COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

It’s important to remember that we all assume risk the moment we leave our homes. This is especially true during the pandemic. As a school, we will follow all state and federal guidelines to help with student and staff safety.

General Health and Safety

Home Health Screenings
The school district in alignment with the CDC has recommended and expects parents to take their child’s temperature daily before leaving for school and screen for symptoms.

Staff members are expected to take their temperature and screen themselves for symptoms each morning before leaving for school.

If a student or staff member is feeling ill, or has any of the following symptoms, they should not come to school until they have isolated at home for 10 days and are 24 hours fever free without using fever reducing medication and symptoms are getting better or obtained an alternate diagnosis from the child’s health care provider stating the symptoms are not COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test and 24 hours fever free without using fever reducing medication and symptoms are getting better.

Symptoms-
- fever/chills
- cough
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

When someone Exhibit Symptoms While at School

Isolation Room
There will be an isolation room next to the nurse’s office. If a student is experiencing symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19, he or she will be screened by the nurse and will wait in the isolation room to be picked up by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians will check in at the front office and then access the nurse’s office/isolation room by walking to the right of the front doors through the Preschool playground.
Positive COVID-19
If a student or staff member tests positive, the pod, cohort or grade level, including staff working with the students may go home to quarantine pending recommendations of Public Health Officials and the district nursing coordinator. Public health in connection with the district will determine the scope of “close contact” with the infected person and will provide direction to the principal, nursing coordinator and administration as to who needs to be sent home to quarantine, and for how long.

Cleaning After a Positive Test Result
If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, cleaning procedures will depend on when the student or staff member was last in the school prior to receiving the positive test result. It may be several days between when a student or staff member goes home because they aren’t feeling well and when they receive a test result; therefore, protocols will vary. The room will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to the students or staff returning.

Returning to School After Illness
Return to school will be coordinated with guidance from Public Health, local physicians, our nursing coordinator and our school nurse, Martha Hirt will be in contact with the family to facilitate a healthy transition back to school.

Arrival and Dismissal
Students will be dropped off parallel to the playground and line up according to our morning line up map. Each student will stand 6 feet from one another and wait until the teacher leads them into the building. Students arriving on the bus will also line up with their class and wait until the teacher leads them into the building.
In the afternoon, for pick up, students will line up on the perimeter of the playground and either go to the bus or will wait for an adult to call their family number to head to the pick up area. Each family will be given a family number and a placard to be hung from the rear view mirror and that will help us facilitate the pick up process.

Face Coverings
Face coverings are required for all staff, students and families while at school.

In Class Experiences
Pods/cohorts
Establishing a stable group of students or pod in schools is a strategy that will help us reduce the spread of COVID-19. A pod or cohort is a consistent group of students who stay together all day, each day.
Pods will not mix in the school building or during recess and they will maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing
Students and staff will be expected to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water after using the bathroom. In addition, students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the classroom and before and after eating.

**Social Distancing**
Social distancing of 6 feet or more should be maintained throughout the school day, even when playing outside.

**Routine Cleaning/Sanitization**
Throughout the day, our custodians will be cleaning high touch surfaces every two hours, including door handles, bathroom surface areas and hand railings. In the classroom, teachers will facilitate the cleaning of desks and high-touch areas. Every evening our custodians will clean and disinfect the school.

**School Day Modifications**

**Recess**
All pods of students will have a staggered recess time. Each pod will have a designated area of the playground to play on. At this time, our playground equipment will not be used. However, students will have access to balls, jump ropes and other equipment that can be cleaned after use. The classes will rotate every day to a new section of the playground.

**PE Class**
Whenever possible, PE classes will be held outdoors. When outdoor activities are impossible (colder than -20), class activities will be held in the gymnasium and be distanced 6-10 feet depending on the level or physical exertion.

**Breakfast/Lunch**
Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students and each pod of students will be escorted to breakfast and lunch and will eat in their classrooms.