



STRAFFORD SCHOOLS

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

(2022-23 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan)

OVERVIEW

As conditions around COVID-19 continue to fluctuate, Strafford Schools is evaluating mitigating measures that can best support a return to more normal operations. Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely continuing in-person instruction for the 2022-23 school year is a priority.

Strafford Schools is planning to implement the following updated protocols for the 2022-23 school year, based on current data. This approach remains focused on layered mitigation strategies with the ability to reinstate or discontinue specific strategies based on community transmission rates. Please note, this is a workable document and subject to change based on current data trends.

We will continue to seek guidance from health authorities, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. **Should circumstances change, adjustments to our plans at the building and/or district level may be necessary, and we will share these adjustments with our families and staff.**

UPDATED GUIDANCE

FACE COVERINGS:

- The CDC recommends face coverings be worn indoors by all individuals within schools, regardless of vaccination status. Currently, face coverings will continue to be allowed, but not required for all staff, students, and visitors in district buildings.

STAFF AND STUDENT SCREENING:

- Self-screening will continue to be emphasized and expected for all staff, students, and visitors before entering any school facility (stay home when signs of any infectious illness are present and refer to healthcare provider for testing and care).

CLEANING AND SANITATION:

- Staff and students will continue to be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day, practice respiratory etiquette and hand sanitizer will continue to be available in all schools.
- District cleaning and maintenance procedures will continue to follow enhanced disinfection and sanitation protocols, especially for frequently touched surfaces
- Increased outdoor air, ventilation and filtering through the HVAC systems will continue to be used as a mitigation strategy.

REPORTING CASES:

- Families, students, and staff will continue to be expected to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to Nurse Lacey Ross at laceyr@straffordschools.net or 417.736.7000 ext. 1442.
- The CDC is recommending that if students or staff test positive for COVID-19, they stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home.

CONTINUITY OF ACADEMIC SERVICES:

- Seated, in-person instruction will be provided on campus each school day by Strafford teachers.
- Online learning instruction will be provided by Strafford teachers in the event of a building-wide or district-wide COVID-related closure.
- Students in isolation should contact their teacher(s) for work to be completed at home during isolation. Work will be provided through Google classroom and/or other resources.
- Students and families that are interested in virtual coursework should contact the student's school building office.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS:

- Teachers, staff, and administrators will monitor and observe students (as well as colleagues) for possible social, emotional, or mental needs and refer to the counselor and/or health office as needed.
- The counseling and/or health office will utilize supplemental resources such as Burrell Health and Jordan Valley Health Clinic as needed.

- Parents and families are encouraged to monitor and observe at home (especially during any interruptions of in-person instruction) for social, emotional, and mental health needs and contact the appropriate building counseling and/or health office as needed.

MONITORING

The Strafford R-VI School District will continue to monitor community transmission trends and data, and will adjust protocol accordingly should the need arise. If increased community spread of COVID-19 becomes a concern, the District could strengthen or add to prevention strategies.

*Please note this is a fluid document and subject to change based on current data and trends.

- Protocols will be reviewed no less than every six months and may evolve and change as new information and guidance is received from governing agencies as well as students, families, school administrators, teachers, staff, and other key stakeholders.
- Any change in protocols will be communicated through the district communication protocol.
- Availability of Plan in Other Languages: The Strafford R-VI District will provide a copy of the SRCSP in other languages including orally upon request. Requests should be made to the District's Central Office. 201 W. McCabe Street Strafford, MO 65757.