

# Lonedell R-14 School District

## Safe Return and Continuity of Services Plan

2023-2024 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 2023-24 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.

\*\* If you need access to this plan in another language or in an oral format, we can provide this for you upon request.

### **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 of 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 a symptom of illness should stay home for at least 24 hours AFTER symptom ceases without medication.**
- Staff or students who have had close contact with a positive COVID 19 case have the choice to stay home and monitor their health. (Close contact according to the CDC is: within 6ft **for more than** 15 minutes)
- 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.
- The Lonedell School District has participated in programs to help secure testing resources for our faculty and students. We will continue to do so as available. COVID 19 Testing is also available at multiple medical facilities in our area. If Lonedell R-14 does not have the testing resources available and families need assistance with locating or securing testing, the district will assist in locating testing.
- A student or staff member who has been ill with COVID 19 may return to school after 5 days from the date of a positive test and/or symptom free. Masking is recommended upon return for days 6-10.




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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 2023-24 school year.</li><li>• Face coverings are optional on the bus as well.</li></ul>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>•</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>• 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><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>• Water bottle filling stations, along with drinking fountains can be found throughout campus. Students should bring a plastic or metal water bottle to school with them each day if interested in using filling stations. Glass bottles will NOT be permitted.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Tracing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>

<p><b>COVID 19 Testing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID 19 Testing has been made available to school personnel through a partnership with DHSS. Take home tests are available for use in Central Office. We will expand this program to students if a need presents.</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>
<p><b>Vaccinations</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities</b></p>	<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

In the event of a school-wide closure, Lonedell R-14 will deliver instructional services electronically.

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 through the use of school messenger (calls and texts), social media, district website and written communication sent home with students.

### 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.

## Virtual Instruction

If your family is interested in virtual instruction through the MOCAP program, please contact the elementary office at 636-629-0401 for more information.

Virtual instruction is a semester-long commitment.

Students who choose virtual instruction will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.