

YUTAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAFE RETURN PLAN



The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for how Yutan Public Schools will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the educational program at Yutan Public Schools during the 2021-2022 school year. The presence of a formal more detailed plan will support the district in articulating this summary that will be used at the building level and provide guidance and training for our teachers at all levels.

Yutan Mission Statement

Yutan Public Schools, in partnership with the community, will strive to ensure that every student has the opportunity to excel in an environment where both academic and social skills are taught, nurtured, and demonstrated so that each student may become a productive member of society.

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The intent behind the leveled model above is to proactively outline the actions that the district may take as circumstances change throughout the pandemic.

COVID RISK: RED (Severe Pandemic Outbreak)

- Widespread community or regional transmission of COVID
- There is a significant increase in COVID positive cases or percent positive cases which may potentially overwhelm the local healthcare system
- There is a significant increase in Flu-Like Symptoms and COVID-like syndromic cases which may potentially overwhelm the local healthcare system
- Hospitals are utilizing Surge Capacity
- There is inadequate testing capacity for critical workers
- There is inadequate capacity to conduct investigation and contact tracing
- There are shortages of critical medical equipment or testing supplies
- There are PPE shortages impacting critical workers

COVID RISK: ORANGE (Elevated COVID-19 Spread Risk)

- There are increasing or high stable numbers of COVID positive cases OR percent positive cases due to community or regional spread
- There is an increase in Flu-Like Symptoms OR COVID like syndromic cases in Three Rivers Health Region
- Clusters or outbreaks exist that are still likely in their early stages
- There is only enough testing available for symptomatic people
- Three Rivers Health Department must rely on assistance to conduct investigation for new cases and associated and contact tracing OR Three River Health Department must assist adjacent jurisdictions to conduct investigation and contact tracing
- PPE supplies are only adequate for critical workers
- Critical medical equipment is in limited supply

COVID RISK: YELLOW (Moderate Risk of COVID-19 Spread)

- There is a downward trajectory in numbers of COVID positive cases OR percent positive cases due to community or regional spread
- There is a downward trajectory in levels of Flu-Like Symptoms OR COVID like syndromic cases in Three Rivers Health Region
- There is limited community spread within the Three Rivers Health Region
- COVID has a small impact on the local healthcare system capacity
- PPE supplies are adequate for critical workers and community needs
- Rapid COVID testing is available for all suspected cases and focused asymptomatic surveillance.
- Three Rivers Health Department is able to conduct investigation and contact tracing for new cases and associated contacts without assistance
- Critical medical equipment is readily available

COVID RISK: GREEN (Low Risk of COVID-19 Spread)

- Minimal cases of COVID-19 within the greater community.
- COVID-19 has minimal impact on local healthcare system
- Viral and antibody testing is readily available
- There are effective treatment modalities for COVID-19 and an effective vaccine is widely available
- PPE is easily obtainable through standard supply chains

Detailed Operational Plans at the District level include:

Governance: includes the core structure that will guide district decision making and the response to the public health crisis including but not limited to board policy, administrative regulations or memorandums, and the framework that will guide the application of the district vision and mission during the pandemic.

Health Services/Screening: includes the delivery of services by school health personnel on campus during the pandemic including but not limited to how to handle symptomatic students and monitoring of on campus illness and absentee rates. Yutan Public Schools will assess students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms as needed.

School Operations: includes operational aspects of how schools run such as passing periods, visitor access, student movement throughout the school, staff meetings, recess, student attendance policies, etc.

Food Service: includes school meal services such as breakfast, lunch, and grab and go when school is operating on campus and during extended school closure.

Cleaning/Facility Modifications: includes guidelines for custodians and staff for how to proactively avoid the spread of germs and illness, how to respond when someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been on campus, and any safety related facility modifications made.

Extracurricular Activities/External Facility Use: includes sports, activities, field trips, and co-curricular functions beyond core, within school day, instruction as well as access to school

athletic facilities by external groups.

Technology Services: includes promotion and support for the use of instructional technology for in-person and remote learning as well as logistics related to the distribution of devices and technology support (device repair, internet access strategies, etc.) in the event of an extended school closure.

Transportation: includes plans to keep students safe and healthy on school buses/vans within guidelines provided by public health experts.

Wellness: includes social and emotional support and programs for students and staff as well as the strategic promotion of good personal hygiene habits across Yutan Public Schools.

Crisis Team: includes delivery modification plans related to providing crisis support for students, staff, and the Yutan Public Schools community in the event of a tragic incident or death during the pandemic.

Governance

Attendance: Any student or staff who has a CONFIRMED diagnosis of COVID or who is asked to quarantine or isolate (by the criteria set forth by our local health department) will not count against their attendance at school. A doctor's note will be required for all staff members. The administration will work with students or staff to make up work missed.

Active Case: If a student or staff member has a confirmed case of COVID that individual will be forced to isolate for 10 days. If there is a household contact or other close contact the student or staff member will need to quarantine for 14 days. If a student or staff member is waiting for results of a recent test, please let your building principal know. At any point if any of the before mentioned situations happen to your household it is extremely important to let your child's building principal as soon as possible.

Screening: Students may be temperature checked as needed. If a student is found to have a temperature of 100.0 or higher, they will be sent home and may not return to school until they are temperature free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Remote Learning: If the school is required to go to remote learning, students and staff are expected to continue education with all grades and assignments due as if they were in school. Food Services will continue for those that request. Technology devices will be available for those that need support as much as feasibly possible. Support staff may be asked to perform duties other than their job description to fulfill hours. A major difference is that we will not be allowing individual remote options. The only way we will ever go to remote learning is if the entire school goes to remote learning.

Face Coverings: At some of the COVID risk levels, it is mandatory for students and required for staff to wear a mask. The family is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the face masks. If there are extenuating circumstances that a student or staff member cannot wear a face covering, other accommodations through ADA can be made. If accommodations are not feasible,

alternative placement that will allow a student or staff to continue to be educated or do their job can be achieved. All face coverings need to be in accordance to our dress code.

Building Access/Visitors: All visitors will need to be pre-approved. If you need to enter the building please call your child's school prior to needing entry.

Health Services/Screening

Temperature Checks: All Staff and Students will have their temperature taken as needed or if there is reasonable circumstances that promote the need to determine temperature verification.

At- Risk or Vulnerable Populations: Every student and staff have different levels of risk. Although the school will operate under the guidance of the COVID risk dial, for those populations that have elevated risk, the school may make additional accommodations and operate at a higher risk level when dealing with this population.

Hygiene: Students and staff will be asked to ask wash their hands on a more regular basis.