

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT #413

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

American Rescue Plan

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Purpose: The purpose of the Filer School District operational COVID-19 protocol is to provide a common framework for all schools within the Filer School District. Individual schools within the Filer School District may develop plans specific to each building based on the framework.

Goal: The goal of the Filer School District is to maximize face-to-face instruction in a safe environment while being prepared for remote learning when required.

2021-2022 School Year: All schools in the Filer School District will operate on a regular five-day (with early release on Friday) face-to-face schedule. A full remote option is available for students in grades K-12 via Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA).

Plan Details

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

- Indoors: Mask use is recommended (not required) for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.
- Outdoors: Mask use is not needed in general; however, mask use is recommended in areas of substantial to high transmission or in crowded outdoor settings that involve sustained close contact with people who are not fully vaccinated.
- Masks are available to anyone who wants or needs one.
- Any local, state, and/or federal laws, policies, or regulations regarding masks supersede this plan.

Modifying Facilities to allow for Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing (3 feet) will be maintained as much as possible.
- Students and staff will remain in cohorts when possible.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette is taught and reinforced (examples: covering coughs and sneezes, handwashing with soap and water for at least twenty seconds, etc.).
- Staff and students are encouraged to wash hands frequently.
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette posters are displayed in highly visible locations.
- Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol is readily available in every room and throughout the buildings.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, including Improving Ventilation

- Classroom Cleaning
 - Teachers will be provided with disinfectant spray and cleaning towels.
 - Teachers may ensure each desk is disinfected after each class period.
 - Teachers may request additional cleaning supplies from custodial staff, as needed.
- Cleaning Throughout the Day
 - Soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, and hand sanitizer dispensers are checked regularly to make sure they are plentiful.
 - Door handles, vending machines, toilets/urinals, sinks, countertops, weight room equipment, and hard surfaces are cleaned regularly with disinfectant.
 - High traffic areas are wet mopped and/or vacuumed regularly.
 - Drinking fountains have been replaced with hydration stations.
 - Cleaner is available to wipe down hard surfaces and equipment throughout the day.
- The high school cafeteria, gymnasium, and music room have a new air filtration system.
- In the instance of a confirmed case, the impacted school/classroom/area receives a deep cleaning and is sanitized.

Contact Tracing/Isolation/Quarantine

- As per CDC/SCPHD guidelines, students and staff who test positive for Covid-19 are excluded from school and school activities for 5 days from the onset of symptoms, unless given earlier clearance from a medical provider. After the isolation period has ended, one may return to school upon being fever free without medication for 24 hours and symptoms have improved. Students and staff who test positive for Covid-19 are encouraged to wear a mask for 5 days after the 5-day quarantine.
- When school personnel are made aware of a positive Covid-19 case, the parents of those students who were known to be in close contact are notified by school personnel. Information includes current CDC/SCPHD recommendations regarding quarantining and monitoring for symptoms.
- Confirmed Covid-19 data is updated on district website on a regular basis.
- Filer School District will continue to work with the local health department.
- Families and staff members are encouraged to check for symptoms at home.
- Staff and students should not attend school if they have symptoms of an infectious illness.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

- Information about testing sites is available to staff and students.

Vaccinations

- The Covid-19 vaccination is not required nor tracked.
- Information regarding immunization opportunities is provided to staff and parents. Filer School District coordinates with South Central Public Health District to communicate updates and recommendations regarding Covid-19 updates and vaccination information.

Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

- Students with disabilities and other health care needs are provided accommodations, modifications, and assistance based on individual needs when implementing Covid-19 safety protocols.
- Accommodations, modifications, and assistance are provided to students with disabilities and other health care needs in both face-to-face and virtual education settings.

Academic Needs

- The Filer School District acknowledges the learning loss that has occurred because of remote learning due to Covid-19.
- Each school has developed a plan to address learning loss and ways to accelerate learning (instructional approaches, before/after-school tutoring, credit recovery, targeted interventions, summer school, etc.).

Student Social, Emotional, Mental Health, and other Needs

- School counselors are available to all students.
- Counselors provide families with resources that are available throughout the community.
- All staff are trained and implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).
- All staff will receive training on “trauma informed practices.”
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students will continue.

Staff Social, Emotional, Mental Health, and other Needs

- The Employee Assistance Program is available to all employees.
- A preventative health clinic is offered to all staff one day in the spring.
- Wellness trainings are provided to all staff members.
- A wellness program encourages preventive doctor visits, 21-day challenges, incentives via insurance plan, and provides information on ways to support staff well-being.
- School counselors are available to assist staff members in locating community resources as needed.
- Administrators are considerate of educator workloads and recognize the importance of allowing staff opportunities to recharge when needed.

Activities

- Participants who test positive are excluded from activity for 5 days from onset of symptoms unless given clearance by a medical provider.
- Participants who are ill (fever, chills, etc...) should not participate until they are 24hours symptom-free without the aid of medication.
- Coaches will notify Activity Director of any positive tests on the team.
- Activity Director will notify principal and superintendent of any positive tests on teams.
- Coaches in conjunction with Activity Director will notify participants and their parents/guardians of any positive COVID tests on the team.

Protocol for High Infection Rate:

- If an individual school site reaches a 15% or more absentee rate due to illness on consecutive days, then that individual school site will enact a 10 day school wide mandatory mask policy for staff and students. Staff members and students will adhere to this mask mandate while they are in the school building during school hours.
- Attendance codes to qualify for mask mandate:
 - Ill-Illness
 - QPT-Quarantine Positive Test
 - Q-Quarantine
 - A-Absent Unverified

Filer Middle and High School Activities/Events Covid Mitigation Plan

**This plan will be in effect while our regional Risk Level is Red-Critical*

- Spectators/Fans-
 - All are encouraged to wear masks and social distance. When social distancing is not possible, wearing a mask is strongly encouraged.
- Coaches and Staff-
 - All employees of Filer School District will always be required to wear masks unless social distancing can be adhered to or engaging in exertional activities.
 - All coaches are encouraged to always wear a mask unless social distancing can be adhered to or engaging in exertional activities.
- Players/Visiting Teams-
 - All are encouraged to wear masks and social distance. Masks are NOT required for players and coaches during exertional activities.

Review and Revision Plan

- This plan is reviewed at a minimum every six months.
- This plan may be reviewed earlier if any of the following occur:
 - Significant increase in infection rates in the area
 - Superintendent and/or school board request
 - Information from an outside entity invites a review/revision of the plan (Idaho State Department of Education, Idaho State Board of Education, Idaho High School Activities Association, South Central Public Health Department, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Idaho State Governor's Office, CDC, etc.)
- There are opportunities for community/stakeholders to provide input via surveys and public input opportunities at board meetings.

All time frames refer to calendar days.