



# SHAWNEE MISSION

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

#### **PART I.**

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

##### **(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

Effective April 19, 2022 and for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, total COVID-related absences must remain below five percent (5%).

In the event that an individual building (school) exceeds this threshold, that building (only that building) will temporarily return to the mask requirement and will need to drop below five percent (5%) of COVID-related absences for one week before moving to optional masking.

- Individuals do not need to mask when outdoors.
- Individuals are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of illness. Individuals who are ill should stay home.
- Outside guests are not allowed to visit the cafeteria during the lunch period.
- Approved field trips will be supported to the extent transportation is available. Building mitigation measures will remain in place during field trips into the community.
- Visitors are welcome in schools. All visitors must follow the building mitigation protocol.

##### **(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).**

- Elementary: During breakfast/lunch elementary students will sit in assigned seats in an effort to maintain class cohorts to the extent possible.
- Secondary: It is strongly recommended that secondary schools cohort and social distance (3ft) to the extent possible, and limit large group assemblies from gathering during the instructional day while building or community transmission is high.
- Activities/Athletics/Performing Arts All schools will follow KSHSAA and district guidelines:
  - Cohort to the extent possible with large groups.
  - Utilizing outdoor spaces whenever possible is strongly recommended.

- o Bell covers are strongly recommended to reduce aerosolized material.

**Additional information can be found here:**

[https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1650322240/smsdorg/w1ne3lxicuvxerubgght/2022April18\\_2ndSemesterCOVIDMitigationPlanA.pdf](https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1650322240/smsdorg/w1ne3lxicuvxerubgght/2022April18_2ndSemesterCOVIDMitigationPlanA.pdf)

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Hand Hygiene

- Hand hygiene – frequently washing hands with soap/water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer if sink is not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cough/sneeze into your elbow
- Cleaning/disinfecting highly touched surfaces frequently throughout the day

CDC “How to Protect Yourself and Others”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

- Air handling enhancements, cleaning, and sanitization protocols implemented in the 2020-21 plans will continue for the 2021-22 school year.

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**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

In early 2022, the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment recommended a sustainable approach related to mitigation, while providing students the opportunity to participate academically to the greatest extent possible. This document is based upon guidance provided by JCDHE for second semester 2021-2022 and will be updated as we receive additional guidance. This guidance, linked below, took effect on January 25, 2022, and will apply to all previously identified cases.

<https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1643074844/smsdorg/bgkwy08uzp2n0npeuq5n/COVID19StaffStudentsGuidance1-21-22.pdf>

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

When available, the Shawnee Mission School district provided access to free diagnostic services and COVID-19 testing for all students and employees in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Information is available here:**

<https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/health-services/coronavirus-or-covid-19-information>

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

The Shawnee Mission School District made COVID-19 vaccines available to all staff in the district, and to students aged 5 and above.

**Additional vaccine information is available here:**

<https://www.jocogov.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

Special education and related services are provided to eligible students with disabilities ages 3 to 21 and to students who qualify for gifted services Kindergarten through grade 12, as closely aligned as possible to each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities are served through Infant Toddler Services of Johnson County.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

SMSD Officials meet regularly with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE)

Click here to view the most recent guidance provided to students and staff, based on JCDHE guidance:

<https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1643074844/smsdorg/bgkwy08uzp2n0npeuq5n/COVID19StaffStudentsGuidance1-21-22.pdf>

**Part II.**

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) services to address students' academic needs

Schools remained open for in-person learning in the 2021-2022 school year.

[Covid19 Guidance for Staff and Students](#)

[ESSER Plans](#)

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

[SMSD Student and Family Services](#)

[ESSER Plans](#)

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

[Student Health](#)

[Food Services](#)

[ESSER Plans](#)