

## Andover USD 385

### District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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#### 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) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

Masks were required during the 2020-21 school year for staff, students, and visitors. Based on the community data in our area, we moved to optional masks beginning on June 1, 2021. The wearing of masks will continue to be optional as we move into the 2021-22 school year.

Update (9/3/21): Masks are required among students, staff and visitors in elementary school buildings from the period of September 3, 2021, through October, 12, 2021, per a vote by the Board of Education on August 31, 2021.

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

During the 2020-21 school year physical distancing to the extent possible was implemented for staff, students, and visitors. Some examples of this include using multiple areas for lunch, creating visual signs in the building to help students maintain distance from one another, and when possible, limiting the interactions among students. As we move into the 2021-22 school year, we will have all of our students learning on-site daily, so we will do the best we can with encouraging physical distancing and minimizing opportunities for high-risk exposures.

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Hand sanitizer is available in all of our schools, and is readily accessible for students, staff, and visitors.

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

- a. Facilities are cleaned daily after students leave.
- b. Staff have the ability to clean on demand throughout the day with supplies that have a rapid effective rate for any areas of concern.
- c. All products are stored in secure locations with content information posted.
- d. All air filters are changed on a quarterly basis.

**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

The district follows contact tracing requirements from the Butler County & Sedgwick County Health Departments, including assisting with contact tracing. Those requirements also include isolation and quarantine based on the level of risk of the exposure and the vaccination status of the individual(s) exposed.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

Students with COVID systems will continue to be screened and monitored in a room away from others. Our nursing staff or principals will contact parents to come pick up their child. Follow-up care and procedures from the local health department will be followed, based on the county in which the student resides.

Update 9/3/21: The district began a Stay to Learn testing option on Sept. 7, 2021. This allows students 11 and under (who are not eligible for vaccination) who are deemed a close contact to be tested daily and stay in class, provided they are asymptomatic.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

- a. **The district works with both county and local government to provide information regarding availability.**
- b. **Onsite vaccinations have been provided for staff and the need will continue to be monitored.**

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

- a. Children with IEPs or 504 plans, based on their individual situation, may not be required to wear masks.
- b. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) may be provided to students on an as-needed basis to accommodate disability or health situation.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

The District maintains close communication with local health officials regarding updates and the latest guidance with Covid-19. In addition, district officials have frequent and ongoing zoom meetings with state educational leaders to discuss the coordination of responses.

**Part II.**

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

**(A) services to address students' academic needs**

Andover Public Schools is offering a robust summer learning program for students. Elementary and middle school students who meet eligibility requirements are attending three weeks (12 days) of summer school instruction focused on remediating learning loss. High school students have the opportunity to enroll in credit recovery courses and drivers education. In addition, Andover eCademy is offering virtual education to students this summer. For the 2021-22 school year, classes will be held in-person at all of our brick-and-mortar schools, and Andover eCademy will continue to provide the blended model as it has done for many years.

**(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

A variety of programs and services are in place to address students' social, emotional, and mental health needs. The list of programs and services includes but is not limited to:

- Classroom lessons focused on providing strategies and skills for students to build social and emotional skills. The elementary uses the Second Step curriculum, and secondary uses Ramp Up lessons.
- Counselors and school nurses are available in all of our schools.
- In addition, the district partners with outside agencies to address needs that extend beyond the scope of what our schools typically provide
- Parent resources and education are provided to assist parents as they work with their children on social-emotional skills.
- The district has hired a family engagement consultant to ensure students' needs are met.

**(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

For students enrolled in our elementary and middle school academies during the summer of 2021, breakfast and lunch are provided each day that school is in session. Weekday meal service (breakfast and lunch) will be provided for all students in the district during the 2021-22 school year.