

USD 293 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.

At USD-293 Quinter Public Schools, students and staff have been trained and have extensive experience in the correct wearing of masks. All students, staff and visitors to the school wore masks while inside all school buildings from August 24th 2020 to March 22nd 2021. The district utilizes signage created by the students, frequent updates to patrons using its Parentsquare app, Facebook and newsletter. The district also seeks regular input from local health care providers in regards to the correct use of masks.

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

The district has created outdoor learning, social and dining spaces for students and staff to use through out the day. During the 2020-21 school year, all lunch shifts were separated out using these areas in order to allow for adequate social distancing when students were eating and masks were off.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

All students and staff handwash hourly and all students and staff have access to hand sanitizer at all times through out the school day. All students are taught the proper manner to cough or sneeze without unnecessarily spreading particles through the air.

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

USD-293 Quinter Public School building were constructed in 1923 and 1932 respectively. For this reason, Quinter Schools relies on outside air with open window to improve ventilation. Every classroom has also been equipped with an air purification unit that continually scrub the air. All student areas are cleaned and disinfected daily.

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

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools has a partnership with the Gove County Health Department for contact tracing and then determining the need for isolation and quarantine. The Health department notifies the school of the results and the contact tracing and what type of isolation or quarantine is required. Quinter Public Schools utilizes modified quarantines when the health department deems it is safe to do so.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

All diagnostic and screening testing required by USD-293 Quinter Public Schools is conducted through the Gove County Health Department and the Gove County Medical Center.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools has partnered with the Gove County Health Department in providing needed and appropriate vaccinations to the school community. The Gove County Health Department has worked diligently to ensure that all members of the school community who qualify for the vaccine have timely access to it.

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

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools provides and will continue to provide any all accommodations children identified with disabilities require in order to safely access a free and appropriate public education as determined by the student's IEP team in collaboration with parents. This collaboration will include local health care providers and the Gove County Health Department when deemed necessary by the district, the IEP team and parents.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools conducts regularly scheduled meetings with the Gove County Health Department and local health officials from the Gove County Medical Center. These entities provide USD-293 with guidance and feedback concerning all aspects of maintaining a continuity of educational services to all students and includes any all accommodations that may be necessary in order to meet the needs of the students. The district, in collaboration with the Gove County Health Department and the Gove County Medical Center monitors ongoing guidance from the CDC and the Kansas Department of Health.

Part II.

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

(A) services to address students' academic needs

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools has plans in place to address student's academic needs across different settings. The district does and will continue to provide educational services to students in temporary isolation or quarantine. The district also has a plan in place to provide services to students in a remote learning environment should the circumstance arise due to a nationwide, statewide or local emergency.

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

USD-293 has partnered with the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center and High Plains Mental Health on two mental health projects. The first project provides the district with a mental health liaison, who coordinates needed mental health services for students and families with the school district and High Plains Mental Health. The second project provides staff with the training and processes necessary to provide appropriate trauma informed care to students and families.

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

USD-293 Quinter Public Schools plans for the continuity of educational services during a public health crisis include all aspects of the school including student health, food service, transportation, maintenance, clubs/organizations and extra-curricular activities. Quinter Public Schools remain committed to providing high quality educational and extra-curricular opportunities in the safest and healthiest manner possible, to all students regardless of circumstance.