



Healthy Learning and Work Environment

- Geary County Schools USD 475's Board of Education made the decision on 8/2/2021 to update the district's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan to require all staff, students, and visitors to wear masks, regardless of their vaccination status, inside all district facilities and district vehicles, including school buses.
- If a vaccinated student or staff member is exposed to COVID-19, they will have the opportunity to test to stay at school.
- All public health measures required by the local Health Agencies regarding quarantines, contact tracing, and other safety measures will be honored.
- Vaccinations are not required but are strongly encouraged.
- We will continue cooperation with local Health Agencies for vaccination opportunities for students and adults based on eligibility.
- Hand sanitizing and cleaning supplies will be available in all classrooms.
- We will continue to emphasize handwashing.
- Air handling enhancements and enhanced cleaning protocols will continue in the buildings.
- Nurses will continue to monitor for illness and follow existing COVID protocols should there be concern regarding student or staff illness.
- Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to stay home when they are sick.
- Staff will utilize sick leave time should they have to quarantine based on Health Agency guidelines.
- A revised COVID protocol will be developed, based on the framework used during 20-21, to guide how USD 475 will address those who are possible cases or have been confirmed with COVID-19.
- Schools will update their COVID mitigation plans on their websites.



Learning Opportunities

- All students will be expected to attend local schools for in person learning. Very limited virtual learning opportunities through Greenbush Cooperative will be available for students with documented compromised health conditions.
- Unvaccinated students will be subject to quarantine due to exposure or positive cases.
- Students will continue to have one-to-one device and internet access available, and teachers will incorporate innovative technology use into classroom instruction.
- Each IEP team (which includes the student's parents) will need to assess the unique needs of each student and determine if any additional supports are necessary to provide that student with their free and appropriate public education.
- Focused attention will be directed to social-emotional learning and supports for students and staff.



Student, Staff and Partner Activities



○ The following activities allowing parent participation will resume during the 21-22 school year; following all health and safety guidelines in place for staff, students and visitors. If changes become necessary due to community health considerations, these activities may be modified.

- Parent, community partner and volunteer activities
- Field trip and school fundraising activities
- Parent attendance at student performances and sporting events
- Foreign exchange students
- Student Interns
- Indoor and outdoor facility reservations will be honored when possible

Food Service

- Students will be provided the opportunity to take breakfast and/or lunch per federal guidelines at no cost.
- Household Income Survey will be used in lieu of Federal Free/Reduced lunch form during the 21-22 school year.
- Meals will be distributed to students at school and there will be no remote meal distribution sites.