

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.

Masks are optional in all Tonganoxie USD 464 schools.

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

Physical distancing is difficult to attain in school buildings due to the design of the buildings and classroom spaces, as well as enrollment numbers. As space allows, Tonganoxie USD 464 will encourage maintaining physical distancing, but no modifications to facilities will take place.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to teach and reinforce hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff. USD 464 will also continue to encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, and hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer will be available in all buildings.

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

All buildings will continue to clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within common spaces at least daily and between use as much as possible.

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

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to follow CDC guidelines for contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to provide free COVID tests to students, staff, and families. Tests can be done in-house or taken home.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

Tonganoxie USD 464 hosted a vaccine clinic for all interested staff in Spring 2021. In addition, Tonganoxie High School (May/June) and Tonganoxie Middle School (June/July) hosted vaccine clinics for any interested students ages 12+ and any community members wishing to receive the vaccine. Booster shots were also offered to all interested staff members.

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

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to review all IEPs, 504 Plans, and health plans to determine if changes need to be made to address minimizing infection and care plans for students who have additional health needs. Appropriate accommodations will be made as needed.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to work with the Leavenworth County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and other state and local health officials as needed.

Part II.

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

(A) Services to address students' academic needs:

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to assess students' capacity and readiness to learn and address gaps from previous year prior to focusing on academics and classroom plans. Staff will continue to teach the district priority standards and supporting standards while analyzing the new state standards to ensure our district priority standards are in alignment with the new state priority standards. MAP data will be used to determine intervention and enrichment groups.

(B) Student and staff social, emotional, mental health

Tonganoxie USD 464 will continue to use Panorama to assess social, emotional, and mental health needs. Social, emotional, and mental health supports will be continued throughout the school year and be integrated into students' regular learning opportunities.

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

Tonganoxie USD 464 nurses, counselors, and school social workers will continue to maintain and distribute a list of comprehensive community resources for all families.