

# **EAST PRAIRIE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**EP R-II 2021-2022**

**Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and  
Continuity of Services Plan  
(SRCSP)**

## **EP R-II SRCSP PLAN**

The objective of this plan is to provide a positive educational experience for all students in the EP R-II School District in a safe, secure, stable, and healthy learning environment. These recommendations are put in place based on the vaccination rate of 34% reported by the Mississippi County Health Department.

East Prairie R-II School District will begin the 2021-22 school year in Phase One with a traditional school schedule. This means that all students attend in-person each day of the 2021-22 school year.

### **Phase One consists of regular school days with basic preventative measures**

#### **Face Coverings - PPE:**

- Masks are strongly encouraged for individuals who are not fully vaccinated. If masks are worn they must be properly worn to cover both nose and mouth.

#### **Health and Hygiene:**

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
- If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer may be used.
- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout buildings and will be located in each classroom

#### **Social Distancing:**

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet remains one of the best preventative measures for reducing the spread of COVID-19. It is recognized that this cannot be accomplished at all times, and distance of at least 3 feet has been shown to reduce infections. A spacing of 3 feet is expected between individuals when possible.

#### **Cleaning & Disinfection:**

- Use of shared objects (gym, PE equipment, art supplies, toys, games, and library media materials) should be limited when possible or cleaned between use.
- A schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection has been established throughout the District.
- Custodial staff will utilize electrostatic sprayers, in addition to daily routine cleaning, for classrooms, buses, and other spaces utilized on campus.

#### **Contact Tracing:**

- East Prairie R-II District will follow current CDC and Missouri Department of Health (MDH) guidelines in cooperation with the Mississippi County Health Department, as well as any relevant legislation or executive actions by the Governor of Missouri regarding contact tracing after a confirmed case of COVID-19.

- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19
  - Contact Tracing protocol will be initiated in cooperation with the local health department
  - The individual will be quarantined per guidance from CDC and MCHD
  - Contact tracing will be conducted in accordance with guidance from the CDC and MCHD.
  - Students will be allowed to test out of quarantine by following Mississippi County Health Department recommendations

**Screening for students and staff:**

- Protocols have been developed by district nursing staff to screen students, as needed, who self-refer or are referred for symptoms. The district will not, at this time, engage in mass screenings as they create unsafe bottlenecks of traffic at entry points into the facilities
- Students and employees are encouraged to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms
- Parents, students, and employees will be trained and reminded regularly of the symptoms and county-wide status of COVID-19

**Vaccinations:**

- East Prairie R-II School District will work to limit restrictions and increase accessibility to COVID-19 vaccinations.
  - The district will provide vaccine information and a list to employees on where to get vaccinated, including how to sign up and locations where walk-ins are accepted.
  - The district will work with providers to hold in-house vaccination events
  - Parents will be provided with information on locations, signup protocols, and walk-in locations of vaccination sites to assist them if they decide to vaccinate their children in consultation with their health care providers

**Bus Procedures:**

- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to drop off and pick up at school instead of using bus service
- If your child is not feeling well, please do not put them on the bus or send them to school
- Students will be required to wear a mask or a face covering at all times while on the bus, students with special needs may be exempt from this requirement
- Buses will be sanitized each day after the morning and afternoon routes
- Students should ride assigned bus only or be transported by parents
- Students will be socially distanced as much as possible on the school bus
- Students within the same family/household will be asked to sit together on the bus
- Students will not be allowed to move seats and will be encouraged to face forward while riding
- Hand sanitizer will be available to students as they enter and exit the bus
- The bus will load from the back to the front by bus stop

**Instruction:**

- In-person classes will be taught in a traditional format. However, teachers will utilize an online platform such as Google Classroom for communication, classroom tools, and resources. If a temporary closure occurs due to health and safety concerns, instruction would immediately transition to remote learning utilizing Google Classroom and/or paper/pencil packets.
- Special Education students will be provided instruction relative to their IEP goals. A student's case manager will work with families to ensure that the IEP is met. In the event of school closure, students will continue to receive their services from their special education teacher.
- 504 student plans will continue to be implemented. If needed, the 504 team may reconvene to adjust accommodations and modifications.

**Social Emotional:**

- School Social Worker, District counselors, and School Nurses will work with students, teachers and families to support students socially and emotionally. Partnerships with outside agencies will also be used to support the social/emotional health of students.

**Review:**

- This plan may be reviewed and modified anytime a new recommendation (from the CDC, DESE, Missouri Governor, Mississippi County Health Department, and applicable state and local agencies) advises Missouri Public Schools to review, change, or adapt policies to ensure a safe learning environment. At the least, this plan will be reviewed at the conclusion of each semester, public input will be collected, and any recommended changes and updates will be communicated to the staff and school community. The review committee will consist of district level administrators, building level administrators, teachers, staff members, parents, board of education members, and community members

**Phases of Operation:**

If pandemic conditions return, our 2020-21 Re-Entry plan includes Phases 2-5 that **may** be instituted.

**Phases of School 2020-21**

