

Drexel R-IV School District

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

2021-2022



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OVERVIEW

The entire world is seeking ways to address the COVID-19 pandemic. In our little corner of the world, the Drexel R-IV School District is working to provide a safe environment for the children of our community. Administration has spent the past few months in dozens, if not hundreds, of virtual meetings with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri Association of School Administrators, Cass County Health Officials, and many other groups to determine the best practices to provide students with a safe and equitable education.

Thank you to our parents, faculty and staff for providing us with feedback over the past months including questions and concerns so we can address them in advance and take them into consideration as we plan for the fall. The Drexel Re-entry Team used the surveys to help develop this plan.

For our faculty and staff we had approximately 12 employees participate in multiple forums to engage in conversations and take information back to others. The Board of Education reviewed this re-entry plan with the understanding that it will be updated with the best practices and recommendations of state and local education and health officials. The SRCSP will be reviewed and revised, if necessary, no less than every six months. Any new updates will be provided for the Board of Education to review.

SAFETY AND WELL BEING

SCREENING AT HOME

Section 1: Symptoms

If staff members or students have any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that puts them at risk for spreading illness to others, please do not attend school (see the when to return to school chart below).

Please check your child for these symptoms:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat.
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

If staff members or students have experienced any of the following situations, that indicates a possible exposure to illness that puts them at risk for spreading illness to others, please do not attend school (see the when to return to school chart below).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19; OR
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19; OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traveled to or lived in an area where the local health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases.
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough baseline);

COVID-19 SYMPTOM GUIDANCE

Exposure	High Risk Symptoms	Moderate Risk Symptoms
To a person with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cough • Difficulty breathing • Loss of taste/smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) or chills • Congestion/runny nose • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea • Sore throat • Headache • Muscle or body aches

SCENARIO 1: What to do if a student has symptoms of COVID-19?

Screening Results	Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?	When Can the Child Return to School?
<p>1 moderate risk symptom</p> <p>AND</p> <p>No COVID-19 exposure</p>	No	<p>Return to school 24 hours after fever resolution and symptoms improvement without the use of fever reducing medication.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis.</p>

SCENARIO 2: What to do if a student has symptoms of COVID-19?

Screening Results	Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?	When Can the Child Return to School?
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<p>1 high risk symptom</p> <p>OR</p> <p>> 2 moderate risk symptoms</p> <p>AND</p> <p>No COVID-19 exposure</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Negative COVID-19 Test:</p> <p>Return to school 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis.</p> <hr/> <p>Positive COVID-19 Test:</p> <p>Return to school 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications</p> <p>AND</p> <p>improvement in symptoms</p> <p>AND</p> <p>At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.</p>
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SCENARIO 3: What to do if a student has a COVID-19 EXPOSURE?

<p>Screening Results</p>	<p>Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?</p>	<p>When Can I Return to School?</p>
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<p>EXPOSURE to a person with COVID-19</p>	<p>can be considered based on county resources</p>	<p>Quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. This could be ≥ 10 days depending on the last point of contact. If student or staff members develop high risk or moderate risk symptoms during quarantine, they need to be evaluated for COVID-19.</p>
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OTHER INFORMATION

- Those allowed into the school building may be screened including temperature checks using non-contact thermometers.
- Those who are identified to have a fever and/or cough may be instructed to wear an appropriate mask, use hand sanitizer, and go to a designated isolation area to be picked by parents or guardians.
 - It is highly advisable that the Drexel employee wear a mask in this situation.
 - Individuals suspected of being exposed to COVID-19 may be excluded from entry into the building and the child will be escorted out.
- In the event a student needs to be sent home:
 - For students who exhibit symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) as defined by the health department guidelines, and whose parents are unable to be located, the alternate contact person will be called to pick up the student.
 - A member of the faculty/staff may be asked to transport the student home for parents who are unable to pick up their child due to a lack of transportation. Both the staff member and the student will be required to wear a mask.
- Until further notice the district will not admit visitors into the building unless approved by the administration. Postal deliveries may take place as normal.

IN THE EVENT OF A SUSPECTED CASE OF COVID-19

- An employee or student doesn't feel well and visits the school nurse.
 - The nurse determines symptoms may be COVID related.

In the event of suspected case of COVID-19, the following steps will be followed:

EMPLOYEE:

- The employee will contact their healthcare provider and the provider will arrange testing.
- If the employee tests positive for COVID, the provider that ordered the test will call the employee with the positive result.
- The Cass County Health Department will also contact the employee and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing).
- The Cass County Health Department will provide directions to individuals at risk of being infected.
- In the event of any employee displaying symptoms and is to return home or test positive for COVID-19, the employee may use PTO or may request in writing, for extended FMLA leave through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Documentation of these options and guidelines will be provided to all district employees.

STUDENT:

- The school nurse will contact the parent. The student will be moved to the isolation room to wait for the parent to arrive. The area will be cleaned according to policy.
- When the parent arrives, the parent will call the school and a staff member will escort the student out to the parent.
- The nurse will encourage the parent to have the child tested.
- The nurse will notify the Superintendent and discuss the next steps.
- The healthcare provider will arrange for the student to be tested. If the student tests positive for COVID, the healthcare provider will contact the parent.
- The Cass County Health Department will also contact the parent and conduct a risk assessment (contact tracing).
- The parent will be asked about any close contact the student may have had from the 48 hours prior to symptoms up to the day the student began isolation measures.
- Cass County Health Department will direct the parent on what the student and any other person with possible risk of infection should do.

NEXT STEPS:

1. If the employee or student has been told to self-isolate, they should contact the Superintendent. The school will check to see if there are other family members in the school district and the family members may be excluded from attending school for up to 10 days or a negative COVID-19 test is documented and returned to the district. Online learning will be available to any student who is excluded due to health reasons or as precautionary measures. The teacher will continue to teach via google classroom until their return to the school.
2. Superintendent will consider initiating the following Positive COVID-19 Protocols:
 1. The Cass County Health Department will be contacted by the district for additional guidance.
 2. The option of closing the building for 24-48 hours will be considered.
 3. Official communication to the Board of Education and families will come from the Superintendent.
 4. The Superintendent will follow up with the staff member or family of the student.

COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE

- Regular updates will be provided to the Board of Education and the community.

The best place for updates will be:

-- District Website, Drexel High School Facebook page, parent emails, and the School Messenger System.

AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SCHOOL

- The Board of Education has approved the Superintendent to close and/or open school due to outbreaks of COVID-19 in the school building, the district, the community or upon the recommendations of local or state health authorities. The district may also be closed due to excessive absenteeism of faculty/staff or students due to health conditions. The district must have enough students and staff to function effectively and for learning to occur.

- When closed, the building may or may not be off-limits to students or staff and students. If the district is closed only to students, employees will be required to continue to perform their regular duties and regular responsibilities except as directed by the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent may cancel activities on district property by outside groups, even if the district remains open. When the district is closed, activities scheduled at the district and other locations involving students and/or staff would also be cancelled.
 - Any cancellations will be posted on the district Facebook page and sent to parents through the School Messenger System.
- Per recommendation from the Missouri Center from Public Health Excellence, the district may consider the following steps:
 - If there is a COVID-19 case: identify who the individual was in contact with, within a 6-foot space, for at least 15 minutes. If specific contacts cannot be identified, quarantine everyone who was in the same room, bus or other areas they were in. Schools will need to keep room/bus logs or photos in order to do this contact tracing. By having seating charts, bus seating charts or photos the number of students needing to be quarantined can be minimized.
 - Consult regularly with the Cass County Health Department Officials before reopening.
 - This draft may be updated by the district administration based on the conditions in the community or with changes to CDC or Cass County Health Department Policies.

MITIGATION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Mitigation Strategy	
Masks	<p>Consistent with Cass County Health Department (CCHD) Recommendations.</p> <p>Masks are allowed but not required</p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Consistent with Cass County Health Department Recommendations.</p>

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Consistent with Cass County Health Department Recommendations. Taught and reinforced Sanitizer and tissue provided.
Contact tracing	Contact tracing by administration, nurse and in conjunction with the Cass County Health Department.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Testing available, contact the Cass County Health Department.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students	The district will provide information about vaccination clinics with staff, families, and community.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.	Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individual Education Plan.

NURSING

- Drexel nursing staff will keep regular logs of health room visits. The name and other information will be recorded of any student or staff who visits the nurse's office. Due to student privacy, these records are not public; however, information may be shared with the Cass County Health Department as appropriate.
- The Cass County Health Department will provide guidance on students and staff who have had contact with people who are suspected COVID-19 positive.

CUSTODIAL

- Drexel Schools will maintain adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer throughout the school. The Custodial Department will ensure items are in stock and available for use.

- The Drexel custodial staff will clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects with district-supplied cleaning and disinfectant products. This may include electro-static sprayers, fogging machines, etc. Computer safe disinfectant methods will be used for computers and keyboards.
- In addition to CDC cleaning recommendations, the district has purchased an electrostatic sprayer for cleaning the building. A safe, EPA-approved water-soluble disinfectant is used to lay down an even, uniform and wraparound layer of germ-killing power. All surfaces from floor to ceiling will be disinfected daily with this sprayer.
- An hourly disinfecting schedule has been developed and will be implemented.

Classroom Cleaning:

To support the work of our custodial staff and their efforts to disinfect the building to minimize the risk for the students and staff, we will have the following guidelines in place for school access after the school day and during the weekends.

- We ask staff who do not have any contractual responsibilities after school to leave their classrooms at a reasonable time each day.
- Before staff leave, they should clean their desk area of papers, clean whiteboards, stack chairs and clear the floor area. This will allow custodial staff the time to properly disinfect the area.
- Custodial staff will disinfect all commonly touched surfaces and areas that are used for after school events and meetings.

Continuity of Services:

- The district returned to fully in-person learning in August of 2020 and continues to provide in-person instruction moving forward.
- If there are further interruptions of in-person instruction due to quarantine, isolation, or temporary school closures, the district will continue to provide instruction via distance learning. Students with disabilities will continue receiving services as outlined in their IEP.
- The LEA will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff during in-person instruction and during any interruptions of in-person instruction by ensuring our at-risk coordinator is available in person and virtually to all students and staff. The at-risk coordinator will conduct monthly guidance lessons for students in grades K-6 and is available by appointment and small group instruction to ALL students and staff.

Periodic Revision:

- The LEA will periodically review and revise, if necessary, the SRCSP, no less than every six months at a public session of the school board.

Understandable Language:

- The SRCSP is available in languages understandable to stakeholders. The SRCSP will be available in English and Spanish in the district office and on the district website. Stakeholders who employ the oral tradition or who need a copy in another language may contact the office.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the SRCSP, please contact the following:

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