

Skiatook Public Schools

**RETURN-TO-LEARN
PLAN**

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 ENDEMIC

2023-24 School Year

Approved by the Board of Education July 10, 2023

INTRODUCTION

We have created this plan to aid in navigating the response to COVID-19 conditions in the district. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State and County Health Departments. Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by the CDC and applicable federal, state and local agencies.

On May 11, 2023, the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 expired. The Return to Learn Plan for the 2023-24 school year contains simplified protocols that reflect how the Oklahoma Department of Health is responding in the endemic phase. Previous district precautions that have been discontinued include: quarantines, contact tracing, mandatory distancing, color phase of operation notification, and restrictions on visitors/activities.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The most important way to protect students and staff in our schools are continuously self-monitoring for symptoms, voluntary self-testing whenever symptoms develop, and mandatory isolation of positive cases for at least five days after a positive test or symptom onset, followed by five days of wearing a surgical or N-95 mask when at school or on a bus.

*Masks are voluntary, but students and staff are welcome to wear a mask as an effective personal precaution.

VACCINATIONS

The district does NOT require vaccination against COVID-19. Please contact your medical provider or local health department for more information on vaccines.

SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.

Possible symptoms include:

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Symptoms may change with new COVID-19 variants and can vary depending on vaccination status. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Older adults and people who have underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

TESTING

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, GET TESTED.

If you do a rapid antigen test, false positives are quite rare, so a positive result is considered confirmation you have COVID-19. But a negative result from a rapid antigen test is false about half the time, so if you have symptoms but get a negative rapid antigen test result, it is recommended that you schedule PCR testing and stay home until you receive a negative result.

HOW TO GET TESTED — [CDC Testing Guidance](#)

Tulsa County testing locations

COVID-19 testing is widely available in Tulsa County, including all local health care systems and many doctors' offices. Testing is available at the following locations below. Hours, eligibility requirements, cost and other details may vary. Please visit the organization's website or contact them directly for more information. For testing statewide, visit the [Oklahoma State Department of Health](#). **Local hospital emergency rooms should be utilized for emergencies (not COVID testing).**

- **Walmart Locations:**
 - Multiple locations in Tulsa County - Click link above for available locations
- **CVS Locations:**
 - Multiple locations in Tulsa County - Click link above for available locations
- **Access Medical Care**
 - Multiple locations in Tulsa County - Click link above for available locations
- **Morton Comprehensive Health Services**
 - 1334 N Lansing Ave, Tulsa, OK 74106
- **MedWise Urgent Care Center | Walk-In Clinic**
 - Multiple locations in Tulsa County - Click link above for available locations
- **Community Health Connection**
 - 12020 E 31 St, Tulsa OK 74146
- **Regional Medical Laboratory**
 - 9330 East 41st Tulsa, OK 74145
- **Tulsa Mobile COVID Testing**
 - Click link above for information about this mobile testing service
- **NOHS Medical Clinic**
 - 6732 East 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74145
 - 918.794.4777 - Please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment for testing.
- **Arc Diagnostics**
 - Drive-thru location in [Owasso](#) - Click link for scheduling
- **Full Spectrum Testing**
 - 4720 E 51st St, Suite C, Tulsa OK - Rapid, curbside testing
 - 918-935-7241 - Please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment for testing.

ISOLATION FOR POSITIVES

Isolation for Positives

- **You must stay home for a minimum of 5 calendar days** after symptoms appear or, if no symptoms ever appear, for 5 calendar days after a positive test sample is taken indicating an active infection.
- Your isolation can only end after the 5-day period IF you have 24 hours with no fever (and no fever-reducing medicine) AND improvement in any symptoms AND we encourage wearing a surgical or N95 mask on days 6-10 when in the schools or on a school bus. You also have the option of staying home for the full 10-day isolation period.
- Antigen/rapid tests can optionally be taken on day 5 of a positive case isolation. If you test positive, stay home through day 10 and if you test negative you may return to school IF you meet the improving symptoms criteria and are willing and able to properly mask on days 6-10.
- Students or staff designated by the district as needing to self-isolate will NOT be allowed back on campus until the above requirements are met.
- Please review the [CDC guidance for people who are sick or caring for someone who is sick](#).

ATTENDANCE

In the event of distance learning, student attendance will be recorded based on guidelines in the Skiatook Public Schools board-approved virtual attendance policy and the student attendance policy.

Attendance Policy:

Students must continue to meet all state-mandated compulsory attendance requirements and are not exempt from state truancy laws, except to the extent permitted or required by the OSDE. To the extent appropriate under the circumstances, District attendance policies shall remain in effect, and student attendance and participation shall be monitored and recorded as closely as possible to existing District policies. Attendance and participation shall be measured by means appropriate in a virtual, hybrid, or distance instruction environment which may include, but are not limited to, District-approved-and-monitored chatrooms and message board posts, emails, submission of assignments, or other District-Approved Means and Mediums.

Teachers shall make contact with each of their students a minimum number of times per school week, as determined by District administration, and count these contacts toward full-time attendance. These contacts may include, but are not limited to, student participation in virtual classes or virtual instruction platforms, submissions or posts to approved message boards, instructor confirmation with a student or the student's legal guardian(s) that the student did participate, and physical or electronic submission of assignments. The District shall ensure that any attendance measures used for distance instruction comply with any requirements set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

When the District provides virtual instruction (as defined by O.A.C. 210:35-21-2), the District shall ensure that its attendance measures will meet or exceed the minimum requirements set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and mandated by O.A.C. 210:35-21-2, and 70 O.S. §§ 3-145.8, 3-145.8(B).

EXTRACURRICULAR

Extracurricular activities may take place during distance learning or other school closure. The attendance of after school events is voluntary.

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

The FCC has announced that consumers can begin applying for and enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program on May 12, 2021. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner. For more information visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>.

AWARDING OF CREDITS

Grades will be taken during Distance Learning that will apply to the final grade for the course. All high school grades taken during a Distance Learning period will be applied to the high school credit.

EQUITY OF ACCESS: RECEIVING AND RETURNING STUDENT WORK IF DISTRICT OR SCHOOL SITE CLOSSES DUE TO COVID-19

If the family is able to access the internet effectively all activities can be done online, which will eliminate any public health risk associated with providing instructional support. This document outlines some procedures by Skiatook Public Schools staff for mitigating the risk that COVID-19 is spread while still ensuring instructional support for our students.

In order to support our students instructionally while they are at home, we are offering a paper solution for families that do not have access to the Internet. This system will involve distributing paperwork packets to families for the students to complete while at home, along with frequent phone calls- either to the students directly or to their parents.

DISTANCE LEARNING ONLINE INSTRUCTION

1. Your student will utilize Google Classroom during instruction throughout the entire school year. This will allow the student to be comfortable with the online, distance learning they will utilize in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19. During a COVID-19 school closure, distance learning virtual education will still occur. Parents who received digital or electronic assignments can easily share completed work through digital platforms (email, Google Classroom, etc).

DISTANCE LEARNING PAPER SOLUTION DUE TO LACK OF CONNECTIVITY

Packet Parent Pick-up

Packets may be picked up at designated sites at each building site.

Packet Return

In the event that the parent needs to drop off the packet, Skiatook Public Schools will establish a drop-off location. A clearly marked bin or designated drop off location will be used for parents to drop off assignments. Notification in advance will be communicated to parents to maintain distance from other parents while dropping off packets. Parents should remain 6 feet apart from anyone else while at the drop off. In addition, communication with parents will explicitly tell parents, "Do not come if you are symptomatic. Either send someone else or wait until you are no longer symptomatic." Wait 24 hours after a drop off cycle before beginning to open the packets.

HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

The following measures to contain respiratory secretions are recommended for all individuals with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
- Use in the nearest waste receptacle to dispose of the tissue after use;
- Perform hand hygiene (e.g., hand washing with non-antimicrobial soap and water, alcohol-based hand rub, or antiseptic handwash) after having contact with respiratory secretions and contaminated objects/materials

APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them to be happy and healthy. Preventing injuries and harm is not very different for children with disabilities compared to children without disabilities. However, finding the right information and learning about the kinds of risks children might face at different ages is often not easy for parents of children with disabilities. Each child is different – and the general recommendations that are available to keep children safe should be tailored to fit your child’s skills and abilities.

There are steps that parents and caregivers can take to keep children with disabilities safe.

To keep all children safe, parents and caregivers need to:

- Know and learn about what health concerns or special conditions are unique for their child.
- Plan ways to protect their child and share the plan with others.
- Remember that their child’s needs for protection will change over time.

COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS.

Skiatook Public Schools will coordinate with state and local health officials.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

The social-emotional well-being of our students is as important as their academic learning. The district offers the following Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) supports to students:

- Extracurricular activities, athletics and school clubs are available for students to engage with other students, develop social skills and provide a sense of belonging. Participation in extracurricular activities also boosts academic performance.
- School Counselors are available to assist students with needs and make referrals to community resources.
- Community partners and local counseling organizations are invited to meet with students during the school day.
- The district partners with Grand Mental Health and CREOKS to provide on-site counseling and staff Behavior Intervention Specialists.
- The district provides a school nurse or certified nurse assistant at each of our five school sites.

The district will continue to explore activities, curriculum and services to support the social, emotional and mental health needs of students.