

SUMMERSVILLE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) 2021-2022 School Year

I. Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

The Summersville R-2 School District will adhere to any city, county, or state mandate, including any mandate involving face coverings. The school district has no policy mandating the wearing of masks, making it a personal choice. At the same time, several staff members and students have chosen to wear masks or face shields during the 2020-2021 school year, which was not discouraged (masks allowed). This practice will continue into the future. When wearing a mask, individuals should cover the nose and mouth, and social distancing should still be maintained. As was the case during the 2020-2021 school year, some masks were purchased, some masks were provided by SEMA, and all were made available when necessary for an activity at another location or students attending the vocational education site in West Plains. There are cloth masks readily available at both the high school and elementary campuses.

Note: High School located in Texas County; Elementary located in Shannon County.

Note: Students riding school buses will be issued masks due to the recent CDC order for students to wear masks on buses.

II. Physical Distancing

At Summersville R-2 School District, we started the 2020-2021 school year with students staying in cohort groups with some distancing (ideally 6 feet apart). This was changed in April of 2021 to some barriers, routing, and minimal distancing. This will continue in 21-22 unless the Summersville School Board decides to make a change based on county health departments recommendations. We will continue some strategies, such as the following:

- Keep seating arrangements the same.
- Continued increased supervision by all staff members in the buildings.
- More restroom and recess breaks for students.
- Consider other options based on circumstances.
 - Students in one classroom (rotate teachers), meals in classroom, stagger schedules, fewer special events and assemblies, etc.
- Assigned seating on buses (siblings sit together)
- No sharing of school supplies.
- Keep space between desks at maximum and face in same direction.

III. Handwashing, Hygiene, and Respiratory Etiquette

Students have been taught and continually reinforced on how to wash their hands and to do so frequently (Hand wash with soap and water for minimum 20 seconds several times per day, including after bathroom breaks, before eating, after blowing nose, and after coughing/sneezing in bend of arm). There has also been emphasis on getting students to avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth. 2nd option for hand sanitation continues to be hand sanitizer. Tissue paper has always been available in all elementary classrooms.

IV. Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities (Improve Ventilation)

The Summersville R-2 School District, in response to the COVID-19 virus, has employed additional custodial staff, both fulltime and part time. This extra cleaning will continue, especially in high touch areas. All areas of the school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected prior to school beginning. The following expectations will continue in 2021-2022:

- * Clean restrooms several times per day, as well as high touch areas (water fountains, sinks, handrails, doorknobs, etc.).
- Utilize disinfectants and bleach products, as well as the cleaning devices purchased for both buildings (the cleaning “guns” at both campuses).
- Utilize Lysol and Bleach water.
- Utilize Disposable disinfectant wipes
- Inspect filters more often.
- Run exhaust fans in restrooms continually.
- Clean route buses daily.

Additionally, the school district, with the assistance of ESSER funds, has purchased and will purchase new HVAC units, starting at the high school. Roof projects and asbestos removal projects will also be completed in improve air quality. Doors and windows at both campuses will be replaced.

V. Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine in Collaboration with Local and State Health Departments

Any mandate or expectation from the local county health department, depending on current circumstances, will be followed, including any contact tracing, quarantine or isolation orders, or facility shutdown. The district will continue to assist the local health departments with contact tracing and communication to parents.

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, there were strict guidelines followed concerning entry into buildings. Temperatures were checked every day to ensure no entry with any student above 99 degrees. This became more relaxed during the month of May 2021. Now we look for obvious symptoms, such as fever, headache, coughing/sneezing, sore throat, difficulty breathing, flu-like indications, loss of taste or smell, chills, or muscle pain. If any of these exist, students are sent home immediately. Parents will continue to be encouraged to keep sick students home, and staff members are encouraged to stay home if feeling symptoms. The district will continue to follow the list below, when monitoring the situation here at Summersville.

- Consult with health officials as conditions arise.
- Send sick individuals home immediately.

- Close for cleaning when necessary.
- If cases occur, adapt to the situation and error on the side of caution.
- Utilize isolation room if necessary.
- Identify student/staff symptoms and act appropriately.
- Encourage people to stay at home when sick.
- Protect high risk staff members and students.
- Communicate with local authorities, employees, parents, etc. when there is new information or a change in policy.

VI. Diagnostic and Screening Testing

The Summersville R-2 School District does not provide any diagnostic testing or screening testing for COVID-19 and has no plans to do so. Testing is available at local public health agencies/clinics, as well as doctors' offices.

VII. Efforts to Provide Vaccinations

The Summersville R-2 School District has provided staff members with contact information for scheduling vaccinations at the Texas County Health Department, and any loss of time at work due to getting vaccinated will be excused in the 2021-2022 school year. Some staff members have chosen to get vaccinated already, and some staff members have not done so. This is a personal choice. The only incentives to do so would be safety and/or the ability to avoid quarantining/isolation situations because the choice to get vaccinated was made. In relation to students age 16 or older, information will be available for any students in 21-22; however, the expectation in general would be for parents/guardians to make that decision and make arrangements accordingly, which could result in excused absences. There are no plans to mandate vaccinations at this school district or to document who has or has not.

VIII. Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities (Health and Safety Policies)

As was done in 2020-2021 and will continue to be completed every school year, every Individual Education Plan (IEP) was reviewed and student information about technology availability was noted. Any possible AMI-X plan was included in this review, and necessary changes were made and will be made during the summer months. Our outgoing Special Education Director has shared information with the new director. Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the IEP will be strictly followed. Any Section 504 plans will also be reviewed to ensure any health or safety issues are addressed appropriately. Policy IGB and IGBA will also continue to be followed. The superintendent is responsible for adapting processes and procedures to serve all students with disabilities. Policies in Section J also address health and safety of all students in the district. Specifically, Policy JHC, JHCB, JHCD, JHCE, and JHCF. We will also address this area through several Social Emotional Learning opportunities provided by the two counselors. Any student issues with health or safety will be addressed.

IX. Continuity of Services

Be Prepared for Possible Future Forced Closure, which will include utilizing Google Classroom, utilizing hard copies, checking out chrome books for student use, utilizing hotspots for internet access, and utilizing Acellus or Launch online program for distance learning (MOCAP). Any social, emotional, and mental needs of students and staff will be addressed as necessary, with the assistance of counseling services and/or behavioral services from a contracted business from West Plains, MO. During the Spring of 2020, meal pick up service was provided in order to provide continued nutritional services; this will be done again, if necessary. We also plan to continue the free meal program for students through the Department of Health and Senior Services during school days, as long as that program is available.

X. Periodic Review and Revision

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback on this SRCSP document before being officially posted on June 22, 2021. The draft copy will be published, and an e-mail address will be provided (on Web Site and All Call system) in order for the public to express themselves about the plan. The Summersville R-2 School Board will also review again during the regular July Board meeting. After the official post goes up, this plan will be reviewed and revised, if necessary, no less than every 6 months. That means the first review should be completed no later than December 22, 2021.

XI. Parent/Student Communication Review

- Communicate to students, families, and staff members the importance of staying home when sick.
- Encourage no drop-offs of students before 7:30 a.m.
- Encourage students to bring water.
- Limit parent and visitor access to buildings.
- Utilize Messenger (all call) service.
- Utilize Facebook page and school web site.
- Share this document and be open to feedback and other suggestions or considerations.

XII. Additional and Reinforcement of Mitigation Efforts to Continue

A. Buses

- Assigned seats
- Same a.m. and p.m. stop. No changes.
- Load back to front.
- Open all windows when possible.
- Reduce number of riders, if possible.
- Encourage walking or biking to school.

B. Recess/P.E./Music/Art/Library

- Increase supervision even more.
- Outdoors as much as possible.
- Limit shared equipment.
- No sharing supplies.
- Careful with book checkout.

C. Sports

- Restrict game attendance (follow MSHSAA guidance).
- Outdoors when possible

D. Cafeteria

- Discontinue buffet again if necessary.
- No sharing of food, utensils, drinks, etc.
- Eat in classrooms, if necessary.

E. Arrival and Dismissal

- More staff presence
- Drop students off close to start time.
- Not before 7:30 a.m.

XIII. Other Considerations and ideas? Contact Dr. Stark at 417-331-4153
or starkr@sville.k12.mo.us.

Please remember there is no such thing as zero risk no matter what we do. We should stay positive and optimistic to help everyone cope with any situation that arises. If you don't feel comfortable sending your child(ren) to school this fall, please contact the building principal(s) to discuss possible MOCAP options by August 6th or as soon as possible.

Special Note to anyone whose first language is not English: If you need a copy of this plan in another language, please contact Dr. Stark to make that request. The plan is available in other languages, if needed. Dr. Stark can be reached at 417-331-4153 or starkr@sville.k12.mo.us.

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