

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

November 2021

As the Eldon School District plans for the 2021/2022 school year, our goal is to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. We understand that these recommendations will be adopted, reviewed and revised by the guidance given by the Federal, State, and Local health officials. As a district we understand that this plan may create some inconvenience but we are following the guidelines and recommendations to minimize the spread of communicable diseases in our district. The intent of this plan is to provide a start to school that is as normal as possible and can be modified to best address ever changing scenarios. The district will remain open until given guidance from the county health department.

Mitigation Strategy Policies

- A. Universal and correct wearing of masks.
 - a. Masks will be made available for all students and staff.
- B. Physical Distancing
 - a. Students will be in cohorts with distancing.
- C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
 - a. Students will be taught the correct handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
- D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
 - a. Our district will increase cleaning for high-touch surfaces.
- E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, and local health departments.
 - a. Our district will do the contract tracing in partnership with the local health departments.
- F. Diagnostic and screening testing.
 - a. Our district will have testing available for all students and staff at the Tornado Shelter located at 407 E. 15th Street.
- G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible.
 - a. Our district has hosted multiple vaccination events on campus.
- H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety procedures.
 - a. Our district will provide accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plans.

Continuity of Services

The Eldon School District has been in-person instruction since May 2020. The Eldon School District has not missed a day of school due to COVID since returning last May. If the district has an interruption of in-person instruction the district will pivot to utilizing our online platforms for our students and staff. If our students do not have adequate internet at home then we will provide paper packets of the information they need. The students will also be allowed to come to school and use our internet connection if that is a better option than the packets.

Our school counselors and mental health therapists will continue to meet with students and staff regarding social, emotional, and mental health instruction. The counselors and therapists can do this via phone calls, zoom meetings, or home visits.

The district will continue to provide nutritional and health services. Meals will be provided during our regularly planned school days and our school nurses will be available by appointment to meet the health needs of students and staff.

Periodic Revision

The Eldon School District will have two meetings throughout the school year with students; families; school and district administrators; teachers; principals; school leaders; other educators; school staff; and their unions to review and revise this plan.

Understandable Language

The Eldon School will work with our Director of Special Services to ensure that the SRCSP is available in appropriate languages for our stakeholders or to stakeholders who employ the oral tradition.

The Eldon School District is looking forward to another successful school year. Thank you in advance for your support.