requirements for attendance.

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- In the event of a school closure, ALL students will be enrolled into the Panther Academy. Assignments will be posted and accepted on Google classroom and teachers will live stream classes from school to home.

## Additional Support

The North Wood R-IV staff continues to provide additional support for struggling students. This includes academic support, behavioral support and social/emotional support. This process begins with guidance counselor and the Student Assist Team.

- Teachers refer struggling students to this group to find ways to support struggling students and/or their families. The SAT team referral can be done by individual teachers or teacher teams. The guidance counselor also maintains a counselor watch list. This list is closely monitored by administrators the building level leadership team.
- The counselor and elementary principal are also involved with leading teacher teams with character teams grades Pre-K through fourth grade. The fifth through eighth grade teams maintain advisories that meet on a weekly basis.
- Individual counseling takes place at the classroom level and is available to all students at their discretion. In many cases teachers will refer student on to the guidance office or an administrator for additional support.
- PBIS is a major focus for the entire building. There is a lot of feedback and positive reinforcement provided to students about choices and behavior on a regular basis.
- Teachers are conducting student check-ins at the middle school level on a regular basis. The goal is to use any one particular experience to better support students socially and emotionally.

## Other Information

- Parents of students participating in any extracurricular activity may be required to complete a liability waiver and follow the guidelines set within the document.

## Cleaning & Disinfection

- Use of shared objects (gym, PE equipment, art supplies, toys, games, and library media materials) should be limited when possible or cleaned between use.
- A schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection has been established throughout the district.

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- Each classroom will arrange student seating to provide for the best social distancing possible.
- Assigned seating may be utilized to assist with contact tracing as needed.
- Plexi-glass dividers will be used when necessary to ensure all staff and students are safe.

## Community Events

- The District may consider limiting or restricting outside organizations' use of facilities, if warranted by local, state or federal guidance.
- School facilities will be sanitized after community events and prior to educational use.

## Accommodations

### **Special Education Services:**

- Special education teachers and therapists will continue to provide services to students with IEPs and ISPs at the building site or on campus. Safety protocols will be followed and put in place for staff and students.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with their child's special education case manager before school begins to discuss specific student needs/concerns along with safety protocols put in place for all students.
- K-8 Parents/guardians who are interested in the online option or Panther Academy will need to contact the building level principal to make such arrangements.

### **English Language Learners:**

Teachers will continue to provide services for ELL students at the building level and will follow safety protocols put in place for all students.

### **Title I Services:**

Teachers will continue to provide services for Title I eligible students at the building level and follow safety protocols put in place for all students.

The District will provide all necessary accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies outlined in this plan. Counseling and mental health services are available for students and staff. Please contact the school counselor for more information.

## School Closures

- The school district will consider phasing school closures based upon city, county, and state guidelines and will consider the percentage of site population testing positive for COVID-19 relative to the environment of the school building.

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- It is possible that classroom closures are implemented, depending on the exposure risk level across the district.
- It is important to note that should a closure, change to the school schedule, and/or exposure to COVID-19 take place, the district will use various methods of communication to contact families.

## Mitigation and Prevention Strategies

- **Masks-** Masks are required at school and on school buses.
- **Physical distancing-** Students will be in their class groups and spaced apart as able.
- **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette-** Proper etiquette will be taught and reinforced.
- **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities-** Increased cleaning for high-touch surfaces.
- **Contact Tracing-** We will work with the local health department to conduct contact tracing.
- **COVID Diagnosis and Testing-** Testing is available through the Dent County Health Department.
- **Vaccination Events-** The school will share information about vaccination events.
- **Accommodations for Children with Disabilities-** Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individual Education Plan.

## Vaccination Opportunity

Your Community Health Center will be on site on Tuesday, August 24 to provide a convenient vaccination opportunity. Vaccinations will take place in the Early Childhood Center. Please take advantage of the 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. time slot. Sign-up sheets will be available to preregister.

## Periodic Revision

The SRCSP will be reviewed and revised by the superintendent and North Wood R-IV Board of Education no less than every six months. The initial plan was adopted on June 10, 2021. Consultation will occur with a group of students, parents, superintendent, special education coordinator, staff of North Wood R-IV, Dent County Health Department, and community organizations representing underserved students. Final revisions to the plan will be made on Tuesday, August 24. To be part of the review process, please contact the school at 573 729 4607.

**\*\*Please note: The information and guidance provided in this document are subject to change at any time based on further guidance received by the district. The plan will be reviewed again prior**

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to the August board meeting to ensure adequacy in protocols and procedures. (Last revised 08.02.21)

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