

## Haysville USD 261

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

This plan will change and evolve as the 2021-22 school year approaches

#### PART I.

*Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:*

**(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

We will use various factors to determine if masks are necessary for any of our students or staff. Decisions for mandating masks will be made by a vote of the Board of Education with input from local doctors, county health officials, and CDC/KDHE guidance.

**(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).**

The superintendent will monitor the covid positivity rate and the number of positive cases in our district to make decisions on implementing physical distancing.

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Students will wash their hands before lunch and use hand sanitizer regularly throughout the day. Sanitizer stations will also be set up at lunch lines for additional opportunities to sanitize. All classrooms will be continually stocked with hand sanitizer dispensers to make sure it is readily available to students in their rooms.

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

Desks will be cleaned at least daily. High-touch surfaces such as doorknobs and handrails will be wiped down throughout the day by custodial staff. Water fountains will be turned off, and water bottle fill stations will be used. Fresh air intakes will be opened on applicable HVAC units to maximize ventilation.

**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or tribal health departments.**

We will follow all quarantine and isolation directives from our county health officer. In the event of a positive case of COVID 19, our health staff will conduct internal contact tracing, and we will

remove unvaccinated close contacts from school for ten days or eight days with a negative test on the 6<sup>th</sup> day.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

COVID 19 tests will be available for use by district health staff. Permission will be obtained from parents of all students under 18 before a test is administered. A test can be requested by parents and will be offered to parents if a student feels ill or is presenting symptoms.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

We will continue to make our students and staff aware of opportunities to be vaccinated in our community.

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

We will work with our special education staff to ensure that our special education students have full access to appropriate educational supports even if we are forced to alter our delivery model.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

The superintendent will continue to monitor the information available from KSDE, KDHE, and the CDC to ensure that the district is ready for changes to policies or recommendations. The district nurse will communicate with the county health officer regularly to monitor the current situation in the county and district.

## **Part II.**

***Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:***

### **(A) services to address students' academic needs**

Using ESSER funds, we have improved our ability to deliver remote and hybrid instruction. In the event of a widespread breakout, we will utilize the technology to provide education through various methods, including hybrid and remote learning models.

### **(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

We are partnering with KU Medical Center to provide additional social, emotional, and mental health services to our students. This partnership will provide extra training and collaboration for staff on how to assist students with needs associated with the stresses of the pandemic.

### **(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

We have contingency plans and materials for quickly changing to grab and go meals if a shutdown is required. District health staff will continue to monitor the exposure and impact of COVID-19 on the district.