

# Lonedell R-14 School District

## Safe Return and Continuity of Services Plan

2021-2022 School Year



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 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)***.

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\* 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.

## 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. 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
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

## 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 any symptoms of illness should stay home.
- 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 (inside of the nurse's office) and given a face covering until picked up by parents/guardians.
- 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 at the front sliding window.



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## Mitigation Strategies

<b>Face Coverings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face coverings will be voluntary to start the 2021-22 school year.</li><li>• If there is a need as the school year progresses, we will move to <b>highly encouraging</b> or <b>mandating</b> face coverings.</li></ul>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will continue to allow for cohorts of students at lunch and recess.</li><li>• Markings will remain on the floor to help students remain physically distanced in the hallways and while in line for recess, lunch and restrooms.</li><li>• Students will have assigned seats in the classroom, at lunch and on the bus.</li></ul>
<b>Handwashing &amp; Respiratory Etiquette</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will be encouraged to properly wash hands regularly while at school.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Hand sanitizer with at least 62% alcohol is mounted in <b>every</b> classroom and common space in the building, as well as multiple locations in hallways and on all buses.</li></ul>
<b>Cleaning/Maintaining Healthy Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased sanitization will continue during the 2021-22 school year, including sanitizing school buses.</li><li>• Commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected periodically throughout the day.</li><li>• Buckets with sanitizing wipes are available in every classroom and common area, such as the gym and cafeteria.</li><li>• Each classroom is equipped with a stand-alone air purifier with filters manufactured to capture bacteria and viruses up to .007 microns.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of our bond issue project, all classrooms have been equipped with new HVAC systems. The new HVAC system includes ionizers that help negate virus and bacteria.</li> <li>• Drinking fountains have been replaced with water bottle filling stations. Students should bring a plastic or metal water bottle to school with them each day. Glass bottles will NOT be permitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Tracing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School administration and nursing staff will continue to work with the Franklin County Health Department to conduct contact tracing within the building, as necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>COVID 19 Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID 19 Testing has been made available to school personnel through a partnership with COMPASS Health, Lonedell R-14 and DHSS. School personnel can be tested free of charge at the Union, MO Compass Health Clinic.</li> <li>• Testing clinics are available for students and families throughout the county and district staff will help families locate testing if assistance is needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Vaccinations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vaccination clinic was held for Lonedell Staff in partnership with <i>The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy</i>.</li> <li>• If students or families wish to get vaccinated, district staff (nurse, admin or social worker) will assist families in locating clinics in our area.</li> </ul>
<b>Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities</b>	<p>Lonedell R-14 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.</p>



## Continuity of Services

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

In the event of a school-wide closure, Lonedell R-14 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 electronic devices (PC or iPad) to work from home. Hot spots will be available as well for families who lack connectivity. Teachers will be utilizing online content and material such as Seesaw, Zoom and other online resources to deliver instruction.

If a school wide closure became 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***.

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.

The Department of Education has **not** given districts the option of utilizing AMI-X plans that were instituted during the 2020-21 school year for cases of individual illness or quarantine.

## Social, Emotional and Mental Health Supports for Students and Staff

We understand that there is a need for increased mental health supports 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
- Lutheran Family Services
- The United Way
- Preferred Family Healthcare
- National Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NCADA)
- Alternative to Living in Violent Environments (ALIVE)
- Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield

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 or may be pick-up program on campus. The nature of the closure will determine the type of food service delivery system that will be implemented. However, our families can rest assured that families who wish to have a continuation of food service during a closure, will have that resource available through Lonedell R-14 School District.