

EDUPRIZE Mitigation Plan for 2021-2022

Our Task Force and Administrators:

Continue to engage and encourage everyone in the school and the community to practice preventive behaviors. These are the most important actions that will support our schools' safe opening and will help us stay open.

Implement multiple SARS-CoV-2 mitigation strategies (e.g., social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, and use of cohorting when appropriate).

Masks

- Per state guidelines, masks will be optional, however are recommended.

Handwashing

- Additional handwashing stations have been added outside buildings.
- Sink fixtures have been updated in bathrooms for easier use for turning water on and off.
- Hand washing times incorporated within the classroom schedule, to promote healthy behaviors.

Disinfectant

- All classrooms and shared school areas have bottles of disinfectant to use for continuous sanitization.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned thoroughly each night and then will have scheduled cleaning during the day by a day porter.
- Doors, handles and commonly touched items will be on a scheduled disinfectant regiment.

General changes to mitigate the spread

- Students will be asked to have a water bottle for in class.
- Students will be asked to have a separate disposable drink in their lunch.
- Parents will be asked to do screenings at home before coming to school (temperature check, visual symptom checks) and keep sick kids at home.
- Hand sanitizer - will be available in classrooms and in common shared spaces

General Building Precautions

- Ventilation: all classrooms have their own HVAC system that are thoroughly maintained and serviced regularly.
- **Water bottle refilling stations have been added to each building.**
- Maintain healthy environments (e.g., cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces).

Communicate, educate, and reinforce appropriate hygiene and social distancing practices in ways that are developmentally appropriate for students, teachers, and staff.

- Integrate SARS-CoV-2 mitigation strategies into co-curricular and extracurricular activities (e.g., limiting and practice social distancing).
- Make decisions that take into account the level of community transmission.
- Develop a proactive plan for when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.
- Educate parents and caregivers on the importance of monitoring for and responding to the symptoms of COVID-19 at home.
- Develop ongoing channels of communication with state and local health departments to stay updated on COVID-19 transmission and response in your local area

Should COVID cases on our campuses increase to the point where staff is unable to maintain student health and safety, we will revert back to these PHASE 1 procedures, which includes all of the above and the following:

Cohorting

- Students should not arrive on campus more than 15 minutes before their program begins and when arriving at school, should (in general) go directly to their classroom from morning carpool. This will keep groups of kids together by classroom and mitigate large groups from forming outside.
- Lunch will be outside with students sitting with only their classmates. Spaces on the tables are marked, showing areas for students to sit to promote social distancing.
- Recess - During phase 1, classes will be kept together on the playground. Classes will be assigned an area to play as a group and the areas will be rotated each day so children have access to different play structures during their recess.
- Recess schedules have been reworked to limit the number of classes out at the same time.
- Specials - some of the specialists will come to the classrooms instead of students traveling to other rooms.

Classroom Operations

- Students will maintain their own supplies and will not have general shared supplies.
- Group activities with shared supplies have been rethought, so that collaboration can still occur, but the sharing of supplies won't.
- Student desks - classes will be arranged to have as much space as possible between students.

General changes to mitigate the spread

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- Students will be asked to have a water bottle for in class.
- Students will be asked to have a separate disposable drink in their lunch.
- Parents will be asked to do screenings at home before coming to school (temperature check, visual symptom checks) and keep sick kids at home.
- Hallway procedures - one-way directionality will be utilized as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer - will be available in classrooms and in common shared spaces