Breckenridge R-I School District Plan for Re-opening School 2022-2023

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RE: COVID 19 Emergency

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areas in the building as it is possible. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands often during the school day. Handwashing will take place after using the restroom, before eating, or if there have been classroom activities where items have been passed amongst students. Teachers who are in a high-risk category will be encouraged to wear masks. Students who are in a high-risk category will be strongly encouraged to wear masks as well. Passing time for high school students will be conducted to limit the amount of time out of the classroom. Students may be released on a staggered release time system if that becomes necessary by rising numbers of cases.

Students who are showing signs of illness should stay at home. If a student is feverish, has a dry cough, or exhibits any other symptoms that may indicate COVID-19 symptoms he or she will not be allowed to attend school. Please refer to the section on student health services for guidance on how students will be taken care of who become sick during the school day.

<u>Transportation</u>

While it is always the goal of the Breckenridge School District to maintain the safest possible conditions for transporting students, this is the area for the district that appears to be the trickiest. School buses are confined spaces with a high concentration of people. The district will do its best to maintain clean buses on which students are transported. The district will attempt to make its best effort at separating students as much as possible. The recommendation is for parents who are concerned about potential risks to their students from riding district transportation and are encouraged to supply their students with masks for them to wear while riding the bus. The same procedures will be used in transportation to school activities.

Food service

The district food service operation always makes its best effort to ensure that food is served safely and in a clean environment. Food service personnel will continue to wear food service grade gloves while serving food. Additional barriers will be used in there is still no substitute for the daily contact, encouragement, and motivation that our teachers supply their students.

Custodial maintenance

The custodial staff has been trained in proper procedures for cleaning and disinfecting the building during the COVID-19 emergency. Cleaning will include but he is not limited to several procedures which we will discuss. First, regular cleaning of restrooms will be maintained. Guidelines suggest that restrooms in a public building be cleaned once every 2 hours. This will be the same cycle used to clean drinking fountains. Commercial cleaning products, when used according to the manufacturer's directions, will maintain the proper level of cleanliness during the COVID-19. Products such as bleach, Lysol, and related products are effective at disinfecting the facilities. Custodial staff will be responsible for removing trash on a regular basis. Waste baskets will be cleaned, and bags will be replaced regularly. Disinfectant foggers will be used in classrooms as needed. Disinfectant spray will be used on no less than a daily basis on student lockers in the hallways and gym locker rooms. Common areas such as hallways, gymnasium, special's classrooms, restrooms, and cafeteria will be a target of primary concern. These areas are where higher potential of contact with an ill person could occur. Cleaning and disinfecting of the building will occur on a regular basis. Cleaning refers to the removal of dirt and associated materials. Disinfecting refers to the process by which germs are killed.

Mitigation and Prevention Strategies

Mitigation Strategy	Example Responses
Universal and correct wearing of masks	 Consistent with CDC Masks mandated Masks mandated for adults Masks mandated for students beginning in 3rd grade and adults Masks allowed
Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)	 Consistent with CDC Students in cohorts with distancing Barriers, routing, and minimum distancing
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	 Consistent with CDC Taught and reinforced Sanitizer and tissue provided No mitigation

nurse. This plan will be reviewed every six months or less.

CDC Guidelines

Know how it spreads

Everyone ages 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine

- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - o Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - o Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - o These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - $_{\rm o}$ Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Wash your hands often

- . <u>Wash your hands</u> often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- . It's especially important to wash:
 - o Before eating or preparing food
 - o Before touching your face
 - $_{\rm O}$ After using the restroom
 - o After leaving a public place
 - o After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - o After handling your cloth face covering

the mask without assistance.

- . Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker. Currently, surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders.
- . Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- . Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- . Throw used tissues in the trash.
- . Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect <u>frequently touched surfaces</u> daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- . If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- . Then, use a household disinfectant. Most common household cleaning products will work.

Monitor Your Health Daily

- . Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
 - o Especially important if you are <u>running essential errands</u>, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a <u>physical distance of 6 feet</u>.
 - Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
 - o Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of

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What Can Parents Do?

- · Parents can provide masks, face shields, or bandanas
- · Encourage good personal hygiene
- ·Reinforce hand washing
- ·Monitor student's health
- · Have a plan in place in advance if student becomes ill during the school day to deal with the student
- \cdot Keep students at home if they are not well
- \cdot Remind students of, and reinforce social distancing guidelines
- ·Make sure that the school knows if your student has a medical condition that puts their health at greater risk such as asthma
- \cdot Make sure that you student lets you know if they are not feeling well
- ·Maintain good communication with school personnel and ask questions if you have them
- · Reinforce healthy habits

What can students do?

- ·Wash your hands often and properly
- ·Use hand sanitizer
- ·Use masks when directed to do so

recommendations.

Addendum

New CDC recommendations as of February 14, 2022, should a Student or staff member come in contact with COVID 19 carried by a household member they should quarantine for 5 days and return back to school/work on the 6th day to begin 5 days of mask wearing. Should the student or staff member start to show symptoms within the first 5 day, it is recommended that they be tested to assure they are not positive for COVID 19.

Activity Trips

Activity participants before getting on the bus should be asked if they have been tested for COVID 19 in the last week. Should this be work related the participant may continue to participate in the activity they are in.

Should an athlete or coach receive a message/phone call saying they have tested positive for COVID 19. The team **must** stay on the bus and contact the supervisor on duty that night Mr. Skinner/Mrs.K Estenbaum for further instruction. Should the supervisor from the opposing team say "yes" to continue the competition, the activity participants may load off of the bus and continue with scheduled activity.