



2021-22 COVID-19 Operational Plan

Masks

- Masks are optional but are strongly recommended for all district students and staff.
- Federal law requires students and staff to wear face coverings while riding a school bus or any district vehicle. This requirement extends to all extracurricular activities.
- Unvaccinated staff and students who are in close contact at school, and required to quarantine may stay in school if they wear a mask and follow testing requirements.

Hygiene Measures

- All students and staff are expected to stay home when sick or symptomatic.
- Students and staff will have hourly opportunities to sanitize their hands.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in all facility entryways, classrooms, cafeterias, and other high-traffic areas.
- Water fountains will not be accessible. Students and employees may use water bottle fill stations provided in all school buildings.

Student Activities

- Field trips will be limited to those approved by the administration for specific academic and school activity purposes.
- Visitors are welcome to attend extracurricular activities. The district requires visitors to wear masks and social distance while attending indoor events. When attending an outside event, face coverings and social distancing are highly recommended.
- The number of visitors allowed to attend extracurricular events is not limited at this time, but restrictions may be considered should the COVID-19 positivity rate continue to increase.

Nutrition Services

- Social distancing guidelines will be followed when students eat in the cafeteria.
- All students will be eligible to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day during the 2021-2022 school year through the USDA free-lunch program.

Learning Options

- This year's learning is limited to in-person or virtual learning. The District will not offer a remote learning option at this time.

Visitors

- Currently, the district is limiting visitors inside USD 261 facilities during school hours.
- To reduce the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, visitors to all USD 261 facilities are required to wear masks.
- Classroom celebration parties and similar activities where many visitors are expected will be prohibited, but parents/guardians will be permitted to deliver treats to the office.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

- The district will continue to encourage staff, students, and the community to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The district will work with Sedgwick County Health Department to provide vaccination opportunities.

Questions

- Families are encouraged to email their questions regarding this plan, testing, quarantine and isolation procedures, vaccinations, or any other COVID-related questions to covidinfo@usd261.com.



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This document may be modified at any time based on the current guidelines and community health. Adjustments may be necessary due to updated regulatory guidelines, positive COVID case trends, or other unforeseen circumstances. The district remains committed to making health and safety a priority and will follow the guidance of Sedgwick County Health Department (SCHD), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas COVID Workgroup for Kids (KCWK), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when considering changes to the COVID 19 Response Plan.