



## Unified School District No. 244

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### District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

#### PART I.

*Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:*

**(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

The district required universal masks in the previous school year until April 19, 2021. Masks were optional from April 19, 2021 until May 18, 2021. We will not require masks to start the 2021-2022 school year. Any student or faculty member who would like to continue mask wearing will be allowed to do so.

**(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).**

USD #244 will plan on in-person learning Pre-K through 12 to start the 2021-2022 school year. Cohorts, student-groupings, and on-line learning were utilized during the 2020-2021 school year and will not be utilized during the 2021-2022 school year.

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Handwashing and hand sanitizing will continue to be encouraged, as well as covering of coughs and respiratory etiquette. These were promoted as good health practices and decisions before the pandemic as well and will continue to be taught and stressed.

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

USD 244 will have additional custodial staff and will implement additional cleaning and sanitizing measures as needed. HVAC filtration will be changed out every two months.

**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

USD 244 nursing staff and the Coffey County Health Department will continue to track health issues on a daily basis in the district.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

USD 244 has added a full-time nursing assistant, for a total of three school health staff members. The district does not do diagnostic screening and testing as a rule. However, student health evaluation will continue on a daily basis.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

USD 244 and the Coffey County Health Department will continue to work together to provide vaccination opportunities for our students, staff, and community.

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

There have always been appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities in respect to health and safety. That does not change because of the addition of a new health threat.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

The USD 244 school district will continue to collaborate with the Coffey County Health Department and the State of Kansas regarding any health and safety issues.

## Part II.

*Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:*

**(A) services to address students' academic needs**

USD 244 will be providing on-site and in-person learning for all students. ESSER and district funds are being utilized for instruction and technology to meet student academic needs in a wide variety of ways and at various locations throughout Coffey County.

**(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

Social and Emotional Learning programs for the students and opportunities for the staff will continue as they have in the past. We have a wide variety and range of resources and services (counselors, school social workers, administrators, Cross Winds, etc.) that are available to all students and staff to be utilized as needed.

**(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

USD 244 will be providing additional nursing staff and will ensure that food service employees receive necessary training to meet health and safety guidelines established by USDA.

It is the intention of USD 244 to return to “business as usual”, as much as possible, in the fall of 2021. The district will follow any state or county mandates as agreed to by the board of education, should they be necessary.