

**Franklin County R-II School District
Safe Return and Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022 School Year**

**This plan has the most up to date information regarding in seat instruction for the upcoming school year. If changes are made to this plan, updates will be posted on the website.*



The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state and federal guidance. Guidelines and protocols may also be revised, as appropriate, to respond to the needs/local conditions.

The contents of this plan will be reviewed at least every 6 months and revised according to the most recent public health information. Input from stakeholders* will be included in the review and revision of this plan. Review of the plan will ensure the plan continues to remain current with the recommendations of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Franklin County Health Department (FCHD), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The original Re-Entry plan was board approved in August 2021. Re-entry plans are living documents and are updated as needed.

The current response plan was based on the Pandemic impacts of COVID-19 and updated for the 2021-22 school year to meet the requirements of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

Stakeholders include, but are not limited to: School administrators, teachers, nurse, food service staff, custodial staff, classified school staff, students, families, teachers’ unions, civil right organizations, English Learners, children with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, youth in foster care, migratory students, students who are incarcerated or other underserved youth.

** If you need access to this plan in another language or in an oral format, we can provide this for you upon request.

Understanding and Recognizing COVID-19

Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council (M.U.S.I.C). The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- **Take temperature and refrain from coming to work or school if temperature is 100.1 or higher**
- Health Information for Students and Staff Staff and students will be asked to self-screen for potential COVID 19 symptoms before coming to school.
- Anyone exhibiting a symptom of illness should stay home for at least 24 hours AFTER symptoms cease.

- If multiple symptoms, 72 hours will be required.
- Staff or students who have had close contact with anyone with COVID 19 should stay home and monitor their health. (Within 6ft for more than 15 minutes is considered close contact according to CDC guidelines.)
- Relaxed attendance policies will be in place for students in order to accommodate the need to stay home if feeling under the weather in any way or if staff or students should become quarantined.
- Students who are at school and display symptoms that could suggest COVID 19 concerns, will be checked by the nurse. If the nurse suspects COVID 19 as a possibility, the student will be placed in a separate room and given a face covering until picked up by parents/guardians.
- COVID 19 Testing is available at multiple medical facilities in our area. If families need assistance with locating or securing testing, the district will assist in locating testing.
- If the school is notified of a positive case that has attended school while symptomatic, we will contact the parents and guardians of those children who were within 6 feet or more for at least 15 minutes, identified through contact tracing measures.
- A student or staff member who has been ill or quarantined due to COVID 19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the health department. Guidelines are subject to change over time.
- Parents will be allowed to enter the building with an appointment. All other business can be conducted safely through the front secure vestibule.

As we prepare to begin another new school year during COVID-19, we are aware that the pandemic could have a significant impact on education. Our priorities are:

- 1. Providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff**
- 2. Assuring that all students receive a quality education**

The Franklin County R-II School District will be accessible to all students for in person learning this fall. We are offering in seat instruction, 5 days a week. Precautions will be taken to ensure safety for our students and staff.

Franklin County R-II Mitigation Strategies

Face Coverings	<p>Face coverings will be voluntary to start the 2021-22 school year. If there is a need as the school year progresses, we will move to highly encouraging or mandating face coverings. Face coverings could be recommended for unvaccinated staff and students or for all staff and students. We will be consulting with the Franklin County Health Department along with CDC guidance.</p> <p><i>*Face coverings are required on school buses by Federal Law. Masks will be supplied for students.</i></p> <p><i>*Wearing a mask may decrease the chance of a possible quarantine.</i></p>
Physical Distancing	<p>We will continue to allow for cohorts of students at lunch and recess. Students will still be asked to social distance. The cafeteria will be marked with safe distancing spots. We will limit the number of students in bathrooms. Students will have assigned seats in the classroom, at lunch and on the bus for contact tracing purposes. A minimum of 3 feet is desired between students where possible.</p>
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	<p>Students will be encouraged to properly wash hands regularly while at school. Students will be asked to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow. After sneezing or coughing the tissue should be thrown in the trash and students should wash hands immediately. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom and common space in the building, as well as multiple locations in hallways and on all buses.</p>
Cleaning/Maintaining Healthy Facilities	<p>Increased sanitization will continue during the 2021-22 school year, including sanitizing school buses. Commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected periodically throughout the day. Many rooms also have stand alone air purifiers. Water bottle filling stations will be</p>

	used instead of drinking fountains. All students should bring a water bottle. Please do not send glass bottles.
Contact Tracing	School administration and nursing staff will continue to work with the Franklin County Health Department to conduct contact tracing within the building, as necessary.
COVID 19 Testing	Testing has been made available to school personnel through a partnership with COMPASS Health. School personnel can be tested free of charge at the Union, MO Compass Health Clinic. Testing clinics are available for students and families throughout the county and district staff will help families locate testing if assistance is needed.
Vaccinations	Vaccination clinics were held in the spring of 2021 for school personnel to receive a Covid vaccine at no charge. Vaccination is recommended by the CDC and the Franklin County Health Department to help stop the spread of Covid 19. Our district can help you locate a vaccination clinic if you would like more information about vaccinations for yourself or for students.
Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities	Franklin County R-II will provide appropriate accommodations as necessary with respect to the health and safety of children with disabilities as required by a student's individualized IEP or 504 plan.

After School Activities/Games

At this time all athletes, coaches, and spectators may voluntarily wear masks. We ask that families keep attendees limited to immediate family. **Home** and **Away** will be marked in the gym for seating. Families are asked to sit in "pods" and stay with immediate family members. There will be no concession stand. Bottled water will be sold at the door. Athletes and parents are asked to leave the gym immediately following their games. Teams will not shake hands at the end of matches.

*These guidelines could change with updated guidance from the Franklin County School Board or local health department.

Continuity of Services Instruction During a School-wide Closure Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI)

In the event of a school-wide closure, Franklin County R-II will deliver instructional services through the use of AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction). The district will utilize virtual resources along with learning packets containing instructional materials such as manipulatives, learning games, worksheets, etc. to ensure continuity of services. Students will be assigned chromebooks to work from home. Access to District internet or possibly hot spots, will be offered for families who lack connectivity. Teachers will be utilizing online content and material such as Google Meet, Zoom and other online resources to deliver instruction. If a school wide closure becomes necessary, students and their families will be made aware of the school closure and the transition to AMI through the use of school messenger (calls and texts), social media, district website and written communication sent home with students.

Instruction During Cases of Individual Quarantines or Illness

If a student is diagnosed with COVID 19 or has been placed on quarantine due to exposure to COVID 19, that student will be placed on Homebound Instruction unless they are able to join virtually into class through Google Meet. Homebound instruction will include at least 5 hours of instruction per week with a certified teacher. This instruction can take place via zoom or other electronic means. It does not require that the instruction be face-to-face. Students can complete work electronically from home. Students will be given a device to work from home, as well as a hotspot or access to District internet if needed.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Supports for Students and

We understand that there is a need for increased mental health support during trying times, like can be experienced during a pandemic. We have multiple partnerships with area providers to support these needs for our students and staff.

Our district currently partners with:

Compass Health

CRIDER

The United Way

Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield

Local School Counselor

These partnerships help us support social, emotional and mental well-being for our students and staff. Resources and services can be delivered both in-person and virtually in case of closure.

Food Service

In case of closure, the district will still provide food service to families. The food service program may be door to door by bus or may be a pick-up program at school. The nature of the closure will determine the type of food service delivery system that will be implemented.