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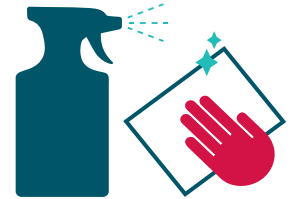
District Operational and Safety Plan for 21-22

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Healthy Learning and Work Environments

- Masks are **recommended but not required** for all students and staff indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are **recommended but not required** for all visitors to WPS schools and central office buildings.
- Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to **stay home if you are sick**.
- Vaccinations are **strongly encouraged**, but not required, and optional vaccine clinics will be held at district locations to serve interested students and families.
- **FREE TESTING** is available for students, staff and families, by appointment. Call 973-4790 or visit our [web site \(Resources section\)](#) for additional information.
- **Public health requirements** will guide our decisions (including travel restrictions, quarantine expectations, vaccination protocol, etc.).
- Continued emphasis on **handwashing** and healthy habits.
- Hand sanitizing and cleaning **supplies available** for order by staff via Oracle shopping list.
- **Intensive cleaning**, including high touch points, will continue through the year.
- **Air handling** enhancements will continue.
- **Isolation rooms** will be used again this year to accommodate those who become ill or develop symptoms *after* arriving to school.
- WPS COVID **employee hotline** will centralize employee response and tracking.
- Nurses will continue to **monitor for illness**, and follow existing COVID protocols should there be concern about student or staff illness.
- A revised [COVID protocol](#) has been developed that places priority on monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, staying home when feeling sick and getting tested.



Learning Opportunities

- Virtual learning is available through EI Academy. **MySchool Remote is not allowed based on direction from the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Legislature.**
- Students will continue to have one-to-one device and internet access available, and teachers will incorporate **innovative technology** use into classroom instruction in order to expand opportunities for all learners.
- Each **IEP team** (which includes the student's parents) will need to assess the unique needs of each student, and determine if any additional supports are necessary to provide that student with their free and appropriate public education.
- Focused attention is being directed to **social-emotional learning** and supports for students, as well as staff, as this area is one of three prioritized by stakeholders for the use of ESSER funds.



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Student, Staff and Partner Activities

- Masks are **recommended but not required** for all visitors while in WPS buildings and central offices. This applies to anyone who does not have a valid WPS staff or student ID.
- The following **activities will resume** during the 21-22 school year following all health and safety guidelines in place for staff, students and visitors. If changes become necessary due to community health considerations, these activities may be modified.
 - Parent, community partner and volunteer activities
 - School fundraising activities
 - Foreign exchange students will be allowed to enroll in WPS
 - Indoor and outdoor facility reservations
- **Employees travel** out-of-state for professional learning opportunities may occur only if they are fully vaccinated.
- Schools may conduct **field trips in-state**.
- All **out-of-state student travel** is temporarily suspended until further notice.



Food Services

- All students will **eat at no cost** (except a la carte) per federal guidelines.
- **Household Income Survey** will be used in lieu of federal F/R lunch form during 21-22.
- Meals will be **distributed to students at school**, and there will be no remote meal distribution sites.
- Menus will be similar to the pre-pandemic traditional lunch and breakfast program.
- **Breakfast** is a priority
 - Breakfast in the classroom will continue at all elementary schools.
 - Secondary schools are developing plans for second chance breakfast or breakfast after the bell.



Transportation

- Masks are **recommended but not required** for all students who ride on buses (First Student WPS regular transportation AND City of Wichita buses).



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