

**Adair County R-I School District**  
**Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and**  
**Continuity of Services**  
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# Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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In collaboration with the Adair County Health Department, the families of our students via survey, staff input via survey, consultation with healthcare providers, as well as guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, this plan was developed to safely and effectively re-open our schools on August 24, 2021 (initial plan). The safety of our students and staff are paramount, and implementation of this plan was developed by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs and context of the Novinger community.

These Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) procedures and guidelines are based on how the district intends to operate during the 2022-2023 school year. The focus will be based on how the school will ensure continued safe operations to maintain the health and safety of students and staff. This plan will be updated frequently. Please continue to check our website.

## Understandable Language

All documents associated with the Safe to Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) will be available in a format and language that is easily understandable by all stakeholders. SRCSP documents will also be made available in other languages, which can be obtained from the appropriate building office.

## Plan Development for Re-entry and SRCSP Planning

The Adair County R-I School District was able to utilize the district's Summer 2020 Re-entry Plan to successfully start school on August 25, 2020. School re-entry and re-opening documents provided an opportunity to review practices and policies. This review of safe return policies has continued into the 21-22 and 22-23 school year. The SRCSP document offers guidance on how the district will consider approaching the continued operation of our schools and facilities during the 2022-2023 school year. These guidelines along with coordinated approaches will assist to safely continue academic, extracurricular and athletic activities. Aligning these with district strategic goal areas allows for encompassing all planning aspects. This document is intended to hold hope for the best as we continue safe operations to maintain the health and safety of students and staff. The Adair County R-I School District is excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year on August 23, 2022 with students. Students will continue traditional face-to-

face classes during the 2022- 2023 school year. There were several safety measures in place when students returned to school initially in August 2020 and August 2021. You will see that some of the safety measures implemented during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year will continue to be in place for the 2022-2023 school year. The Adair County R-I School District will make every effort to minimize contact to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; however, attending school will inherently introduce a greater risk of exposure. The Adair County R-I School District plans on moving forward with school on August 23, 2022 unless the federal, state, county, or local health departments require us to close. Procedures may or can be modified at any time. It is impossible to plan for every scenario and situation. The Adair County R-I School District collaborates with the Adair County Health Department, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor's Office, and Center for Disease Control. The 2020 Original Re-entry Planning Team collaborated to develop plans for the 2020- 2021 school year. This team provided input in original planning and was given the opportunity to provide input on the SRCSP Plan prior to publication on June 19, 2021. The plan was updated in December of 2021 and every 6 months following the initial development. The updated team members are listed below.

2022-2023 Re-Entry Planning Team:

Mrs. Robin Daniels, Superintendent

Mr. Tyler Daniels, Board Member, Parent

Mr. Allen McDannald, Principal

Mrs. Emmy McDannald, Director of Special Education

Mrs. Kandice Robinson, K-12 Counselor, Parent

Mrs. Donna Broadwell, Title Math Teacher

Mrs. Meagan Roan, School Health Nurse, Parent

Mr. Jason Daniels, Athletic Director, Parent

Mr. Chase Roberts, At Risk and Special Education

Mrs. Julie Howe, Library Media, Parent

Mrs. Heather Halley, Board Member, Parent, Nurse

Mrs. Emily Magruder, Parent

Adair County Health Department

Complete Family Medicine Staff

Mr. Brek Snyder, Board Member, Parent

Mr. Troy Smith, Board Member

Mr. Tyler Halley and Mrs. Chelsea Halley, Parents

Mrs. Emily Hettinger, Parent

Additional Members will be added and updated as needed

### **Mitigation and Prevention Strategies**

This is not a complete list of mitigation and prevention strategies the District may utilize during the 2022-2023 school year. The District will implement mitigation and prevention strategies as necessary to address the district's needs, or as determined by the Adair County Health Department. \*Published June 19, 2021, Updated December 13, 2021, June 1, 2022, September 21, 2022\*

<b>Mitigation and Prevention Strategies</b>	<b>District Response in Collaboration with the Adair County Health Department</b>
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-There is not a school or county mask mandate at this time</li><li>-Masks are allowed and recommended</li><li>-Masks will be required for students exhibiting symptoms who are waiting to be screened or picked up by a parent</li><li>-Masks will be required for students who have been exposed to COVID-19 in the home for 10 full days after the last exposure</li></ul>
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Classrooms that have desks will have students spaced with as much room between them as possible</li><li>-Large gatherings during the school day are discouraged for long periods of time; (ie: bus services will only be provided to students who live at least one mile from school; separated lunch shifts; limiting of guests for events as necessary; limited outside guests; non-essential visitors will not be allowed in the school)</li></ul>
Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Hand-sanitizing stations are installed in classrooms and the hallways to accommodate frequent use</li><li>-Water bottle filling stations are installed throughout the district. Students without a reusable water bottle will be provided one upon request</li></ul>

<p>Cleaning and Maintaining Health Facilities, Including Improving Ventilation</p>	<p>-Classroom Desks will be frequently sanitized</p> <p>-Thoroughly ventilate, clean and then disinfect all buildings, desks, food preparation/service areas, equipment and other surfaces prior to students returning, using CDC and OSHA guidelines, as well as any guidelines or tips provided by the ADCHD</p> <p>-A cleaning schedule timeline is set (revised maintenance and custodial schedules to focus on high touch/high traffic areas) for effectively cleaning and disinfecting buildings and facilities once students return for extracurricular activities or academic learning</p> <p>-A quick checklist was created for building staff to support the maintenance and custodial cleaning schedule. All classrooms will be provided sanitizer and paper towels</p> <p>-Clean and disinfect all work areas, counters, restrooms, doorknobs, etc. several times daily</p> <p>-Clean/disinfect student desks, keyboards as often as possible</p> <p>-Clean work out equipment/sports equipment frequently and between transitions</p> <p>- Create a plan to increase frequency during flu season and if there are increased incidents of COVID-19 exposure in the area or in the school community</p>
<p>Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School</p>	<p>-The District will maintain a room near the nursing services office for exclusion of students or staff with symptoms</p> <p>-The district uses the most up to date information produced by the CDC, DESE, and DHSS to provide guidance for exclusion. Students/staff will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19</p> <p>CDC Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools:  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html</a></p> <p>Adair County Health Department:  <a href="https://adair.lphamo.org/">https://adair.lphamo.org/</a></p> <p>DESE Operational Guidance:  <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/missouri-covid-19-k12-guidance-2022">https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/missouri-covid-19-k12-guidance-2022</a></p>

	<p>Department of Health and Senior Services:  <a href="https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/">https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>-Students/staff who are considered a close contact due to exposure outside of the home may return to school with the use of a mask. If the student/staff are symptomatic, they will isolate at home. Students/staff who are close contacts will have a testing option available at the school health office when supplies are available. Parents will be notified if their child is a close contact.</p>
Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Educators, Staff, and Students, if eligible	-The District collaborates with the Adair County Health Department to assist in distribution of information regarding vaccination. The district also uses the most up to date information produced by the CDC, DESE, and DHSS to provide information for students and families.
Diagnostic, Screening, and Testing	<p>-The District provides all families with information provided by the Adair County Health Department, CDC, DESE, and DHSS regarding screening. The district offers testing for students and staff on-site when supplies are available.</p> <p>- The District maintains a room for exclusion of any student demonstrating symptoms and waiting to be picked up from school. The isolation room is sanitized between each student use.</p>
Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies	<p>-Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individualized Education Plan</p> <p>-Form G Continuity of Services is included in the IEP for each student</p> <p>-Continuation of Learning for all students regardless of a disability</p>

**Continuity of Services**

Teachers will use this information to guide instruction and address the Missouri Learning Standards during the 2022-2023 school year. The district will provide Chromebooks to all students in grades K-12 and teachers during the 2022-2023 school year. The District will offer support in finding resources for students to access internet connections outside of school.

The district will continue to provide social emotional support to students and staff as needed. School counselors will continue to provide both in person and virtual services as needed.

Students will meet in person for all classes unless the Adair County Health Department or CDC advises otherwise. Students who must be quarantined will have full access to daily lessons and teachers will be made available for virtual consulting. Students with ongoing health concerns should contact the district to formulate individual plans specific to student needs. MOCAP information is available on our website. Please contact the district if consultation is needed.

### **Periodic Revision**

This document was published to the web on June 19, 2021 after the committee work had been completed. This SRCSP will be reviewed with updates, at the BOE on July 20, 2021, and revisions to be updated again on August 18, 2021. The plan will be reviewed in December 2021, June 2022, September 2022, February 2022, July 2022. Revisions will be updated to the website. Periodic revisions of at least every 6 months will continue for the life of the plan dependent on current public health needs. A more specific guide for re-opening schools is provided to staff and parents. Please see this publication below:



**Adair Co. R-I School District  
2022-2023 Re-Entry Plan**

**Please check our website for updates as they become available.**

The global Coronavirus pandemic has introduced a new level of risk for in-person instruction and in-person gatherings. Our district is designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions in relatively close spaces and in groups. The benefits of this type of instruction are well accepted. Following the parent survey in 2020, the results showed that roughly 88% of our school community want their students back in school with some safety precautions put in place. We also know that staff and student safety are the greatest priority, not only to our community, but to our district as well.

As we plan for a school year that is likely to be continuously impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the priorities that we hold are:

- Providing environments that are as safe as possible for students and staff;
- Providing an equitable, guaranteed, and viable education.

Adair Co. R-I plans on moving forward with face-to-face school on August 23, 2022 unless the federal, state, county, or local health departments require us to remain closed.

Procedures may or may not be modified at any time. It is impossible to plan for every scenario and situation. Adair Co. R-I works with the Adair County Health Department, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor's office and Center for Disease Control.

The district would like to ask parents to be supportive of the district as we move through this ever-changing situation. Parents will be asked to not enter the school building; we will have staff available to help get the students where they need to be. We recognize what a change this will be, but for the safety of all students and staff, is a necessary change we need to make. Parents may make appointments with teachers or administrators as needed. Guests to our building may be asked to wear a mask.

**Safety and Protocols for Face-to-Face School**

1. Students, staff and school employees will be the only people allowed to enter Adair Co. R-I school building during the school day. Parents, community members and other visitors will not be allowed inside the building except by appointment.
2. Increased cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing in work spaces and classrooms using products that are CDC certified to kill COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

3. Increased health and hygiene routines by students and staff at school.
4. Social distancing will be in place where appropriate.
5. Students will need water bottles to fill at the water bottle filling stations; water fountains will be turned off. Water bottles will be supplied for students who need them.
6. Students will report directly to their classroom every day.
7. Large gatherings will be avoided during the school day.
8. Shared equipment will be limited as much as possible, frequent sanitization practices will be put in place in areas where it is not possible (computer labs for example.)
9. Masks will be optional for all staff and students. Masks are highly recommended where social distancing is not possible.
10. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Students must stay home if they are feeling ill or showing any symptoms of COVID-19 (from CDC). The school nurse will conduct health screenings of students exhibiting these symptoms. Please do not send students to school with symptoms. It will be vital that all parents monitor these symptoms and do not send students to school when symptomatic.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose not caused by conditions such as seasonal allergies
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Supply your student with a small hand sanitizer and a mask; there will be hand sanitizer available in various areas throughout the building. Remind your students about social distancing practices. At drop off, keep students in your vehicle until the building doors open. Reinforce proper hand washing practices. The building will not be open for drop off until 7:35 am. This guideline will be followed strictly. WE ASK THAT PARENTS PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF BEFORE THIS TIME. Students should wait in the vehicle with the parent until 7:35 am when the doors open.

### **Screening:**

We would request that parents screen their children before leaving home every morning. Tips for screening:

- Is the student's temperature over 100.0 degrees?
- Does your student feel sick today?
- Does your student have a consistent cough?
- Is your student experiencing shortness of breath?
- Has your student been exposed to anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, students will be required to be kept home.

If the school health professional determines that a student needs to be picked up, the parents will be contacted, and the student should be picked up within 30 minutes of notification. Guidance will be given if students need to be seen by their medical professional for further examination. Every guardian should have an emergency pick up plan in place that will allow for an adult to pick up their child on emergency notice.

When the family member arrives to pick up their student, please do not enter the building, call the front office (660) 488-6411 to let us know you have arrived and an adult will walk the student outside to meet the family member picking them up.

Students will not be allowed to return to school for 1 day (24 hours) after fever with no additional symptoms.

Staff will be screened in the same manner as students will be screened on a daily basis. Staff should also self-screen at home, following the same protocol identified above.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19:

- Notification will be made to the Adair County Health Department (ACHD.)
- The district will follow recommendations for closure and contact tracing that are issued by the CDC, DESE, and under the advice of the local health department.
- School could possibly experience closure.
- Staff will perform a deep targeted clean and disinfection of exposed areas.
- The district will work with information and guidance from the CDC, DESE DHSS, and ACHD on reopening and re-entry plans.
- Additional guidelines may be put in place if a family member of a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

Students/Staff returning to school from COVID-19 like symptoms:

- Persons with symptoms
  - At least 1 day without ANY symptoms
  - No symptoms and a negative COVID-19 test
- Persons without symptoms but a positive test
  - At least 5 days since the positive COVID-19 test without additional symptoms

## **Bus Procedures**

Given the number of students who ride the bus and the number of buses that we have, we ask parents who can bring students to school and pick them up after school to please do so. Please let the district know if you will be assisting us in this manner. Otherwise, only registered bus riders will be able to ride the bus, if your student has another student at home with them, you will need to make arrangements to get them to school as well as to pick them up from school. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we have to keep the number of students on the bus as low as possible.

## **Arrival/Dismissal Procedure for Others (non-bus riders)**

Student Drivers/Walkers:

If you drive to school, please park in the South parking lot and enter the building through the appropriate door, you will need to follow the sidewalk around to the front of the building.

When you arrive at the correct doorway, an adult will meet you there before allowing you to enter the building.

Parent Drop Off:

You can drop your students off at the appropriate doorway of the school. We ask that you remain in your vehicle and remain patient as you progress in a single file line.

There will be adults to meet your students during the first few weeks of school to help ease them into this routine. We are always here to help.

Dismissal Routines:

Student drivers/walkers will be dismissed at the walker bell in the high school. We ask that you maintain hallway procedures as you exit the building, remember to walk to the right side of the hallway and maintain social distance from those around you.

If a parent is picking up students, we ask that you once again stay in your vehicle and pick your student up at the same doorway that you dropped them off at. You will need to form a single line behind the buses while waiting for your student's release.

## **Remote Learning**

If a student becomes symptomatic, quarantined, or restricted from school due to COVID-19 for an extended period of time, the district will provide remote learning options for your child.

If your child has a documented health issue that would require remote learning, please provide a physician's letter to the district before the start of school so that we can be aware of this need.

If the school would experience a closure, we are prepared to coordinate district wide remote learning options through Google Classrooms. All classwork assigned during remote learning periods will count toward the student's grade and will be assessed comparably to in person assignments. We suggest that parents begin becoming familiar with this platform with the resources provided here:

Note: Due to the need for remote learning, teachers will be recording some lessons in their classroom to be used in their Google Classroom for teaching purposes. Please be advised your student may be captured on video for educational purposes.

