

CENTRALIA R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)



Introduction

12/09/21: Stakeholder Review

12/13/21: BOE Approval

09/22: Stakeholder Review

09/12/22: BOE Approval

Plan additions are highlighted in **YELLOW**

Plan removals are highlighted in **RED**

Introduction

Status: Current Operating Version

~~As we approach the 2021-2022 academic year, we are all aware of the impact a pandemic can have on the education process. Flexibility, adaptability and common sense will be the tools most needed to minimize distractions and allow everyone to focus on the most important priority – student learning.~~

This document proposes a set of conditions in which students can return to school with a reasonable amount of safety protocols. Each condition inherently comes with a degree of inconvenience when compared to previous academic years, but each provide minimal intrusion into the learning process. Further, it is reasonable to expect conditions within our state and county to change, thus requiring modifications to this plan.

With this in mind, it is worth stating the goal to be obtained is students maximizing their learning and education. Each condition cumulatively gives us the best opportunity to remain in seated school for the longest period possible.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to education.

The Centralia R-VI School District

****Note:** A SRCSP is required for public entities who are eligible to receive public funds.

Collective Commitments

It Starts at Home - Screening

- Families are recommended to take temperatures daily before going to school
- Anyone with a fever of >100.0 F or higher should **NOT** come to school
- A student or staff member must be fever-free for at least 24 hours, without the aid of fever-reducing medication, before returning to school.
- Parents and caregivers should also screen for additional symptoms at home, prior to coming to school. These symptoms include the following:
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Coughing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

When to Stay Home

- Students with symptoms of any illness should not attend school and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school.
- For students who are diagnosed with COVID-19, either by a laboratory test or based on their symptoms, return to school is permissible when the student achieves the current criteria published by either DESE or the local health department.
- Students and staff who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.
- Students/families who have been identified to quarantine by a county health department.

**Exact days/duration will be determined by either DESE or the county health department. It is possible their instructions exceed time frames listed in this document.

When a Positive Test is Confirmed

- According to the CDC, if you think you have or know you have COVID-19, you can be with others after the following: [CDC Information](#)

The District's Role in a Positive Test:

- For all COVID-19 exposure notifications, the district will only notify those who are deemed necessary to be notified by our local health department.
- We will not do district-wide notifications for positive or presumptive positive cases unless a child or staff member needs to be notified of the potential exposure to that positive case.
 - The only exception would be in the case of a community or school-wide event where contact tracing could not happen.

- The district has a legal obligation not to violate HIPAA guidelines and rules, and will follow those rules and the guidance of our health department in all notifications.
- Perform targeted cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters, appliance surfaces, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, phones, technology, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary.

**Diagnosing COVID-19, contact tracing and assigning quarantines are not a function of the school district. These can only be done by healthcare providers and health departments. The district's role ends after identifying symptoms and providing households with recommended next steps.

Face Coverings

- ~~The District encourages all students and adults to wear face coverings should they choose to do so.~~
- The District supports all students and adults should they choose to wear face coverings.
 - Information regarding proper face coverings can be found [HERE](#)
- ~~The District, also, encourages the use of face covering in “high traffic” areas such as:~~
- The District, also, supports the use of face covering in “high traffic” areas such as:
 - Riding a school bus
 - Arriving at school in large groups
 - Passing periods create large groups
 - Leaving school in large groups
 - Anytime social distancing is not practical

Why Face Coverings?

- ~~It may keep a person from quarantine — keeping students in school and parents at work longer~~
 - ~~The county Health Department determines who quarantines and for how long.~~
 - ~~If your student is involved in contact tracing, having and wearing a face covering in certain situations may be the deciding factor on your student — and potentially your household — being quarantined.~~
 - ~~During a quarantine, your student will continue to receive instruction via Google Classroom. They will not be considered absent and cannot participate in extracurricular activities for the period determined by the Health Department.~~

Transportation | Arrival | Dismissal

Transportation

- Parents should screen for COVID-19 symptoms at home prior to getting on the bus.
- Parents should encourage hand hygiene upon boarding the bus.
- If needed, students may (will) be assigned seats so contacts are stable.
- If needed, bus loading will be from back to front.
- ~~▪ All individuals will be encouraged to use face coverings during transport.~~
- Drivers may (will) utilize personal protective equipment as long as they do not impair driving.
- Buses will be appropriately disinfected.
- Parents are encouraged to pick up/drop off their student when possible to decrease the number of students on the school bus.

Arrival

- Students should not be dropped off earlier than necessary before their scheduled start time. Schools will communicate with parents the times they are able to begin dropping off students.
- Parent drop off will be car lane only to reduce the number of people entering the building.
- ~~▪ All students will be visually inspected for signs and symptoms of illness as they enter the school and/or classroom.~~
- Students may (will) use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms.
- ~~▪ Common and large group areas will be restricted where feasible.~~
- ~~▪ Social distancing will be used where possible at buildings while students are waiting to report to classes.~~

Dismissal

- Use of the car line for student pick-up or bus only. ~~There will be no in-person parent pick-up to avoid parent gatherings in the school lobby or in front of school.~~
- Walkers will be dismissed from the building by staff member (in buildings where walkers are permitted).
- For 7th-12th, social distancing may (will) be encouraged. Students will not be permitted to loiter in groups after school on school property.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizing will be available at dismissal.

Visitors

- ~~▪ Parents and visitors may have limited access to school grounds~~
- Parents picking up students early from school will need to call the office and let them know their estimated arrival time for student pick up. Once a parent/guardian arrives, the student will be released from the school building to meet the parent outside.
- Face coverings are supported (encouraged) by all visitors inside the school.

- Visitors can first contact the school/office to determine whether an onsite visit is necessary.
- ~~If entrance is determined as essential, a designated space for meeting with visitor(s) will be determined for the facility.~~

Meal Service

- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available before and after lunch.
- Necessary precautions will be taken into account for students with food allergies.

Students

Classrooms

- Seating/desks will be spaced out with social distancing taken into account.
- ~~Gathering in common areas will be discouraged.~~
- ~~Stable grouping will be utilized within classrooms.~~
- Desk cleaner will be available for usage when appropriate.
- Personal water bottles will be encouraged as drinking fountains will have limited availability.
- There will be built in time during the day for frequent hand washing and sanitizing.
- Students and staff will be observed for illness prior to starting class or the school day. Those experiencing symptoms will be referred to the nurse.

Passing Periods/Classes in Hallways

- ~~Passing periods will be limited by schedule and students will be monitored while walking in hallways.~~
- Movement throughout buildings may be limited or reduced.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available.

Playgrounds

- ~~Students will be monitored for social distancing while on playgrounds while still allowing interactions with each other.~~
- Handwashing/sanitizer will be available upon re-entry to the building.

Cleaning | Hygiene

- Regular cleaning will occur with COVID and EPA approved products. The cleaning and disinfecting will target frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters,

tabletops, stair rails, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary.

- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available for classroom and common area use.
- No-touch water bottle stations will be open for students to refill water bottles.
- Staff and students will be encouraged to bring their own **water bottles, filled daily**, to minimize the use and touching of water fountains.

Health Services

- School nurses will provide COVID safety training/materials to faculty and staff. They will also work to educate students in various methods.
- If you have medication for your child, please schedule a time with the school nurse to drop it off.
- Staff will be expected to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Parents and students are expected to self-screen at home prior to students entering the building.
- Students or staff demonstrating symptoms will be referred to physician or virtual clinic. Prior to returning to school, consult school nurse or provide documentation from physician
- Procedures on how many days students must be quarantined will follow best practices (ex: CDC, MSBA, etc) and the guidance of our local health department.

Activities | Athletics

- Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA)/Missouri Department of Health Guidelines will be followed for student participation in activities/athletics.
- Virtual Instruction students will not participate in activities/athletics.

~~Large Events/Sporting Events/Performances/Field Trips~~

- ~~Seating and occupancy restrictions will follow Boone County Health Department requirements.~~
- ~~Events may be limited and decisions on attendance, social distancing, and other safety procedures will be made on a case by case basis.~~
- ~~Field trips may be limited and will be considered if proper safety procedures and social distancing can occur.~~

Attendance Policy

- Centralia R-VI may (will) adjust the attendance policies to better reflect the uncertainty of this year. These will have to adhere to any requirements at the state level for various programs.
- Building-specific policies will be communicated to students prior to the start of school.
- Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick.

Pandemic Response – School Closure

The decision to close Centralia Schools may be made as a means to prevent further spread of an epidemic, or in response to high student and/or staff absenteeism. The Superintendent will make school closure decisions in consultation the Boone County Health Department, and neighboring school district superintendents and the Centralia R-VI Board of Education. Current CDC recommendations will help guide closure decisions.

Possible School Closure Trigger Points:

- Student absenteeism
 - When it is not economically prudent to keep the school open.
- Teacher/Staff absenteeism
 - When the number of staff available to supervise and instruct students drops below what is necessary to maintain a safe learning environment.
- Student absenteeism
 - When the daily student attendance rate drops dramatically for consecutive days.
 - Instruction would transition to virtual learning
- Confirmed case(s) of COVID-19.
- To protect the public health and safety
 - When advised to close by the Governor, state and local health authorities.
 - *Due to the fact all campuses are within Boone County, legally the district must follow orders issued by the Boone County Health Department

Authority to Close Schools:

- In a pandemic, schools may be closed and/or opened by the order of the director of the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) or his/her designee. See *19 CSR 20-20.050 Quarantine or Isolation Practices and Closing of Schools and Places of Public and Private Assembly*. Due to the need for consistency throughout the state, school closures and/or openings to protect the public health and safety will be directed at the state level.
- The School Superintendent has the authority to close and/or open school for absenteeism due to School Closure Trigger Points, as noted above.

School Closure – Miscellaneous:

- Schools may be closed to all staff and students, or just students. If schools are closed only to students, staff members are expected to work regular schedules or use appropriate leave, unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent. When schools are closed, there may be opportunities to bring back small groups of students for specific intervention or instruction on a case by case basis.
- The superintendent may cancel all activities on district property by outside groups, even if some schools in the district remain open. When a school is closed, activities scheduled at that school, including use by community groups, may be canceled. Activities held at another location that involve students and staff from a closed school may cancel at the discretion of the building principal or Superintendent.

Vaccinations

The district supports all individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Information regarding local offerings will be provided as available.

Continuity of Service

As a preemptive measure to lost instructional time, either individually or whole group, the district will begin the year with all classes utilizing Google Classroom as a means to centralize work and communication. For individuals who do not have access to highspeed internet, the district will provide hard copies of all materials needed. At the time isolation or quarantine is identified, the school will make individual arrangements with the family to create a schedule for communication and progress monitoring.

Further, the District has a well-developed system of social, emotional, and mental health supports including embedded curriculum and guidance counselors. Additionally, the District partners with Burrell Behavioral Health, Boone County Mental Health Coalition and other area providers to directly assist students in families. Finally, a new addition to the 2021-2022 school year is a district Family Intervention Specialist who will provide direct assistance to families. Whether in-person or learning remotely during quarantine, specialized staff will check in with students on a regular basis to ensure their social, emotional, and mental health needs are being met.

SRCSP Review & Revision

The district will review and revise the SRCSP in the following ways

- Immediately when improvements are recognized and obvious
- Informally in annual administrative meetings
- Informally quarterly
- Annually every six months
- Consultation will include the following: students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions.

UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE: The school district will make every effort to have the content of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan translated into an understandable language for families wishing to access the content. Stakeholders requiring translation or assistance can call 573-682-3561.

At-A-Glance

Mitigation Strategy	District Strategy
Universal and correct wearing of masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks allowed
Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in cohorts with distancing
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught and reinforced• Sanitizer and tissue provided
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modified layouts• Increased cleaning for high-touch surfaces
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact tracing by LEA• Contract tracing by the local public health authority (LPHA)
Diagnostic and screening testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing available at LPHA or clinic
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEA participates in vaccination events
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan