

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Attached are the updated Osage Co. R-I SRCSP/COVID Response and Reopening Plans, which outline the procedures for communicating how suspected and positive COVID-19 cases will be handled in the school setting. Additionally, the document outlines specific procedures for returning to school or work after a quarantine.

There are a number of procedures that will be implemented in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While no single action will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we must make a coordinated effort to implement multiple strategies designed to greatly reduce the risk. We must be vigilant in our mitigation efforts and work together in keeping our building open in order to effectively meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students.

Our 2021-22 SRCSP Plan is built around the following foundational priorities:

- 1. Continue In-Person Learning*
- 2. Utilize Mitigation Strategies As Needed*
- 3. Following Guidance from Local Health Department, CDC, and DESE*

As we return for the 2021-22 school year, the Osage Co. R-I School District will work to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for students and staff. However, we must all acknowledge that returning to in-seat instruction will introduce a greater risk of exposure in spite of our best efforts. The overall goal is to provide a path that allows for in-person instruction to continue for as many students as possible, for as long as possible with minimal disruptions in learning. We hope you share the belief that the inconvenience of extended school closings and distance learning is much greater than any perceived inconvenience of procedures related to ensuring the health of our staff and students.

The information that follows provides a summary of what students and parents can expect as different situations arise. Please remember these procedures are a working document and can be adjusted as information becomes available and we adjust to any federal, state, or local requirements.

Level 1- In- person classes for all. Mitigating measures in place as needed.

Level 2- Limited positive cases in school. Increased mitigating measures. Possible distance learning required for some. Attempt to return to Level 1 as soon as possible

Level 3- Significant number of identified cases within the school. - Alternate Method of Instruction plans implemented. Distance learning for all.

The decision to move from one level to another will be determined by the district in consultation with local health officials.

Sincerely,

Osage Co. R-I Administration

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	Mask	Distancing	Handwashing/Sanitizer
All Staff	Required when distancing is not possible. Required when transitioning through buildings.	Required to the extent possible.	Promote proper handwashing. Staff will have access to hand sanitizer.
K-6 Students	Highly Recommended	Required to the extent possible. Attempts will be made to seat students 3-6 ft apart.	Practice proper handwashing. Utilize hand sanitizer made available.
7-12 Students	Required when distancing is not possible. Required when transitioning through buildings.	Required to the extent possible. Attempts will be made to seat students 3-6 ft apart.	Practice proper handwashing. Utilize hand sanitizer made available.
Staff/Students on Bus	Required for all staff and students when on a school bus.	Required to the extent possible.	Use when loading and unloading.
Visitors During School Day	Required when entering and transitioning through building. Also required when distancing is not possible.	Required to the extent possible.	Utilize sanitizer available.
After School Events/Extra Curricular Events	Osage Co. R-I students and staff continue to follow school day mask requirements. All other visitors are highly encouraged to wear a mask.	Practice distancing as appropriate.	Practice proper handwashing. Utilize hand sanitizer made available.

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- Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations should not come to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.
- Symptoms include:
 - Low Risk
 - A fever (100.4° or sense of having a fever)
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain, Fatigue
 - Headache, congestion, runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
 - High Risk
 - Cough
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
- Students and staff **who are** identified as a close contact of a positive case may be allowed to remain at school if they meet local health guidelines and CDC recommendations.
 - **Contact has proof of COVID vaccination and symptom free.**
 - **Both positive case and contact were appropriately masked and contact symptom free.**
- Students and staff **who are not** identified as a close contact of the positive case will be permitted to return to school after contact tracing by the local health department is complete.

No known exposure to COVID-19- Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following conditions are met:

 - 1 Low Risk Symptom- Return to school 24 hours after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)
 - 2 or more low risk symptoms or 1 high risk symptom- Evaluation by health care provider is recommended.
 - Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms—Return to school after 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptom improving
 - Negative COVID test- Return to school 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms improving
 - Positive COVID test- Return to school only after quarantine period has ended. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases in accordance with local health department and CDC guidelines. Students and staff may also return if approved by local health department or health care provider.
 - No provider visit or test- Return to school 48 hours after symptom resolution without fever reducing medication.

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person-

 - Stay home- Consult with local health care provider and local health department.
 - Return to school following quarantine period, requirements from local health department and health care provider. If symptoms develop, seek a COVID -19 test.