



USD 419 Canton-Galva
Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This plan will be reviewed monthly, or as needed, during the 2023-24 school year.

USD 419 BOE Approved: 9/11/2023.

PART I.

Describe how the district 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 policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

A. Masks are optional in the school buildings at this time.

USD 419 Canton-Galva leaves it up to patrons and stakeholders as to their choice whether or not to wear a mask.

B. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

USD 419 Canton-Galva is not currently modifying any facilities. The superintendent will monitor the COVID positivity rate, the number of positive cases in our district, and consult with county health officials to make decisions on implementing physical distancing.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

USD 419 Canton-Galva has instituted regular handwashing and respiratory practices and will continue to do so. This includes providing instructions on and practicing proper hand washing, sanitizing techniques, and respiratory etiquette on a regular basis.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

USD 419 Canton-Galva frequently cleans and sanitizes all facilities through approved cleaning processes. Air purifiers are available in all classrooms and offices, and filters changed on a regular, scheduled basis.

E. Guidance from the McPherson County Health Department, KDHE, and CDC

USD 419 Canton-Galva will follow the Covid-19 recommendations, and guidance of the McPherson County Health Department in concert with KDHE, and the CDC. USD 419 Canton-Galva will also follow our student dismissal policies and procedures in our student handbook for sending student's or staff home.

McPherson County Health Department. (8/23): COVID-19 has a wide range of symptoms which can include 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, or diarrhea. This doesn't include all possible symptoms. If you are feeling sick, you may want to speak with your primary care provider. If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, you are likely most infectious during the first 5 days of your illness. Stay home for at least 5 days and isolate away from others. If you have been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours and are feeling significantly better, you can leave home isolation on day 6 but should wear a high-quality mask for 5 more days if you must be around other people. If you aren't fever free or feeling significantly better, you should continue to stay home until you are 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and feeling significantly better. If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 but don't have any symptoms, you must stay home for 5 days following the day you were tested. You can leave isolation on day 6 but should wear a high-quality mask for 5 more days if you must be around other people. Regardless of your symptoms or end of isolation, until at least day 11 you should avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, wear a high-quality mask when around others, don't go places where you aren't able to wear a mask, and should avoid travel. If you have questions about when you should come out of isolation, consult your provider, or call McPherson County Health Department. If you are experiencing a cluster of cases and need help with containment, testing, infection prevention, or technical assistance, call the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317, option 5.



- F. During the 2023-24 school year, if we have a large COVID-19 transmission in the building(s), in concert with other sickness (flu, stomach flu, strep, etc.), and we do not have enough faculty/staff to safely operate the building, we may have to shut down our schools for a period of time.**
- G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**
We will continue to make our students and staff aware of opportunities to be vaccinated in our community.
- H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**
We will work with our special education staff to ensure that our special education students have full access to appropriate educational supports even if we are forced to alter our delivery model.
- I. Coordination with state and local health officials.**
The superintendent will continue to monitor information available from KSDE and KDHE to ensure that the district is ready for statewide changes to policies or recommendations. The superintendent will also communicate with the county health officer on a regular basis to monitor the current situation in the county and district.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

- (A) Services to address students' academic needs**
USD 419 Canton-Galva is offering summer learning opportunities for students to help close the learning gap and/or for credit recovery or enhancement. We have also added additional student academic support positions with our ESSER II/III funds, as well.
- (B) Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**
USD 419 Canton-Galva continues to monitor our students and staff social, emotional, and mental health on a regular basis. During the 23-24 school year, we have partnered with Prairie View, and the Mental Health Intervention Team (grant) to provide onsite case manager and counseling services. Our school district continues to focus on relationships between student and student, as well as students and staff. We have partnered with TASN to provide our teachers and staff with professional development during the 23-24 school year on Behavior, Social and Emotional Learning (BSEL), interventions.
- (C) Other needs, which may include student health and food services.**
USD 419 Canton-Galva has access to two school nurses, in concert with two other school districts. They have scheduled office times in both buildings during the week.. The school district also continues to offer and serve breakfast and lunch through our food service program.