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Introduction: This guidance comes from recommendations given by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). **This plan is tentative and may change at any time!** We will resume full in person instruction 5 days per week with Wednesday dismissals at 1:00 pm for school improvement. Students with medical contraindication will be placed on homebound with doctor authorization or will need to be homeschooled without authorization. **Updated 07/17/21**

I. Health/Wellness

- A. Sparta School District is extremely fortunate to offer a Sparta Community Hospital on-site mobile clinic accessible to the school community each day from 7:30 am until 10:30 am. COVID testing and general treatment for illnesses will be available to those provided consent. More information is forthcoming and will also be available at registration.
- B. Vaccinated students, staff, and volunteers are asked to submit a copy of their vaccination cards to their school office for contact tracing purposes. Any information provided regarding vaccination will be maintained in a confidential manner.
- C. Masks may be worn if desired. Masks are "recommended" to be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. As local control has been given to districts to work with local health departments to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission, local vaccine coverage, etc., we will consider the word "recommended" means we will not be monitoring or providing consequence for mask optional.
- D. Groups should be 30 ft apart outside.
- E. Social distance as much as possible, maintaining at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk, where possible.
- F. Symptom screening will be conducted for all visitors. Self-certification is permitted for staff and students ONLY.
 1. By self-certifying and sending your child to school, you are certifying all requirements are met to attend school **each day**.
 2. Keep children home or they will be sent home if they have: 100.4 or above temperature, cough, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath.
 3. No return until fever free for 24 hours without medication.
 4. Identified sick will be isolated to containment area and escorted outside building at pick up.
- G. Temperature checks will be conducted occasionally for staff and students upon entry.
- H. Physical contact of any kind is discouraged.
- I. Disinfection and cleaning will increase schoolwide.
- J. Staff and students will be trained on hygiene protocol and procedures.

II. Instruction

A. Remote Learning

1. Remote learning for unvaccinated students placed on quarantine by the local health department will be provided by classroom teachers in a manner convenient for the teacher and student.
2. Live stream instruction will not be required of teachers.
3. Students quarantined who actively participate daily per the teacher's expectation will be counted present during their quarantine period.

4. Students and staff fully vaccinated or consistently masked, will not be required to quarantine if in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.

B. Technology

1. Every student will be assigned an individual device for learning.
2. Grades 3-12 will have ability to take chrome books home, K-2 check out ipads
3. Email teachers with device issues.
4. Individual wipes will be provided for self-cleaning of devices upon request.
5. Wifi hotspots are being added throughout the district community.

C. Meetings

1. All meetings are encouraged to take place virtually, including IEP, 504, etc.

D. Classroom Space

1. Student rotation may be limited, but student movement will be encouraged throughout day.
2. Students will face one direction where possible.
3. Student desks will be as spread apart as possible.
4. Doors and windows will be open for increased circulation when possible.
5. No shared lockers will be permitted.
6. Hygiene protocol will be Taught/Modeled/Reinforced.
 - a) handwashing will take place for 20 seconds before and after eating, playing, coughing/sneezing, restroom use, etc.
 - b) etiquette will be taught for sneezing and coughing inside elbow with kleenex
 - c) sharing of anything will be discouraged
 - d) avoiding touching face will be highly encouraged
 - e) students will be expected to clean surfaces once used
7. Social-emotional learning will take place to ease fear or anxiety in students.
8. Updated remote learning plans will be shared in the case of resurgence or shut down.

E. Supplies

1. Children may keep a clear, reusable water bottle at school.
2. Personal face masks may be worn.
3. Toys are prohibited from entering schools.
4. No community supply stations will exist.
5. Personal hand sanitizer is permitted (+60% alcohol is recommended).
6. Students may keep kleenex and wipes in or at desks for personal use.
7. Outside snacks and food for birthdays or events must be prepackaged.

III. **Operations- Specific school scheduling, lunches, etc. will be forthcoming from building principals.**

A. Food Service

1. No outside deliveries into buildings is permitted.
2. Each building will look different during lunch and will be communicated by principals.

B. Transportation

1. Self-certification is essential for entry to buses.
2. Masks must be worn aboard buses CDC guidance states: "Regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems."
3. Food and drink is prohibited on buses.
4. Seating will be assigned.
5. Zweigart's will self-certify staff and enforce disinfection protocol.

C. Facilities

1. All custodians are following CDC guidelines in regards to cleaning supplies being used.
2. Classrooms, common areas, restrooms, and touch point surfaces will be cleaned thoroughly.
3. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout ALL campuses.
4. Signs and visual aides are posted throughout the schools enforcing hygiene protocol.
5. No loitering will be permitted on school grounds at any time.