



Wellston Public Schools

Safe Return Plan

2021-22

Wellston Public Schools Return to Learn Plan was updated in lieu of lessons learned during the 2020-21 school year and input from our Consultation Committee and local, county, and state agencies. As we navigate through these ever-changing times, we are appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff, and families.

Masks:

- Masks will not be required for students or staff. In the event of a declared state of emergency and/or community spread, Wellston may recommend the universal/correct wearing of masks, but will not require them.
- Students, staff, and guests will provide their own masks and/or face shields.
- Masks are welcome at any time on campus and in any building at Wellston Schools.

Physical distancing:

- Physical distancing will not be required, but all efforts will be made to continue maintaining safe distances between students and staff.
- To accomplish this:
 - Students will be organized by seating charts in classrooms and assigned seats on buses.
 - Elementary students will minimize multi-cohort interactions.
 - Lunch times will continue to be staggered.

Hand Washing and Facilities:

- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will continue to be encouraged.
- Disinfectant and cleaning products will be available in all classrooms to be used as needed.
- Multiple hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available at common passing areas and entrances.
- Electrostatic sprayers will continue to be used in high traffic areas and frequently touched surfaces within the district, including buses.

Contact Tracing and Isolation:

- Any student having a temperature of 100 degree or above will be sent to the office and parents notified. Students with a temperature will be isolated from the general population until retrieved by parents.
- Sites will track the number of positive Covid cases reported.
- Contact tracing will not take place unless directed by the county health department.

Screening/Testing:

- At the beginning of the year, parents will sign the health questionnaire agreeing to perform a daily health check of their child prior to sending them to school.
- School personnel will sign the same health questionnaire agreeing they will perform a daily health check before reporting to work.

Vaccinations:

- Vaccinations will continue to be optional for students or staff.
- In conjunction with the Lincoln County Health Department and TSET, Wellston Schools will provide a health fair in the fall where COVID and other school related vaccinations will be offered for all community members.
- Wellston Schools will continue to advertise COVID-19 vaccination services offered through the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma at the Perkins Family Clinic to parents, students, and staff.

Accommodations:

- Students with disabilities will continue to receive services based on their IEP and/or 504 plan. Any modifications to services due to health concerns will be documented and agreed upon through a preferred meeting process.

Coordination with State and Local Officials:

- School administration will continue to coordinate with state and local health officials as new information and data becomes available.

Continuity of services:

- If a school site is closed due to Covid positive cases, weather conditions, or other extraordinary circumstances, remote learning will be initiated.
- School counselor(s) will be the primary contact for social-emotional learning and mental health assistance.

Parents, Guests, Visitors:

- For health and safety purposes all visitors to the school campus must check in through the site office.
- Classroom visits will be limited to administration discretion.
- For programs, concerts, contests, and other special events, visitors will be welcomed in the building.