

Thunderhawk Crisis Mitigation and School Reopening Plan – Quick Reference

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This plan outlines the precautions and best practices, based on the current knowledge of this virus, that will be utilized within our schools. Precautions include practices that reduce the chances for the virus to spread through close contact. All building occupants share in the responsibility of maintaining a safe environment. Individuals will use personal protective equipment such as face coverings, pay attention to and develop good habits related to hygiene and social distancing. District personnel will take steps to disinfect/sanitize equipment and supplies on a regular and consistent basis. As always, it is my goal to provide effective and equitable educational opportunities in an environment that is safe for all participants.

– Gary Kraus, Superintendent of Schools

Although this document addresses many of the common aspects related to the pandemic, it must not be considered as comprehensive in any way. Situations and circumstances that arise in the Thunderhawk communities will be unique to us. This document is fluid and will change numerous times as we move forward. Restrictions outlined in this plan are guided by executive orders issued at the state and/or county levels. As circumstances and orders change, this plan may also change based on available information from county and/or other authorities. All decisions made during the pandemic will be based on safety concerns for the students, school employees, and the communities.

Definitions:

- **Level Green:** Local case rate is low, recent trends are steady or declining, county and local restrictions are low. (See descriptors below)
- **Traditional Learning Model:** Students and teachers will be in school with or without mask and social distancing restrictions put into place.
- **Level Yellow:** The number of case rates is high and/or increasing. Some cases are confirmed within the school district. Permissible gathering size is lowered. Restrictions for masks and distancing are high.
- **Hybrid Learning Model:** Students will be grouped into stable and consistent cohort groups. Cohort groups will attend school in person on a rotating basis. When not physically in school, students will participate through remote learning activities. As much as possible, students with high academic needs and support will be scheduled to physically attend school.
- **Level Red:** Local case rates are high and increasing. Stay-at-home orders issued or are eminent.
- **Remote Learning Model:** Students will be doing all of their learning from home. Only school employees and other individuals, by appointment, may enter school buildings to conduct essential business or tasks.

	<u>Level Green</u>	<u>Level Yellow</u>	<u>Level Red</u>
Descriptors (Numbers for case rate and gatherings may change as circumstances warrant)	County case rate = < 12; No known cases in the school district; low level restrictions for masks and social distancing.	County case rate = > 12; 3 or fewer known cases in the school district; increased restrictions for masks and social	Local case rates are high and increasing; restrictions are higher stay-at-home order is eminent.

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	Threshold for gatherings is high > 50; recent trend is steady or declining	distancing. Threshold for gatherings is lower < 20; recent trend is increasing.	
Instructional Model	Traditional face-to-face with some remote learning at parent request.*	Hybrid Learning – Reduces number of students in buildings on a given day	100% remote learning.

*Continuous and full time remote learning is a parental choice and an ongoing option. Please communicate with your building administrator for details.

General Guidance			
Social Distancing	Maintain minimum 6 feet of distance as much as possible. If close contact is unavoidable, create space as soon as possible.	6 feet at all times.	Not applicable due to Remote Learning
PPE Minimum Requirements (Masks or other acceptable face covering)	Highly recommended when social distancing is not possible. (Will generally mirror county orders)	Required at all times	Not applicable due to Remote Learning
Symptom Screening (Current known symptoms are listed at the end of this document)	Home screening and temperature checks by parents before leaving for school. (Temperature threshold is 100.4 degrees) Students will have temperature checks prior to boarding a bus or entering the building for the first time of the day.	Home screening and temperature checks by parents before leaving for school. Students will have temperature checks prior to boarding a bus or entering the building for the first time of the day.	Not applicable due to Remote Learning
Cleaning/Sanitizing	All classrooms and common spaces will be cleaned and sanitized at least daily. Some common spaces or surfaces will be cleaned or disinfected after each use.	All classrooms and common spaces will be cleaned and sanitize several times daily. Some common spaces or surfaces will be cleaned or disinfected after each use.	Parts of the building or the entire building will be closed for deep cleaning and sanitization
Hygiene	All building occupants are highly encouraged to wash hands with soap and water at least once per hour. All classrooms, offices and other common spaces will have hand sanitizer available. Students, faculty and	All building occupants are highly encouraged to wash hands with soap and water at least once per hour. Administration may schedule times set aside specifically for hand washing. All classrooms, offices and	Not applicable due to Remote Learning

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	staff will utilize hand sanitizer when entering a room.	other common spaces will have hand sanitizer available. Students, faculty and staff will utilize hand sanitizer when entering a room.	
Meal Prep & Service			
Social Distancing	Breakfast and lunch will be consumed in the multiple locations; cafeteria, classrooms, etc. in order to maintain proper distancing while eating. Masks will be worn while moving in hallways and waiting in line.	Breakfast and lunch will be consumed in locations that allow for appropriate distancing; cafeteria, classrooms, etc. while eating. Masks will be worn while moving in hallways and waiting in line.	Meal pickup services will be available.
Classroom Guidance			
Student Supplies Pencils, paper, etc	Student will provide and utilize their own supplies as normal – however, students should refrain from sharing supplies.(If shared-clean or sanitize after use by others.	Supplies and equipment typically furnished by the school, including technology, will be provided when necessary for remote learning. The district may also provide for internet access as needed.	Supplies and equipment typically furnished by the school, including technology, will be provided when necessary for remote learning. The district may also provide for internet access as needed.
Shared Materials (manipulatives, readers, textbooks, calculators, etc)	Classroom materials will be assigned with minimal sharing when available for all. If sharing takes place, materials and other resources will be cleaned/sanitized after each use.	Classroom materials will be provided as needed to support the learning activity and too meet all student needs. Special arrangements may be necessary to meet this need during remote learning.	Classroom materials will be provided as needed to support the learning activity and too meet all student needs. ALL learning activities will be remote learning. Special arrangements may be necessary to meet this need during remote learning.
Teaching & Learning	All students and faculty engage in a traditional learning model. Teachers will on occasion, utilize activities that help prepare the class for the possibility of a switch to remote learning with little or no prior notice.	Attendance will be taken and students/teachers will be expected to actively participate through Zoom when not in the building. Students and parents are responsible for completing the Remote Learning Log daily. Logs will be submitted to the school office weekly. A teacher or other staff	Attendance will be taken and students/teachers will be expected to actively participate through Zoom. Teachers will Zoom from classroom or home depending on situation. Students and parents are responsible for completing the Remote Learning Log daily. Logs will be submitted to the school

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		member will be in contact with remote learners EVERY day	office weekly. A teacher or other staff member will be in contact with remote learners EVERY day.
Cleaning/Sanitizing	Student work areas and shared supplies will be cleaned and sanitized prior to transition. (either at the beginning or end of a class or learning activity) Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, offices and other areas with in the buildings. Students and staff should use the hand sanitizer when entering the room or space.	Student work areas and shared supplies will be cleaned and sanitized prior to transition. (either at the beginning or end of a class or learning activity) Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, offices and other areas with in the buildings. Students and staff should use the hand sanitizer when entering the room or space	Not applicable due to remote learning.
Common Spaces	Schedules may be altered to reduce the probabilities of forming mass gatherings or congregating in larger groups. Efforts will be made to maintain “stable groups” that do not typically interact. Cleaning and disinfecting will occur at least once every day	Schedules may be altered to lower probabilities of gathering or congregating in larger groups. Efforts will be made to maintain “stable groups” that do not typically interact. Cleaning and disinfecting will occur several times each day (depending on actual use of the space) Widely used surfaces will be wiped down hourly.	Not applicable due to remote learning.
Extra and Co-curricular Activities			
Athletics	Follow guidelines adopted by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Follow any local, county or Western Kansas Liberty League guidelines or mandates.	If available and applicable, follow guidelines adopted by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Follow any local, county or Western Kansas Liberty League guidelines or mandates. If not already addressed, consider limiting spectator attendance.	District will consider suspending all scheduled activities based on all available data.
Travel	Temperature checks will be done for all students and sponsors prior to departure. Masks are	Temperature checks will be done for all students and sponsors prior to departure. Masks are	District will consider suspending all scheduled activities based on all available data.

	highly recommended if social distancing guidelines cannot be met. (Mirror county restrictions) One person per seat unless from same household. Students and fans will abide by host school's rules and restrictions.	required. One person per seat unless from same household. Follow any other guidelines or orders pertaining to activities and transportation safety. Students and fans will abide by host school's rules and restrictions	
Co-curricular League Activities	Follow guidelines adopted by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Follow any local, county or Western Kansas Liberty League guidelines or mandates.	If available and applicable, follow guidelines adopted by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Follow any local, county or Western Kansas Liberty League guidelines or mandates. If not already addressed, consider limiting spectator attendance.	District will consider suspending all scheduled activities based on all available data.
Other			
Visitors	Visitors will be limited to the office region of the building, they will be screened and required to wear a mask at all times	Visitors will be limited to the office region of the building, they will be screened and required to wear a mask at all times	Visitors will be limited to the office region of the building, they will be screened and required to wear a mask at all times
Buses & Vehicles	Users of district transportation will be expected to follow all State, county or local orders and established KSDE guidelines.	Users of district transportation will be expected to follow all State, county or local orders and established KSDE guidelines.	Not applicable due to remote learning.

Protocol for a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in a School

The districts will follow the following procedures if there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in one of our buildings:

- The district may temporarily close the building (or multiple buildings if facts warrant) to allow staff to adequately address the circumstances surrounding the confirmed case.
- The district will work with the county health department to fully assess the facts and determine the actual duration of the closure. Length of closure may be affected by the extent of close contact while in the building and the overall case rate in the community.
- The school will provide notification to parents/students and employees that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 was in the building.

- Families and employees affected by the possible exposure are encouraged to cooperate with the school and county health department to trace contacts with the infected individual. The identity of the infected individual will not be shared through any general communication to the community at large.
- The district will work with county health to determine any possible exposure to students and employees.
- While a building is closed, custodial staff will follow accepted processes for deep cleaning the building and any other possible points of contact. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided during the cleaning process.
- While a building is closed, all school activities will be cancelled or postponed regardless of where the activity was to take place.
- Parents/students and employees not involved in the deep cleaning process are encouraged to stay home during the building closure.
- School officials may implement a temporary remote learning plan for those affected by a short-term building closure.

Current known symptoms are:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Chills
- Rigors
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore Throat
- Lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea

The schools of USD 291 and USD 292 will begin the academic year on **Level Green**. Those of us implementing this plan have a goal of doing what it takes to remain “GREEN.”