

SUMMERSVILLE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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I. Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

The Summersville R-2 School District will adhere to any city, county, or state mandate. The school district has no policy mandating the wearing of masks, making it a personal choice. Wearing masks into the future is a personal choice and will not be discouraged. When wearing a mask, individuals should cover the nose and mouth, and social distancing should still be maintained.

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

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 continued in 2021-2022. Our goal in 2022-2023 and into the future is to be as normal as possible. We will consider some strategies, if circumstances change, which would include 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, such as students in one classroom (rotate teachers), meals in classroom, staggered 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 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 through the Summer months of 2023. All areas of the

school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected prior to school beginning. The following expectations will continue in 2023-2024:

- * 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
- Current, LLC will inspect filters twice per year.
- Run exhaust fans in restrooms continually.
- Clean route buses periodically.

Additionally, the school district, with the assistance of ESSER funds, has purchased new HVAC units. Roof projects have also been completed to improve air quality. Doors at both campuses have been 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 circumstances, will be followed. The district will continue to assist parents/families as needed but will treat illnesses similarly as the flu.

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 consider the actions below:

- Send sick individuals home immediately.
- Extra cleaning when necessary.
- If cases occur, adapt to the situation and err 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 several locations, including home tests.

VII. Efforts to Provide Vaccinations

The Summersville R-2 School District has provided staff members in the past with contact information for scheduling vaccinations at the Texas County Health Department, and any loss of time at work due to getting vaccinated was excused in the 2022-2023 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. 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)

Previously, over a three-year span, 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 during the summer months. Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the IEP were strictly followed. Any Section 504 plans were 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 the Edmentum 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.

X. Periodic Review and Revision

Stakeholders were given an opportunity to provide feedback on this SRCSP document before being officially posted on June 22, 2021. The draft copy was published, and an e-mail address was 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 also reviewed 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. The first review was completed November 8, 2021. A second review took place March 14, 2022. A third review was completed on September 12, 2022. The final review of this document will be completed on Tuesday, March 7th.

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

C. Sports

- Follow MSHSAA guidance
- Outdoors when possible

D. Cafeteria

- 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 7:20 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.

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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