



2023-2024 Health and Safety Plan Summary:

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Moon Area School District students will attend school daily in a traditional setting with safety measures in place. We want our community to know that we are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff. Therefore, we will continue to take steps to prevent and mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus on our campuses by adhering to current state and local mandates. The purpose of this document is to inform the community that students and staff will return to a traditional learning model with the following plans to maintain a healthy and safe environment. This plan is also subject to change in response to any future health and safety needs that may arise throughout the year.

- 1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?*

Effective with the 2023-2024 school year, Moon Area School District students will attend school daily, Monday through Friday, in a traditional setting with safety measures in place. We will continue to take steps to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus on our campuses by monitoring state and local recommendations and complying with any required laws. Many changes were made over past years in the cleaning and sanitation protocols to disinfect our schools frequently throughout the day. These enhancements will remain in effect and are described in more detail below.

Additionally, MASD will monitor the COVID-19 risk level in the surrounding areas and adjust plans when necessary to ensure safety. At this time, MASD is confident that it can safely maintain a traditional, daily, in-person learning model while following all safety and health guidelines to the maximum extent feasible. Recommended social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed to the greatest extent possible if the community spread rises to a level of concern. The District will also follow recommendations to isolate students who present symptoms of the virus.



2. *How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?*

The Moon Area School District will ensure continuity of services for all students through a daily, traditional in-person learning model. Students who need to remain in a fully remote learning setting for medical reasons may enroll in the Moon Area Cyber School program, which provides asynchronous access to a full online curriculum where students may work independently to earn credits to complete grade level and graduation requirements.

Academic Needs, Materials, and Supplies

Students in grades K-4 will be provided with their own iPads, and students in grades 5-12 will be provided laptops. The District issued devices will be used as much as possible with online resources to limit the sharing of materials and supplies. Schools will continue use of Office 365, including Microsoft Teams, to house the bulk of instructional materials and collaborative learning tools. School supplies and paper handouts may also be provided to students.

Health Screenings & Needs

The first line of defense in keeping our school environments healthy begins at home. Families are asked to continue to monitor their child(ren) for symptoms of illness. Any student who has a fever or is experiencing other symptoms related to illness are not permitted to attend school until they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication or are cleared by a medical professional.

- Parents/guardians should report to the school administrator any possible COVID-19 exposure.
- Each building has a designated area for holding students who become sick at school.
- Parents/guardians will be called to pick up a student who is experiencing symptoms.
- Per recommendation, an infected individual must quarantine for 5 days or submit a negative testing report or report from their doctor stating that they are healthy and can return to work.



Food Service

Cafeteria service will be open to students and staff for breakfast and lunch. Hand sanitizer will be available before entering the lunch line. Students will enter their PIN numbers when making a purchase. There will not be an open self-serve salad bar. Instead, salads will be pre-made and packaged in a container to Grab and Go. This will minimize the handling of food items and utensils by different people while choosing meal items.

Counseling and Other Health Services

To provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs that students may have upon their return to a traditional model of instruction, school nurses, counselors, and other specialized staff will be available to discuss student needs with families with a commitment to ensuring that the well-being of all students can be met.

Monitoring COVID-19 Risk

The Superintendent regularly attends meetings with county and state health officials. Should community risk levels increase to a point where it is no longer deemed safe to conduct school in-person during the 2023-2024 school year, the District will deliver instructional services in a remote environment. Should the District or a school building need to shift to a remote learning environment, families will be informed about the nature of the instructional model containing all necessary details.

3. *Use the table below to explain how the LEA 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 policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.*

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	Face coverings on school property and school transportation are optional. All students, staff and guests are responsible for supplying their own face coverings; however, each school has a limited supply of face coverings to provide students in the event one is needed.



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<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Social distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible, following the recommendation of the health department.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Each classroom is equipped with the necessary sanitation supplies including hand sanitizer stations, paper towels, spray bottles containing approved disinfectant, soap, and trash cans. Students are encouraged to clean their hands upon entering and exiting classrooms. Supplies are restocked nightly or when needed.</p> <p>Additional hand sanitizing stations and hygiene reminders are present throughout all schools at strategic locations to promote cleanliness.</p> <p>Nurses provide ongoing training to students, staff, and families on best practices for wellness and personal hygiene.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>Custodial staff will continue to clean all areas daily with disinfectant that has been approved for school buildings and COVID-19.</p> <p>Commonly touched surfaces such as handrails, elevator buttons, door handles, etc., will be sanitized regularly throughout the school day.</p> <p>After students and staff leave for the day, a thorough cleaning is completed in all</p>



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	<p>classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, lockers, offices, and other rooms including the library, gymnasium, and cafeteria. Floors are also cleaned each night. Each school has its own electrostatic sprayer to sanitize the premises overnight.</p> <p>Maintenance staff will ensure ventilation is properly maintained in all buildings. High efficiency MERV-13 filters are used and checked routinely to make sure they are cleaned and replaced when necessary.</p> <p>Air quality will be measured, and fresh air will be circulated throughout the system to ensure proper ventilation.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Each building has a designated area for holding if a student becomes ill at school. This area is separated from the areas used to service students and staff who are well.</p> <p>Parents are asked to monitor their child for a period of ten to fourteen days from the date of exposure. If the child develops symptoms consistent with those of COVID-19 they are to keep their child home and notify the school nurse immediately. Exposures that happen in the home or outside of school are expected to self-report and follow these guidelines.</p>



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	<p>Parents/guardians will be called to pick up a student that is experiencing symptoms.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Parents/guardians and staff should monitor their temperatures and physical wellness each day before coming to school or work.</p> <p>An infected individual must quarantine for a minimum of 5 days.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>The District has already participated in many vaccination clinics and values its partnerships with local pharmacies and hospitals in order to serve the community. Future vaccination clinics may be held for school communities as needed. It is noted that there are many local pharmacies, doctor's offices, and health clinics that currently offer the COVID-19 vaccine to all who are eligible. However, vaccination of students is not mandatory.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Appropriate accommodations will be made for students with disabilities as indicated through the IEP or 504 Plan review and revision processes.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The Superintendent attends regular meetings with state and local health officials along with other superintendents to stay current with information and collaborate with other districts on planning efforts.</p>



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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **MOON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **September 11, 2023**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **September 11, 2023**

By:

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(Signature* of Board President)

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(Print Name of Board President)

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