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Covid 19 - Return to Learn Plan - 2022-2023 Year

Rationale for Return to Learn Plan

1. Our main goal is to ensure that our students, staff, and families are remaining safe and healthy.
2. A second priority is ensuring that we are keeping our students in school and avoiding remote learning situations.
3. We are required by the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP) to develop and implement a Return to Learn plan with public input. The ARP requires 9 components for the Return to Learn Plan which is the basis for our district plan.

Creighton Community Public Schools: 2022-23 Covid 19 Return to Learn Plan

*Plan is divided by the components required by the American Rescue Plan

1. Wearing of Masks

We encourage students and staff to wear masks to protect themselves and others.

Rationale – Masks are proven to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

2. Physical distancing

- Desks will continue to be separated as much as possible in each classroom. Close contact group classroom activities will need to be eliminated if we see any type of school spread.

Rationale - The CDC still recommends physical distancing as much as possible.

3. Handwashing and cleanliness

- The school will continue to promote good hygiene practices and will provide hand sanitizer throughout the school.

Rationale - Continued good practices in this area will not only help with Covid spread but will also help during cold/flu season.

4. Healthy Facilities and ventilation

- The custodial and maintenance staff will continue with enhanced cleaning and sanitizing practices.
- The district has already made improvements to the building ventilation system.

Rationale - Enhanced sanitizing practices will continue to be beneficial to stop spread of any type of illness.

5. Contact Tracing/Quarantine Procedures

- The school district will comply with all current state and local health district requirements and recommendations.
- Students will be provided with opportunities to stay caught up with school work while absent and to make up school work once they return (refer to absence policy in handbook). High school students will not be subject to a reduction in credit if absences are due to covid.

Rationale – Contact tracing and quarantine can help to mitigate the spread of covid in our schools and communities.

6. Screening and Testing

- Students will not be screened upon entering the building. Families should continue to screen for symptoms before coming to school each day.
- The school district will reference recommended Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance guidelines from the local health department.

Rationale - While screening at school can be helpful, we do not have a need at this time to continue with this practice.

7. Provide opportunities for vaccinations

- Vaccinations remain a family and/or individual choice.
- However, the school district will coordinate with our local health district to promote opportunities for staff and student vaccinations as needed.

Rationale - Vaccinations are proven to be a valuable tool in addressing our pandemic.

8. Accommodations for children with special needs

- The district will continue to follow all IEP and 504 plans. Individual student health needs should be addressed within these plans.

Rationale - The school district will always follow applicable federal and state laws.

9. Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

- The school district will continue to seek out and consider the advice of state and local health officials. Changes to our plan will be considered as needed.
- We will review and revise our plan a minimum of once every 6 months as required by the ARP.

Rationale - Covid 19 has provided a lot of unpredictability. It is important for our district to continue to seek out guidance and make changes as needed to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

10. Policy to address documented classroom/school Covid spread

The school district will continue to monitor covid spread in our district and community. If there is documented spread within our school, we will work with the health department to consider options to mitigate spread.

11. Exclusion, Screening, and Re-Admittance Protocols

The school district references the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors recommended guidelines for exclusion, screening, and testing. Families should work with their health provider and school to determine periods of isolation (positive) and quarantine (close contact with positive case).

12. Other Components

- Every effort will be made to first approve any changes to this plan via the Creighton Board of Education (BOE). However, the Creighton BOE has authorized the superintendent the ability to make immediate changes if needed to protect our students and staff as well as to keep our schools open. **Any changes to this plan will be communicated to all families in a timely manner.**

- Food service - School administration will continue to collaborate with our food service staff to provide food in a safe, sanitary manner.
- Drinking fountains will be available. However, Students are encouraged to bring and use their own water bottle during the school day and during school activities.
- Transportation - Our school district will make every effort to spread students out on school busses to the greatest extent possible. If a positive case is documented or we have spread within our schools, masks may be required on busses and school vehicles.
- Schedules/Shared Classroom Use - Elementary and middle level students will be able to travel to and use shared classrooms (middle level core subjects, PE, music, art, etc.). Administration will make changes as needed with traveling classes if our situation changes.
- 6/30 - Current draft and a survey was shared with all school district employees.
- 7/1 - Current draft and a survey was shared with families and the community (website and Facebook)
- 7/8 - Committee meeting to review plan and survey feedback. The Committee includes administration, staff, BOE members, and parents. Members also sought out input from students prior to the meeting.
- 7/12 - Plan officially board approved at July BOE meeting.
- 7/15 - Plan posted to district website for public viewing.
- 8/20 – Policy committee met to review new recommendations from the state and local health department
- 8/25 – Covid Response Information Team (policy committee and 4 local health professionals) met to review new recommendations from the state and local health department

13. Plan Timeline

- All Return to Learn Plans should be posted on district websites no later than July 15th, 2021. All plans should be reviewed every 6 months for the next two years.

14. Public Input Timeline

- June - Current plan and requirements were reviewed.
- 6/29- Current draft was reviewed by district administration.

- 8/26 – Survey was created and shared with families and community members via our website and social media.
- 8/30 – School board reviewed survey data and voted 6-0 to approve proposed changes.
- November 4th- Policy committee met to review R2L plan.
- November 5th - Letter was sent to families with clarification and reminders.

- January 4th - New CDC and health department guidance was reviewed by policy committee. Letter was sent home. Draft R2L plan was posted to website (tiered plan changes).
- January 10th - Reviewed changes at January board meeting
- Policy Committee reviewed the plan and most recent guidance from the health department - June 28th, 2022
- The recommended plan for the 22-23 school year was posted along with a survey on the school website- June 30th, 2022
- The school board will officially review the plan at the July 2022 school board meeting - July 7th, 2022.