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SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022

Stringtown Public Schools will continue to monitor community health and adjust this plan accordingly. As we navigate through these ever-changing times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff, and families and will work to keep you informed of changes as they may occur. SPS will deliver district-level communication through emails, social media, text, and phone to parents and students. We will also use the phone alert system and our district website will be updated regularly at www.stringtownisd.org

After returning to learn in a traditional in-person format during the 2020-2021 school year, Stringtown Schools will remain open for in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year, and in an effort for ALL students to learn from our Stringtown Public Schools Staff during these times, we will be offering an additional learning path for our students. Each enrolled student will enroll as Traditional In-Person Learning Student or as a Distance Learning Student.

Stringtown Public Schools Strongly Encourages Traditional In-Person vs. Distance Learning.

Option 1 Traditional Student

- Enrolled as a traditional student
- In person learning
- Taught by Stringtown School teachers
- Will utilize Remote Learning Day Procedures as needed

Option 2 Distance Learning Student

- Enrolled as a Stringtown Student
- 100% online
- Individual online learning content available 24/7
- Facilitated by a Stringtown School teacher

Remote Learning Days

- Need will be determined by the district, city, or state in the event of a COVID outbreak or other concern
- With school approval, it can be utilized by individual families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- Counts as a school day (not a traditional absence if the student completes online lessons within the allotted time)
- Virtual coursework via Google Classroom
- Students continue to learn new material with teacher support
- Opportunities for students to collaborate and learn by interacting virtually with peers/teachers
- May include pre-recorded or live lessons/tutorials
- Regular support and contact from SPS teachers until on-campus class can resume

Safe Return Procedures will include the following:

Masks

Masks are not required at this time.

Modifying Facilities To Allow Physical Distancing

Classrooms: Student desks will be properly spaced; small class size makes this very feasible.

Restrooms: Student use will be limited to (2) two students at a time.

Cafeteria: Students will eat with their grade level and maintain appropriate distancing.

Buses: Students will be assigned seats that allow for distancing from nonfamily members.

In all cases, a seating chart will be utilized.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Students will be trained and reminded in classrooms about the health benefits of proper and frequent handwashing as well as respiratory etiquette of covering the mouth during coughs and sneezes. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms and several locations throughout the buildings.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation:

Janitorial and maintenance staff will clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces no less than twice a day with the proper disinfectant solutions. Areas of concentration will include door knobs, lockers, hand rails, toilets, and faucets. Stringtown Schools has evaluated ventilation systems and plans include several upgrades and replacements to provide better air quality.

Contact Tracing Combined with Isolation and Quarantine, Collaborating with State, Local, and Tribal Health Departments:

Stringtown Public Schools will work in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Health Department and the Atoka County Health Department to be keep informed on the status of infections, testing, vaccines, guidance for prevention habits, isolation, and quarantine guidelines to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and to maintain in-person learning for most Stringtown students. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they are traced to a positive exposure.

Diagnostic/Screening Testing:

It is important that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. We ask that temperatures be taken on a daily basis at home. Students will be screened upon arrival at school. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher may enter any Stringtown Public Schools facility. Any individual entering the school during the regular school day will be screened. Screening will include temperature checks, health-related questions, and/or isolating those with symptoms of a contagious disease.

Oklahoma Health Department guidance will be utilized for quarantine. SPS will follow city, county, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.

Vaccination Efforts for School Communities:

Stringtown Schools will work with the Atoka County Health Department and/or local tribal health officials to help vaccinate all members of the school community by hosting a vaccination event before the school year starts on August 5, 2021. Date and time to be announced.

Appropriate accommodations for students with Disabilities with Respect for Health and Safety Policies:

All students with disabilities will have appropriate accommodations matching their Individual Education Plan (IEP) with respect to health and safety policies.

Coordination with State and Local health officials:

The Atoka County Health Department, Oklahoma Department of Health, and Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma continue to support Stringtown Schools with information about outbreaks, COVID screening tests and vaccination clinics. Stringtown Schools will remain in close contact with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department of Health, and the other service providers concerning the level of outbreaks and safety protocols necessary.

Continuity of Services:

Stringtown Public Schools will conduct normal in-person school operations when ZERO to LOW cases of COVID exist in the school community. SPS will activate remote learning for students when there is an established community spread. The Superintendent will decide to activate remote learning for classrooms, buildings, or the district.

Stringtown Public Schools will continue services by coordinating efforts with school staff and resources. Meal services will be provided either by pick up or delivery. Academic instruction will be provided in person or through the use of online instruction including but not limited to Google Classroom and online curriculum resources and coursework. The Social-Emotional well-being of our staff and students is important as well, our counselors will be prepared and available to help our students, staff, and families.