

USD 477 Mitigation Plan Priorities

Employees must familiarize themselves with the symptoms of COVID-19:

- **Coughing;**
- **Fever**(100.4 or higher);
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing **in more serious infections;**
- Early symptoms such as chills(sometimes), body aches(sometimes), sore throat (rare), headache(sometimes), diarrhea(sometimes), nausea/vomiting(sometimes), and runny nose(rare);
- **New loss of taste or smell**

1. All teachers and staff in school facilities, on school grounds, and using school transportation are strongly recommended to wear appropriate PPE (masks) pursuant to Executive Order 20-59. Students PreK-12th grade in school facilities, on school grounds, and using school transportation are strongly recommended to wear masks pursuant to Executive Order 20-59.
2. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Hand washing and restroom privileges will be accommodated at designated times during each individual class period for 5th-12 grades and at designated times for PreK-4th grade students.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Follow appropriate respiratory etiquette, which includes covering for coughs and sneezes.
5. Avoid close contact with people (all individuals). We need to make our best effort to physical distance at all times. If there is no avenue to physical distance a mask must be worn. Classrooms must be set up to accommodate this priority when practical.
6. 5th-12th grade students will wear masks during passing periods. Passing periods will be directly from class to class.
7. Employees and students should limit the use of shared supplies, devices and equipment. To the extent equipment must be shared, the District will provide alcohol-based wipes to clean equipment before and after use. When cleaning supplies and equipment, consult supervisor for proper cleaning techniques and restrictions. USD will provide each student their own Chromebook to reduce exposure and risk.
8. All bus routes will be scheduled so riders arrive at school between 7:45 am. and 7:50am. Students who do not ride a bus will be asked to arrive no earlier than 7:45 am.
9. Students will report directly to the classroom upon arrival and breakfast will be served in classrooms.
10. Lunches will be organized to accommodate physical distancing and reduce group exposure. Lunch schedules and cafeteria spaces have been modified to accommodate efforts to reduce exposure and will continually be adapted to meet needs that develop.
11. Students should be in the same groups throughout the day to reduce exposure. Staff who share students will need to collaborate on seating arrangements and small groups.
12. Bus routes will have assigned seating to ensure family groups are together and classroom groups are paired to ensure minimal exposure. (Riders who fail to comply will have their bus privilege suspended on the first violation). All bus riders will have their temperature taken before they enter any route bus. Masks are required as students enter and exit buses.

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13. Students who do not ride a bus will have their temperature taken as they enter the building each day. Staff members will have temperature checked as they enter the building each day.
14. In lieu of using a common source of drinking water, such as drinking fountains, staff/students should use individual water bottles. All district fountains have bottle filling capability. The fountain to mouth water dispenser will not be used at any time.
15. All interior doors will be left open to reduce touch points.
16. HVAC systems must be maintained on auto setting. The fan should not be running if the system is not conditioning the air. Systems should be left at the desired setting 24/7. There is no benefit to set the temperature below the desired setting. Interior doors will be open at all times. We have very few functional windows so windows will be closed.
17. Each student will be afforded the choice of remote or in person learning opportunities. Students who attend remotely will be held to compulsory attendance standards and parents will be required to keep a learning log as well as provide needed support for their child. Each class will be streamed to remote learners via Zoom. Remote learners will not participate in extra-curricular activities. If the BOE or Gray County Health Department temporarily closes school, the district will immediately provide remote learning for all students. Students who choose remote learning will be afforded the opportunity to re-evaluate at the end of each semester.
18. If remote learning is necessary for all students, staff members will teach and support teaching from school.
19. Classroom desks, lunch tables will be cleaned when the person using the space changes.
20. Vehicles, Buses and equipment/tools should be cleaned at least once per day and before change in operator or rider.
21. If a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and fever, the student must remain at home until he or she is symptom free for 24 hours (1 full day) without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g., cough suppressants).
22. A student that tests positive for COVID-19 will be directed to self-quarantine away from school. The District will require such students to provide documentation clearing their return to school.
23. Students who have had close contact with the confirmed-positive case will be strongly encouraged to self-quarantine for 10 days from the last date of close contact with the carrier. Quarantine orders issued by the Gray County Health Department will be enforced.
24. If an employee exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and fever, the employee must remain at home until he or she is symptom free for 24 hours (1 full day) without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g., cough suppressants).
25. An employee that tests positive for COVID-19 will be directed to self-quarantine away from school. The District will require such employee to provide documentation clearing their return to work. Remote teaching will be facilitated if a teacher is physically capable.
26. School Employees Are Considered “Critical Infrastructure” or “Essential” - To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. A mask will be required. Quarantine orders issued by the Gray County Health Department will be enforced.