

## **Eureka Springs School District - Ready for Learning Amendment**

In accordance with the new CDC and state guidelines the Eureka Springs School District plans to continue the following guidelines to keep students and staff safe while continuing a continuity of learning for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

### **Public Health Considerations**

Continued Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside the School Updated guidelines continue to focus on successful practices that resulted in onsite learning for students and limited disruptions throughout the year. The continuation of these practices will ensure that students experience a strong finish to the school year. Some of these practices are listed below.

- Stay home when sick.
- Universal and correct use of masks. When masks are worn, individuals and others are protected. Masks work best when everyone wears one.
- Cleaning and disinfecting to maintain healthy facilities
- Increased air circulation/ventilation
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette. promoting good hand hygiene slows the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, protecting both students and staff.
  - Physical distancing. Requirements for physical distancing have been updated by CDC guidelines, depending on mask wearing decisions. Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible.
  - Respond when positive cases are identified in combination with isolation and quarantine.
  - Screenings for anyone entering the building.

### **Mask Usage**

The district will continue a universal mask policy for all students that attend our district in grades Pre K-12.

### **Close Contact Identification**

The district will follow new CDC guidelines for close contact identification. Definitions and guidelines are listed below.

The CDC defines a close contact as an individual confirmed to have been within six feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period during the infectious period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), vaccination status, and prior infection status may affect this determination.

1. Under this updated guidance, proper mask wearing may now prevent individuals from being identified as close contacts in K-12 schools that continue to implement a mask requirement. This means that if both individuals involved in an exposure that occurs at school – the person diagnosed with COVID-19 and the person exposed to the positive case – were wearing masks correctly at the time of exposure, the individual exposed does not need to quarantine.

2. Exposed individuals should self-monitor for symptoms and stay home at the first sign of illness. They also should continue to wear a mask at all times to further reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus. The person who tests positive for COVID-19 is still required to isolate at home.

Parents may choose to quarantine their child if they are deemed a probable close contact.

### **Physical Distancing**

Students at Eureka Springs will follow social distancing guidelines by maintaining a minimum of three feet distance and up to six feet when possible. Physical education classes are encouraged to meet outdoors when possible to reduce the risk of virus spread.

### **Educational Options**

The Eureka Springs School District will continue to use two options for educating students for the remainder of the 20-21 school year. The two options include virtual and on-site instruction. Communication between the guardians and the school office needs to take place to determine which method of instruction is to take place for an individual student. Students are not to bounce back and forth between the methods of instruction at will. The virtual option can be used

temporarily while a student is quarantined or showing signs of Covid. The parents or guardians must contact the school to discuss this temporary option.

### **Continuing Education to Mitigate Learning Loss**

Summer school will be offered for students in grades 5 -12, from June 2nd -25th, from 8:00 - 12:00. Students that have missed more than the allotted number of days may be required to attend in order to move on to the next grade or receive credit for classes. Elementary students will receive extended learning throughout the summer for students deemed necessary due to learning loss.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal or the district office for further information.

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