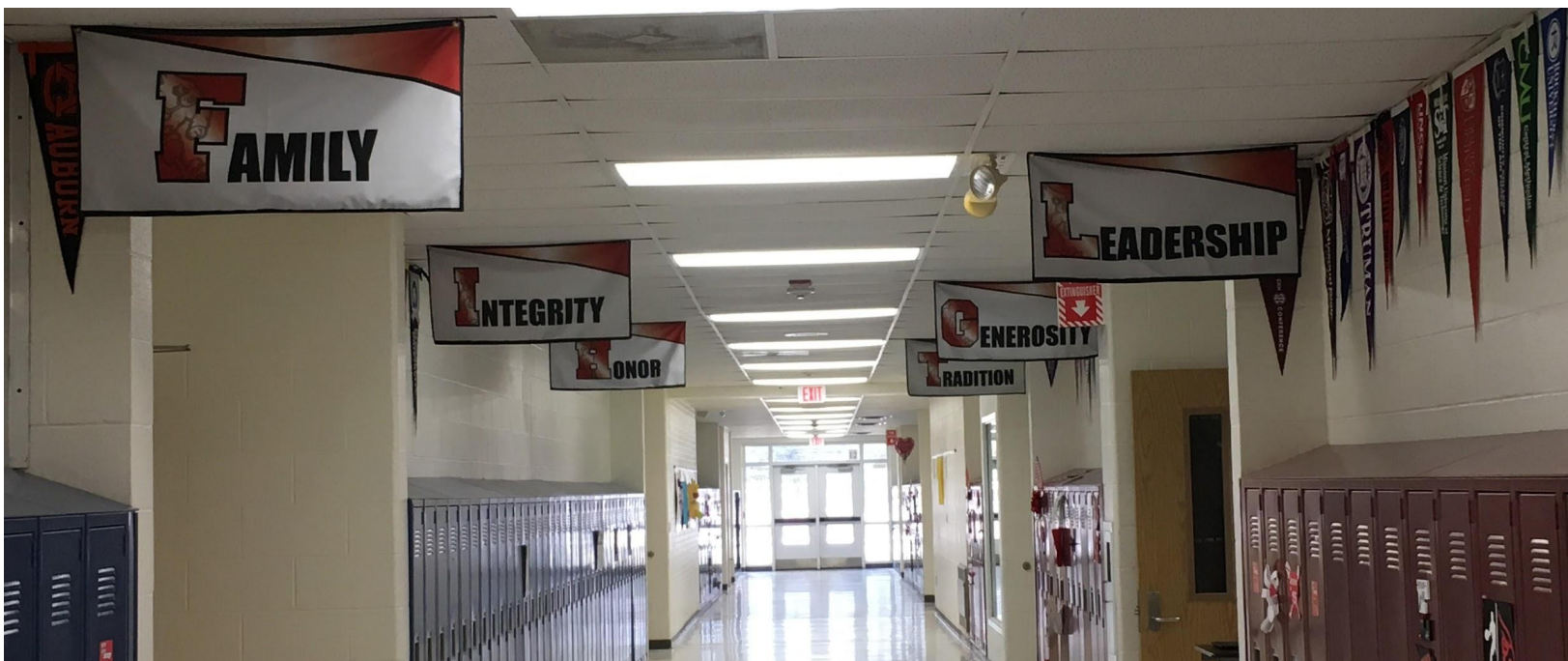


# REMAIN IN **School Plan**

## **A Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)**

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# Lawson R-XIV School District



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## Introduction


Looking back, the 2020-21 School Year was both a challenging one and yet a very successful and unique accomplishment. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many obstacles, however, the Lawson R-XIV School District was able to return to school in-person, five-days a week and ‘Remain In School’ for the entire school year. As the focus turns toward to 2021-22, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has communicated that school districts are required to develop and maintain a **“Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan”** (SRCSP) as a component of receiving federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) monies associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

It is the intent of the Lawson R-XIV School District to Remain-In-School for in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year and beyond. This plan will remain a living document designed to outline the Lawson R-XIV School District’s efforts in protecting students, teachers, staff, and patrons until the COVID-19 virus is no longer declared a pandemic. The document is current as of the date listed on the cover page and may change as new information is made available through the proper health authorities such as the Ray County Health Department, DESE, DHSS, & The CDC. Other guidance such as that from Children’s Mercy Hospital, Clay County Health Services, and the Clinton County Health Department may be taken into consideration in the development and revision of this plan.

The success of this plan is dependent upon vigilance by all involved to the guidance and recommendations contained herein and those offered by local, state, and federal health organizations. This outline contains provisions that are feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to meet the needs of our students, staff, and patrons.

**Lawson R-XIV Schools cannot prevent the possible transmission or contraction of COVID-19 for any individual.**

The District’s efforts have been and will continue to be focused on proactive strategies implemented for the safety of all while trying to balance the academic needs of our students. The District understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has had varied and dynamic impacts on all families. As such, this Remain-In-School (SRCSP) plan includes mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of the virus and are designed to assist those who may miss valuable learning time should a student be absent from in-person education for a time.






As this SRCSP plan was modified from the Remain In School plan utilized during the 2020-21 school year, look for the symbol  to designate updated items for the current school year.

Since the Lawson R-XIV School District **has already** returned to in-person instruction, the SRCSP will focus on how the District will ensure continued safe operations to maintain the health and safety of students and staff.

### Accessibility:

If you need or know someone who needs this plan translated or read to them, or provided in a different language or format please contact Roger Schmitz, Superintendent of Schools at 816-580-7277 or at [schmitzr@lawsoncardinals.org](mailto:schmitzr@lawsoncardinals.org).

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**Critical Responsibility** For the safety of all involved, we request that all have concern & consideration for others especially involving the following critical areas.

### **Social distancing**

Please make every attempt to honor distancing of at least 6-feet from others at all times.

### **Self-Monitoring**

It is important that all involved properly assess their status for symptoms of the COVID-19 virus on a daily basis **BEFORE** coming to school. Symptoms associated with COVID-19:

- o Fever or Chills
- o Cough
- o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Fatigue
- o Muscle or body aches
- o Headache
- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Sore Throat
- o Congestion or runny nose
- o Nausea or vomiting
- o Diarrhea

The list of symptoms as provided by the CDC can be located at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Students should stay home if ill or exhibiting any of these symptoms.

## Health Safeguards At-A-Glance

**HANDWASHING** Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to regularly wash their hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hands should always be washed before eating, before touching one's face, and after using the restroom. In addition, handwashing will occur before and after recess, PE, and library. Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to regularly apply hand sanitizer throughout the day. Handwashing and/or disinfecting of hands with sanitizer is encouraged during breaks. Hand sanitizer will be available in commons areas and all classroom areas.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** Every effort will be made to physically distance children to minimize COVID-19 exposure and assist with contact tracing should a student or staff member become ill. All students, staff and visitors will strive to adhere to social distancing guidance, maintaining a 6-foot buffer between other individuals at all times when on District property or participating in District sponsored activities.



**June 2021 UPDATE:** On May 13, 2021, the CDC removed recommendations of social distancing and mask wearing for individuals who are fully vaccinated.

**July 2021 UPDATE:** On July 27, 2021, per the CDC **If you've been fully vaccinated:**

- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- To reduce the risk of being infected with the Delta variant and possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of [substantial or high transmission](#).
- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at [increased risk for severe disease](#), or if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

Further Information available on CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

**FACE COVERINGS** IN CLASSROOMS AND BUILDINGS, face coverings will be **ALLOWED** for all staff, students, and visitors. A student, staff member, or patron may choose to wear a Face coverings for the express purpose of preventing the risk of COVID-19 spread. Anyone choosing to wear a face covering is expected to supply their own face coverings. **Face coverings should not be seen as a replacement for social distancing.**



“COVID-19 [spreads](#) mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. [Recent studies](#) show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are “pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.” CDC [Website](#)

## Mitigation Strategies



The first major component of the SRCSP are Mitigation Strategies designed to maintain the health and safety of students and staff. Lawson R-XIV Schools cannot prevent the possible transmission or contraction of COVID-19 for any individual. These mitigation strategies, however, will be taken to reduce exposure and risk to the COVID-19 coronavirus. A summary is provided below. **Detailed day-to-day logistical procedures have been developed and implemented in the past year to ensure specific building needs are met. These detailed procedures may be modified as needed and are available for review at each building office. They will be reviewed periodically for effectiveness and necessity.**

### SRCSP Mitigation Strategies

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks
2. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
6. Diagnostic and screening testing

7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible ; and
8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

### Universal and correct wearing of masks –

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Graphics courtesy of the CDC



### Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding) –

- o Social distancing will be encouraged consistent with CDC recommendations.
- o Cohorts may be used to implement social distancing.
- o Routing and barrier methods such as line basics or lunch room separation may be used.



## **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette –**

**HANDWASHING** Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to regularly wash their hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hands should always be washed before eating, before touching one's face, and after using the restroom. In addition, handwashing will occur before and after recess, PE, and library. Students and staff will be strongly encouraged to regularly apply hand sanitizer throughout the day. Handwashing and/or disinfecting of hands with sanitizer is encouraged during breaks. Hand sanitizer will be available in commons areas and all classroom areas.

Tissues are provided in classrooms. Proper respiratory etiquette should a person cough or sneeze will be demonstrated to students and expected for all.

## **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation–**

Custodial staff will focus daily efforts on cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas including points of contact, or touchpoints, such as door knobs, light switches, locker handles, and hand rails that are touched routinely and frequently throughout the day. Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected systematically on a daily basis using a neutral disinfectant cleaner. Custodial staff, Teachers and office staff are encouraged to frequently sanitize high use points of 'common' contact including but not limited to pencil sharpeners, drawer handles, keyboards, and telephones.

## **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State & local health departments –**

- o If the school is ***notified*** of a COVID-19 positive case, the Ray County health department will be notified immediately and a contact tracing investigation shall begin.

- o Close contacts are identified. The local health department jurisdiction will identify close contacts, with assistance from the District as necessary. DHSS Modifications were made to the guidance related to identifying close contacts in the school setting on November 12, 2020. **If both the positive case and the close contact were wearing masks appropriately during the exposure in the school setting, the close contact will NOT need to quarantine.**

- o **March 2021 UPDATE:** On February 10, 2021, CDC released updated interim guidance for vaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19. Those who have been vaccinated do not need to quarantine for exposure if they meet the following criteria:



- They are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks from receipt of the final dose)
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current exposure

### **Diagnostic and screening testing –**

**Should you or your child(ren) experience symptoms of COVID-19, do NOT send your child(ren) to school until they are symptom free PLUS 24 hours *without* medical aids.** It is likely that a child who stays home because they are not feeling well should be absent at least **TWO** straight days, one day of possible symptoms AND 24 hours of wellness before returning to school. This approach alone could greatly reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the number of students designated for quarantine.

Any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms at school will be isolated until picked up by a parent/guardian. Any staff member identified to have COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be sent home immediately.

Testing for COVID-19 for students will not be provided by the District, but parents are encouraged to seek available testing in the case the parent deems it necessary.

### **Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible –**

In March and April 2021, the District with partner, Excelsior Springs Hospital, offered a vaccination event for all current staff. The District encourages all staff members to consider the possibility of COVID-19 vaccination.

### **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies –**

In the event of student absence due to COVID-19 and to accommodate children with disabilities, the Lawson R-XIV School District will provide remote learning through Google Classroom or an equivalent application such as Remind. If electronic participation is limited or unavailable, a hard copy learning packet will be utilized to support continued learning. All efforts during this COVID-19 instructional interruption will respect recommended health and safety policies. Teachers will maintain communication with students via online support, phone calls, emails or communication applications.

## Continuity of Services



As the Lawson R-XIV School District has effectively returned to In-Person instruction, this SRCSP will include a Continuity of Services provision for the academic needs of students should an interruption of in-person instruction occur.

In the event of a mandatory closure that would result in an interruption of in-person instruction, The Lawson R-XIV School District will move to a remote learning environment utilizing Google Classroom, Apps such as Remind, and/or packet learning. The focus of this continuity of learning effort will be to continue the current unit of instruction for each grade level/course without delay.

As remote learning has been utilized in prior instances during the pandemic, the preparation for such a change is familiar and the transition should be accomplished quickly.

Communication between the classroom and home is always important and this remains a priority of the District. For continuity of services, teachers will reach out to students regularly employing such mediums that may include: Email, Phone, Google Classroom, Remind, Class Dojo, newsletters, and Zoom meetings. Students are expected to participate in the learning process and complete instructional assignments as if they were in-person. Teachers will identify students in need of remedial instruction and will provide the instruction using the most effective communication mode. All special education students will be provided instruction relative to their IEP goals.

School administrators will provide updates to parent using social media, TylerSIS emails and text alerts shared through Lawson@lerts.

**Social, Emotional and Mental health needs** of students and staff are important for academic success. The District will employ efforts and seek resources to continue to provide for these needs whether during in-person instruction or in the event of an interruption to in-person instruction.

## Review & Revision



The SRCSP is required to be reviewed for revision no less than every six months, gathering necessary data and seeking input from stakeholders including **students, parents, teachers administrators, and board members** . The plan was developed with input from a variety of stakeholders and may be revisited with consultation of county health authorities prior to the semiannual review. The Lawson R-XIV School District will continually review the plan for necessary changes that may be deemed necessary due to changes in guidance and best practices.

## Reference Sources

**Missouri School Reopening Guidance Frequently Asked Questions.** Created by the Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) and the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)

For further information use the link below:

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/covid-mo-k-12-school-guidance>

**CDC Guidance for K-12 Schools** For further information use the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>