

Morris County USD 417

District 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.

Morris County USD 417 leaves it up to patrons and stakeholders as to their choice whether or not to wear a mask.

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

Morris County USD 417 is not currently modifying any facilities.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Morris County USD 417 provides instructions on and practices proper hand washing and sanitizing techniques on a regular basis. Morris County USD 417 provides instructions on and practices proper respiratory etiquette.

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

Morris County USD 417 frequently cleans and sanitizes all facilities through approved cleaning processes. HVAC filters are changed on a regular basis while also providing the most effective circulation and ventilation of the air possible.

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

Morris County USD 417 provides assistance to the Morris County Health Department per their request with contact tracing as necessary.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

All diagnostic and screening testing for COVID and Influenza is provided by Morris County USD 417.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

Morris County USD 417 has provided and will continue to provide the opportunity to staff who wish to receive the vaccine through the Morris County Health Department. Vaccines for children available at Morris County Health Department as parents have the full decision-making on the choice to have their child receive the vaccine or not.

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

Morris County USD 417 takes each student case on an individual basis and makes appropriate accommodations taking into consideration student/parent, medical and educational information.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Morris County USD 417 remains in coordination as needed with the Morris County Health Department, Morris County Hospital, KSDE and KDHE in regards to all needs with the safe, continued operation of in-person instruction.

Part II.

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

(A) services to address students' academic needs

Morris County USD 417 is offering summer learning opportunities for students to help close the academic gap. Additionally, there have been a few additional positions added with ESSER funds to provide more intense instruction to students.

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

Morris County USD 417 continues to monitor all students and staff's social, emotional, and mental health on a regular basis. Two additional counselors and a social worker have been added in our district to help with mental health issues that may occur and they are always available for anyone. The district continues to focus on relationships between student and student as well as students and staff to ensure that everyone is checking in on everyone. Seminar is focused on additional relationship building.

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

Morris County USD 417 has added a second full-time nurse along with two nurse aides to help monitor and address student health and will continue to employ these positions. The district continues to offer and serve breakfast and lunch through the foodservice program.

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