SRC R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan (SRCSP)

Note: This living document will continually be reviewed and revised no less than every six months.

UPDATED: June 22, 2021

COMMITMENT:
The Southern Reynolds County R-II School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being. The administration has worked with student, parents, teachers, school health staff, and local school board as well as the Reynolds County Health Department to develop this plan by following all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. The plan incorporates best practices to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. The following are considerations as of June 21, 2021 and are subject to change as new information surfaces from local, state, and federal agencies.

TEAM MEMBERS:
Paula King – Superintendent
Jannifer Johnson – Retired High School Principal
Jake Hime – High School Principal
Carolyn Bouma – Elementary Principal
Keria Morton – Assistant Principal
Michael Brawley – SRC R-II Board Member
Lisa Beardsley – Reynolds County Health Center
Jodi Richards – School Nurse
Dustie Schweighauser – Special Ed. Director
Phoebe Buford – Teacher
Katie Neece - Teacher
Betsy Swyres - Teacher
Amanda Lloyd - Teacher
Brandi McClanahan - Parent
Tarah DeMent - Parent
Amber Litters - Parent
Laura Gore - Student
Tyler Hackworth – Student

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:
The district has had full in-person and will continue to provide in-person instruction moving forward. If the SRC R-II School district has interruptions of in-person instruction due to quarantine, isolations, or temporary school closures, the district will continue to provide instruction through independent practice and application of previously taught concepts, web-based instruction to teach/reinforce concepts, distance learning, and/or virtual instruction. Students with disabilities will continue receiving services as outlined in their IEP. The district will provide Chromebooks to SRC R-II students as well as two locations outside of the school for accessing WIFI at any time.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS
Our school counselors and district administrators believe that during a time uncertainty that it is important to continue to meet social, emotional, and mental health needs of our district. Our counselors and district administrators will provide contact numbers to our district staff and families that may need services. They will be available to assist our staff and district families, as needed.

ACADEMICS:
The Southern Reynolds County School District is dedicated to providing students with an exceptional learning experience. Although we believe that students learn best inside our classrooms in a seated setting, we understand that these are uncertain times and feel it is important to provide our families with learning options that best meet their individual needs.

If a family feels it is necessary for their child to be in an alternative learning environment, the SRC R-II School District is providing a virtual learning option. If you feel this option is necessary

due to health risks within your household, please contact your student's building administrator to schedule a meeting to determine if it is in the best educational interest of your child. The school just be aware of your intention to pursue virtual learning no later than **August 10th**. Please note the two very important rules for virtual learning.

- If a student is approved for virtual learning, they will remain in that seating for the reminder of the semester.
- Students who are participating in the virtual learning method **WILL NOT** be eligible for any extracurricular activities.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES/SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS:

It is VERY important for parents to conduct a wellness screening on your child before sending them to school. Please check their temperatures and assess their overall wellness. **PLEASE *DO NOT* send your child to school if they have been experiencing any symptoms of sickness.** For the safety of others, parents must keep children home if they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or COVID symptoms.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING:

- Frequent cleaning will target sanitation of highly touched surfaces.
- Disinfectant is available for all classroom teachers.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL:

- Students and staff will self-screen prior to arrival. Those with 100.4 degrees or higher temperatures or illness symptoms will not be permitted and should notify the school of their absence.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands upon arrival as well as several times throughout the day.
- For the health and safety of the students and staff, parents may not go into the building during student arrival or dismissal time.

TRANSPORTATION:

- To maintain a consistent seating chart, student will be allowed only one bus for the school year. **NO** bus changes (except for notifying us that someone will be picking up your child) will be allowed. On most days we have numerous bus changes, and it becomes almost impossible to maintain a seating chart when students are constantly changing buses every day.
- Buses will be loaded from front to back and family members will be asked to share seats and will have assigned seats.
- Buses will be sanitized will be disinfected before and after each route.
- Parents are encouraged to drop off/pick up students to decrease the number of students on the school bus. This will cut down on the potential exposure.
- Masks are required to be worn on the school bus.

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS:

- Nonessential visitors will be limited.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:

- Elementary breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- Secondary meals will be served in the cafeteria with additional seating available for social distances.
- Tables will be spread out and students will not use communal containers (silverware, condiments, milk cooler) but will be given these items from staff.
- Increased time between lunches to allow all eating surfaces to be sanitized.
- Hand sanitizer will be available before and after meals.

CLASSROOM & FACILITIES:

- Clear, sealable, ***plastic*** water bottles with *WATER ONLY* are strongly encouraged as drinking fountains will not be available. Bottle fillers are available throughout the district.
- Seating assignments will be implemented in the event contact tracing is needed.
- Sharing school supplies is discouraged. Adequate art supplies or other educational tools are available to students. Students may be asked to purchase some of their own supplies.
- Recess schedules will be altered to minimize the number of students on the playground and allow more social distancing.

ATHLETICS:

- The district will follow guidance from MSHSAA and the Reynolds County Health Department concerning extra-curricular activities. This includes guidance concerning participants and fans.

MITIGATION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES:

- Universal and correct wearing of masks
    - Consistent with CDC and/or local health department guidance
    - Masks are allowed but not required

- Physical Distancing
    - Consistent with CDC and/or local health department guidance
    - Seating charts on the bus and in classrooms will be required
    - PK-5 students will be in their grade level cohorts
    - Social distancing when possible

- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
    - Consistent with CDC and/or local health department guidance
    - Teaching and reinforcing handwashing, sanitizing, coughing and sneezing etiquette
    - Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling stations
    - Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the district

- Cleaning and maintain healthy facilities
    - Consistent with CDC and/or local health department guidance
    - Increased screening for high-touch surfaces

- Contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine
    - Consistent with CDC and/or local health department guidance
    - Contact tracing by the Reynolds County Health Department with assistance from the local LEA
    - Quarantine and isolation orders from the RCHD

- Diagnostic and screening testing
    - Testing available through local clinics

- Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and eligible students
    - The district will communicate opportunities available for vaccination events

- Accommodations for Children with disabilities
    - Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individual Education Plan

UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE:
The SRCSP is available in languages understandable to stakeholders. The SRCSP will be available in English in the district offices and on the website. Stakeholders who employ the oral tradition or who need a copy in another language my contact the district central office.