

# USD 395 Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

## 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.**

It is the discretion of staff and parents as to whether masks will be worn. Correct mask wearing has been taught in all classrooms and will continue to be addressed as the school year progresses. The local Board of Education will determine the need to mandate the wearing of masks based on local conditions and outbreaks with input from local doctors, county health officials, and CDC/KDHE guidance.

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

The entire district has modified the facilities to allow outdoor learning, social and dining areas for all students and staff. USD 395 will provide proper social distancing when directed by the CDC, KDHE and RCHD.

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

Signage encouraging and demonstrating proper handwashing is posted throughout the Elementary, Middle School and High School buildings. USD 395 staff and students are expected to wash their hands frequently.

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

Daily cleaning and sanitizing will continue for all USD 395 buildings, buses, and vehicles. Air purifiers have been placed throughout the buildings to improve the air quality. Cleaning service has been contracted to provide extra cleaning supplies and newly sanitized products to our custodial staff.

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

USD 395 will work with local health officials and will follow all quarantine and isolation directives. We will provide remote academic support to students placed in quarantine by local health officials.

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

Students, staff and community are encouraged to work with local health officials to get tested in cases where there is a possibility of the spread of COVID. Should a family wish to have their student tested, a rapid antigen test will be made available by the district nurse.

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

USD 395 will work with local health officials to provide information about vaccinations by providing a communication source as well as a vaccination site.

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

We will utilize all IDEA laws and statutes to ensure that all students are able to participate in their least restrictive environment in order to safely access a free and appropriate public education as determined by the student's IEP team in collaboration with parents.

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

USD 395 will continue to participate with all health entities, including our local county health department on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed. Regularly scheduled meetings with the Rush County Health Department and Rush County Medical Clinic will be conducted to provide guidance and feedback concerning changes in our current situation.

**Part II.**

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

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

We have the ability to deliver remote and hybrid instruction in the event we need to return to remote learning.

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

USD 395 will be adding more staff members that specialize in social work. They will continually provide additional support to students with social and emotional needs. Counselors are also available to help students' parents and staff members.

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

We will be hiring a full time school nurse to help with contact tracing and screening. We have a system set up to be able to quickly change to grab and go meals if a shutdown is required.