

USD 383 Pandemic Response Plan
Addendum
January 18, 2022

USD 383 school nurses and the Riley County Health Department (RCHD) are no longer able to provide contact tracing for most students/staff who test positive for COVID-19. Some cases are being referred directly to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for contact tracing, but that system is backlogged as well. The increase in positive cases is beyond what school, local, and state staff can process.

Although we do have not confirmation from KDHE, we believe that the Omicron variant is causing most cases currently in the district. According to the CDC, the Omicron variant spreads more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus. Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

Below are the updated USD 383 procedures for students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or are exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive. These procedures will go into effect on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. We are temporarily suspending our test to stay program in schools, which is giving daily tests to close contacts to keep them in school. At this time, we do not have the people power to keep up the testing volume the program creates. We will reinstate our test to stay program once our numbers are more reasonable.

All other mitigation strategies will remain in place – masking, social distancing (as much as possible), building sanitation, frequent hand washing, etc.

It is the responsibility of the family/student/employee to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home if ill. Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days after exposure.

Everyone ages 5 and up are encouraged to get vaccinated and get a booster if eligible.

Contents of this plan are subject to change.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19

Applies to Everyone, regardless of vaccination status and age

- Contact your child's school or your supervisor (USD 383 employees).
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- Stay home for 5 days to isolate.
 - Avoid others in the home and wear a mask if you must be near them.
 - Avoid sharing personal items like dishes, towels, bedding with others.
 - Rest and stay hydrated.
 - Clean surfaces with disinfectant.
 - Date that symptoms began is day zero. If you do not know when symptoms began, then the day of the positive test is day zero.
- Monitor your symptoms carefully. If your symptoms are severe and you need medical care, we recommend you contact a medical provider.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are improving after 5 days, you can leave your house and return to school/work.
 - You must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
 - Other symptoms are improving.
 - If symptoms are not improving and/or you have a fever, you must stay at home and continue to isolate.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (all USD 383 students, staff and visitors must wear a mask when inside any USD 383 facility or district provided transportation).
 - Even if the positive person has a signed mask exemption on file at the school, masking will be required for days 6 – 10 except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others. If the positive person does not want to wear a mask for days 6 – 10, then that person will be out of school/work for the full 10 days.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**
- **You must communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours to alert them of your positive test.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - Concentrate on indoor areas where masks might not have been worn (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in-school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.

- Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist in notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.
 - Close contacts are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Pandemic Response Plan.
- At this time, you do not need to take a COVID test to return to school/work after isolation is complete.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19

And you are 18 years and older

HAVE YOU:

Received recommended booster

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer (within the last 5 months)

OR

Completed the primary series of Moderna (within the last 6 months)

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine (within the last 2 months)

OR

Had a confirmed COVID-19 positive within the last 90 days (confirmation equals a copy of the positive lab result, note from doctor, or confirmation through Riley County Health Department)

Note: USD 383 school nurses and the COVID Response Coordinators have access to the KS WebIZ program to look up COVID vaccine information.

If you meet one of the criteria outlined above:

- You do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic.
- You must wear a mask around others for 10 days (all USD 383 students, staff and visitors must wear a mask when inside any USD 383 facility or district provided transportation).
 - Even if the close contact has a signed mask exemption on file at the school, masking will be required for days 1 – 10 except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others. If the close contact does not want to wear a mask for days 1 – 10, then that person will be out of school/work for the full 10 days.
- If you develop symptoms, get a COVID test and stay home. You should stay home until you have a negative COVID test, are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and/or symptoms are improving.
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**
- **Positive person must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - Concentrate on indoor areas where masks might not have been worn (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in-school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.

- Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist in notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.
- Close contacts are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Pandemic Response Plan.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 And are 17 years and younger

HAVE YOU:

Received recommended booster (applies to ages 12 – 17 only)

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer (within the last 5 months)

OR

Had a confirmed COVID-19 positive within the last 90 days (confirmation equals a copy of the positive lab result, note from doctor, or confirmation through Riley County Health Department)

Note: USD 383 school nurses and the COVID Response Coordinators have access to the KS WebIZ program to look up COVID vaccine information.

If you meet one of the criteria outlined above:

- You do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic.
- You must wear a mask around others for 10 days (all USD 383 students, staff and visitors must wear a mask when inside any USD 383 facility or district provided transportation).
 - Even if the close contact has a signed mask exemption on file at the school, masking will be required for days 1 – 10 except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others. If the close contact does not want to wear a mask for days 1 – 10, then that person will be out of school/work for the full 10 days.
- If you develop symptoms, get a COVID test and stay home. You should stay home until you have a negative COVID test, are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and/or symptoms are improving.
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**
- **The positive person must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - Concentrate on indoor areas where masks might not have been worn (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.
 - Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist with notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.

- Close contacts are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Pandemic Response Plan.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 and you are 18 years and older

HAVE YOU:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer (over 5 months from the date of the 2nd dose) and have not received the recommended booster

OR

Completed the primary series of Moderna (over 6 months from the date of the 2nd dose) and have not received the recommended booster

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J (over 2 months from the date of the single dose) and have not received the recommended booster

OR

Are unvaccinated

Note: USD 383 school nurses and the COVID Response Coordinators have access to the KS WebIZ program to look up COVID vaccine information.

If you meet one of the criteria outlined above:

- Contact your child's school or your supervisor (USD 383 employees).
- Stay home for 5 days to quarantine. Test to stay and learn is not an option at this time.
- If you live in a household with a positive person and you cannot quarantine totally away from that positive person, you will also need to stay home an additional 5 days (10 days total).
- You must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others (all USD 383 students, staff and visitors must wear a mask when inside any USD 383 facility or district provided transportation).
 - Even if the close contact has a signed mask exemption on file at the school, masking will be required for days 6 – 10 except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others. If the close contact does not want to wear a mask for days 6 – 10, then that person will be out of school/work for the full 10 days.
- Return to School /Work.
 - Returning on Day 6 - begin the day in the school nurse office – someone will contact you to set up an appointment.
 - If you are asymptomatic, a health screening will be performed by the school nurse prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you have any symptoms, a COVID antigen test must be performed by the school nurse or COVID Response Coordinator prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you /parent declines an antigen COVID test, the person in quarantine must stay out of school for 5 additional days (10 days total).
 - Returning on Day 11 (household contact unable to quarantine away from a positive) - begin the day in the school nurse office – someone will contact you to set up an appointment

- If you are asymptomatic, a health screening will be performed by the school nurse prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you have any symptoms, a COVID antigen test must be performed by the school nurse or COVID Response Coordinator prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you/parent decline an antigen COVID test, the person in quarantine must stay out of school for 5 additional days (15 days total).
- If you develop symptoms, get a COVID test and stay home. You should stay home until you have a negative COVID test, are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and/or symptoms are improving.
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**
- **Positive person must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - Concentrate on indoor areas where masks might not have been worn (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.
 - Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist with notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.
 - Close contacts are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Pandemic Response Plan.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 and you are 17 years and younger

HAVE YOU:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer (over 5 months from the date of the 2nd dose)
and have not received the recommended booster (ages 12 – 17 only)

OR

Are unvaccinated

Note: USD 383 school nurses and the COVID Response Coordinators have access to the KS WebIZ program to look up COVID vaccine information.

If you meet one of the criteria outlined above:

- Contact your child's school or your supervisor (USD 383 employees).
- Stay home for 5 days to quarantine. Test to stay and learn is not an option at this time.
- If you live in a household with a positive person and you cannot quarantine totally away from that positive person, you will also need to stay home an additional 5 days (10 days total).
- You must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others (all USD 383 students, staff and visitors must wear a mask when inside any USD 383 facility or district provided transportation).
 - Even if the close contact has a signed mask exemption on file at the school, masking will be required for days 6 – 10 except when eating or drinking, which must be done while maintaining a safe distance from others. If the close contact does not want to wear a mask for days 6 – 10, then that person will be out of school/work for the full 10 days.
- Return to School /Work.
 - Returning on Day 6 - begin the day in the school nurse office – someone will contact you to set up an appointment.
 - If you are asymptomatic, a health screening will be performed by the school nurse prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you have any symptoms, a COVID antigen test must be performed by the school nurse or COVID Response Coordinator prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you /parent declines an antigen COVID test, the person in quarantine must stay out of school for 5 additional days (10 days total).
 - Returning on Day 11 (household contact unable to quarantine away from a positive) - begin the day in the school nurse office – someone will contact you to set up an appointment.
 - If you are asymptomatic, a health screening will be performed by the school nurse prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you have any symptoms, a COVID antigen test must be performed by the school nurse or COVID Response Coordinator prior to resuming school schedule.
 - If you/parent declines an antigen COVID test, the person in quarantine must stay out of school for 5 additional days (15 days total).

- If you develop symptoms, get a COVID test and stay home. You should stay home until you have a negative COVID test, are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and/or symptoms are improving.
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**
- **Positive contacts must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - We are most concerned about indoor close contacts that are not masked (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.
 - Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist with notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.
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If You Feel Ill During the School/Work Day

Regardless of vaccination status

- The school nurse or COVID Response Coordinator may test you for COVID using an antigen or PCR test, depending on when symptoms began and what symptoms are presenting.
 - If you test at somewhere other than the school, you must remain at home until you have the results.
- If you test positive:
 - You must go home and remain there for at least 5 days.
 - Remain at home until your symptoms improve and you are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
 - **Begin contact tracing. Positive person must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes of more over a 24-hour period.
 - The school nurse will not contact trace in most cases. Exceptions could include classrooms with medically comprised students.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.
 - Staff should contact school nurse with any school/work close contacts. The nurse team will assist with notifying those contacts. Outside of school/work contacts must be contacted by positive person.
 - Close contacts are required to follow the procedures outlined in the Pandemic Response Plan.
- If you test negative:
 - You may be sent home depending your symptoms
 - If sent home, remain at home until your symptoms improve and/or are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
 - If your symptoms worsen, take a COVID test and stay home. You should stay home until you have a negative COVID test, are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and/or symptoms are improving.
 - KDHE does not accept home test results, so please contact the school nurse, KDHE, RCHD or your physician office for a confirmation test.
- **If you test positive or develop symptoms, you need to communicate with anyone you have been in close contact with in the last 48 hours. You must also contact the school nurse. This is your responsibility.**

Coaches, Directors, Student Athletes and Student Activity Participants

Manhattan High School, Anthony Middle School, Eisenhower Middle School

- If you test positive or develop symptoms after being exposed, you need to communicate with the following immediately. This is your responsibility.

- Contact the coach/sponsor/director

AND

- Contact the school nurse
 - Robin Mall – MHS West – robinm@usd383.org
 - Angela Bird – MHS East – angelabi@usd383.org
 - Keely Say – AMS – keelysa@usd383.org
 - Angela Good – EMS – angelag@usd383.org

AND

- Contact the athletic/activity director
 - Mike Marsh – MHS Athletic Director – mikem@usd383.org
 - Larry Myers – MHS Activities Director – larrym@usd383.org
 - Brad Kelly – AMS Athletic/Activity Director – bradk@usd383.org
 - Dave Martinez – EMS Athletic/Activity Director – davem@usd383.org
- **Positive person must identify and communicate with their close contacts.**
 - The definition of a close contact, applicable to everyone, has been updated to being within 6 feet of the person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - Concentrate on indoor areas where masks might not have been worn (example: lunchroom). Historically, there has been very little in-school transmission when both parties are properly masked and are social distanced.
 - Notify the school nurse of all school related close contacts. The nurse team will notify families/staff if they been identified as a school close contact.
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USD 383 Early Learning—Pandemic Response Addendum

This information is being provided to early learning families IN ADDITION to USD 383's addendum to the pandemic response plan that was recently released. The recent addendum explains the current limitations of our school district to continue test-to-learn and contact tracing.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, early learning has operated under slightly different guidelines, due to the unique nature of the young learners we serve. As a result, we have shut down whole classrooms when a positive case was identified within.

We can no longer continue to quarantine **WHOLE CLASSROOMS** of students for each identified positive case. There are simply too many students testing positive with the new Omicron variant. Positive students, and those students identified as “close contacts”, will be required to follow district guidelines for quarantine.

In order to reduce the spread, we will be implementing some additional safety protocols in our classrooms, as outlined below. In addition to reviewing the precautions we are taking at school, we ask that all families carefully review how they can also help us reduce the spread to keep our children in school.

We thank you for your patience as we navigate the many pathways of COVID. Your child's safety and learning continue to be our top priority. We are honored you have chosen to have your child be a part of our USD 383 Early Learning Program.



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USD 383 Early Learning—On-Site Safety Precautions

Our program is committed to helping keep kids safe while at school. We will...

- Require masks for staff & students. ***Shields DO NOT replace masks. Masks should be worn unless exempt. Mask breaks include: outdoor play, meals, and rest time.***
- Keep children in the same group/classroom with the same teachers to the greatest extent possible.
- Spread children out during group activities.
- ***Create fixed seating charts for meal times and group times so that children sit next to the same peers during these activities to reduce “close contacts.”***
- Carefully select toys that can be cleaned and disinfected.
- Enhance disinfecting and preventive health measures including, DAILY sanitizing of toys/materials.
- Comfort crying, sad, and/or anxious young children using safety precautions.
- Provide daily opportunities for outside exploration.
- Encourage frequent hand washing.
- ***Work to identify “close contacts” within classrooms INSTEAD of quarantining whole classrooms of students with each positive case.***
- ***Notify parents in writing when there has been a positive case within a classroom. Only those children who have been identified as a “close contact” will receive a phone call notifying them of the need to quarantine.***

Our program needs the support of families to help keep kids safe. We ask that you...

- Check your child’s temperature and conduct a daily health assessment prior to coming to school. ***If your child is exhibiting symptoms...keep them home.***
- Sanitize hands upon entry to the building.
- Identify 1 OR 2 CONSISTENT adults who will drop-off/pick-up daily.
- Stop at the classroom door and wait for a teacher to check in your child. (***Do not enter classroom***)
- Communicate with teachers through e-mail/phone or another agreed upon method INSTEAD of chatting at the classroom door.
- Stand 6 feet away from other parents when waiting to drop-off/pick-up your child from the classroom.
- Limit time spent in the building to drop-off/pick-up only.

In order to clean/disinfect each day, our extended care hours are ending at 5:15 PM.