

Safety - Preparing to Reopen Schools

Springdale Public Schools care about the safety of our faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Several changes have been made to prepare for the reopening of our district in the safest manner possible. The following is a list of services and proactive steps.

Nursing Preparations

May 2020

- Non-touch infrared thermometers were ordered for each school
- Disinfectant spray ordered from the custodial department for each health room
- KN-95 masks ordered and received
- Face shields ordered and received

June 2020 four health rooms were moved to larger locations

- SWJH - The health room has moved to an empty classroom.
 - There are two sinks present
 - A second health bed will be added
 - 2 cloth curtains will be hung
- Walker elementary - health room moved to an empty kindergarten room
 - Sink and bathroom in the health office
 - Cloth curtain will be hung
- Lee elementary - health room moved to art room
 - Sink added to adjacent bathroom
 - Cloth curtains x 2 will be hung
 - Carpet being removed
- Tyson elementary - health room moved to empty kindergarten room
 - Sink present with bathrooms across the hall
 - Cloth curtain to be hung

July 2020

- Cloth curtains ordered for nursing areas
 - DTSOI
 - George Elementary
 - Smith Elementary

Cleaning for surfaces provided by custodial department

- Each school nurse will receive their own spray bottle

Maintenance Preparations

March 23, 2020

- Removal of carpet in hallways and common areas began.
- Concrete will be stained and polished to allow for sanitizing.

March 30, 2020

- A 12-month supply of sanitizer was ordered.

- Buildings were locked to all non-essential staff to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing.
- The rental program was discontinued.
- Began staggering staff schedules to reduce exposure between staff members.

April 13, 2020

- Additional atomizers were ordered for the sanitation of our buildings, grounds, and buses.

May 26, 2020

- Several curtains were ordered for multiple nurses' offices to act as a barrier between healthy and sick students.

June 5, 2020

- A 12-month supply of foaming hand sanitizer and dispensers were ordered to be installed in all rooms and on all buses.

July 3, 2020

- We ordered bottle fillers and material to delete water fountains.

July 7, 2020

- We started building and installing plexiglass barriers for areas that the public will have access to.

July 10, 2020

- We started the process of adding hot water to 7 Elementaries, 2 Junior Highs and Springdale High School.

Custodial

Springdale is implementing the following strategies in the custodial dept.

- Gowns - Medical gowns are being purchased for each custodian, these can be worn in place of disposable gowns for restrooms and wet areas. These can be laundered to save money.
- Transportation - Buses will be disinfected and sanitized daily. This will be accomplished by using both shifts.
- Breakfast & Lunch Day personnel will be staggered to help with opening, clean-up from breakfast and lunch. Additional carts will be purchased to haul trash from classrooms in the Elementary's.
- Hand sanitizer - Dispensers can be hung this summer for hand sanitizer. These would be placed in each Elementary classroom, by the door or restroom if they have one.
 - The hand sanitizer fits in the existing hand soap dispensers, they are sealed bags and will be reloaded. A foam sanitizer will be used. It is alcohol-based, however, less leaking will occur and will help preserve the clean finished floors. Reducers will be put in the Elementary schools to meter the sanitizer down from 1ml to .40ml, to help in waste.

- Athletics - We will begin placing additional custodians at each school as the athletics begin. We will clean and sanitize twice a day. In addition, we will train coaches on the sanitation process for them between our clean times.
- Floors - Hard floors will be cleaned and disinfected. Soft surface, all the carpet has been removed from the hallways in each Elementary, and the work is continuing in the middle schools. Carpet is a filter that you never change.

Foodservice Preparations

Springdale is implementing the following strategies in the foodservices dept.

- No contact thermometers are used to record all employees' temperatures daily.
- Disposable face masks are purchased through our prime vendor and are worn during meal service times and when social distancing cannot be accomplished.
- Purchasing packaged silverware and napkin packets to replace silverware and napkins dispensers.
- Planning menus to be packaged or served. Self serve items are discouraged by the Arkansas Department of Health.
- Badge scanners were purchased for the school cafeterias that were previously using keypads for students to key in identification numbers.
- Online Free and Reduced Applications strongly encouraged to avoid transfer of virus on paper.