

## SAFE RETURN & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The last two school years have provided numerous barriers for Sterling Public Schools in educating our students. While we were able to have in-person school in 23-24, and the threat of COVID 19 seems to be waning, we know that we must continue to be ready to act, if needed to continue to provide a safe and secure school for our students. This is our Reopening Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Please, contact Superintendent, Trent Parrish with any questions at (580) 350-5123, or by email at [tparrish@sterlingtigers.org](mailto:tparrish@sterlingtigers.org).

Any COVID 19 situation that may arise will require the Superintendent to contact the Comanche County Health Department, or the Oklahoma State Health Department. The County or State Health Department will direct any action that is taken for isolation.

### School Year

Traditional School is planned for the year with plans for Virtual Days if required.

As always, teachers are available for parents & students to access for questions.

An off campus, virtual option is available for a limited number of qualifying students who must commit to one full semester as virtual student.

Students with disabilities will be served based upon their IEP or 504 plan, and accommodations will be in place with respect to health and safety policies.

### Transportation

Parents are encouraged to bring their child to school.

We encourage parents to check the student's temperature prior to sending them to the bus.

If temperature checks during bus routes are determined to be necessary, students that are running a temperature over 100 will not be allowed on the bus.

We count on the parents to decide if the student is healthy enough to board the bus.

Disinfectant spray will be used on buses.

Masks are required on buses.

### Temperature Screenings

While many options for screening were considered, i.e. at the door, in the classroom, or on an as needed basis, we feel the best option for screening begins at home.

Do not send students to school sick/ with a temperature of 100 or more

If a student is sent home with a temperature, parent should not send the student back until fever free for 24 hours (The student must be fever free without Tylenol, Motrin, or other medication)

### COVID-19 Screening

The school will have communication with State health officials, Comanche County health Department and tribal health officials to determine any need for COVID 19 testing, vaccinations, quarantine, and/or mask policies.

The school has and will continue, in coordination with state, local, and tribal health officials, to provide vaccination opportunities for the staff, students, and community.

COVID-19 testing is greatly encouraged for anyone who has symptoms.

### Social Distancing

Masks were recommended for all of 2020-21 school year, but for the 2021-22 school year masks will only be encouraged and not required by students or staff unless state and local officials determine it necessary to require masks at school.

Staff and students will be shown the universal and correct way to wear a mask.

Sneeze guards are available for reception desks at each school and in the cafeteria.

Building access will be controlled to prevent outside exposure.

Classroom desks will be spaced apart to achieve the CDC recommended distancing (3ft) when possible.

#### Athletics/ Gatherings/Field Trips

Care will be taken to ensure sanitized facilities including dressing areas with floors ready for cleaning.

Field trips will be limited, but still considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any student who participates in competitive activities/athletics governed by OSSAA is required to attend school on campus.

#### Hygiene Practices

Hygiene lessons, such as handwashing and respiratory etiquette, will be added to daily curriculum (in the classroom, in building announcements, etc.)

Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and masks will be part of the students supply lists. These lists will be put out ASAP in order to give parents ample opportunity to purchase them.

Custodial staff will receive extra training in daily sanitizing.

Buildings will be fogged by sanitizing spray frequently to reduce exposure.

Air filters will be changed promptly to improve sanitation and ventilation.

Hand sanitizer will be available in hallways, offices, and classrooms.

Use of touchless bottle fillers will continue to replace traditional fountains.

#### Attendance Policies

Attendance policies will be relaxed for cases involving COVID-19 to provide for additional absences and to encourage sick staff and students to remain at home.

Site committees will be in place to consider exceptions for medical absences related to COVID-19

#### School Meals

Students will eat in the cafeteria with physical distancing when possible.

Cafeteria staff will serve everyone from the serving line.

Share stations will be limited.

Condiments will be provided in packets instead of common-use areas.

#### Student Devices

Chromebooks and iPads will be available to Check-out for virtual days.

No deposit will be required for checked out devices; however, damage of the device will be charged the same as a textbook that is checked out and damaged.

Devices will be checked out the school day before any virtual day, and will be due the day the student returns to the school building for the next regular school day.

# ARP ESSER III – Safe Return Plan Update (Return to Learn Plan)



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Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, not later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP requires that the LEA seek public comment on the plan and take those comments into account in the development of the plan. Finally, section 2001(i)(3) of the ARP provides that an LEA that developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction prior to the date of enactment may be deemed to meet the requirement to develop such a plan so long as the plan meets the statutory requirements (is publicly available on the LEA's website and was developed after seeking and accounting for public comment).

During the period of availability of ARP ESSER funds (September 30, 2024, includes the Tydings Amendment), **an LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months, review and, as appropriate, revise its plan.** If the LEA revises its plan, the revised plan must address each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC or, if updated by the CDC, each of the updated recommendations.

If the LEA previously developed a plan and did not address each of the required aspects of safety established, the LEA must accordingly revise its plan consistent with these requirements and do so no later than six months after it last reviewed its plan. Finally, the LEA's return to in-person and continuity of services plan must be provided in an understandable and uniform format, written in a language that parents can understand or orally translated, to the extent practicable, and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

## Changes For Safe Return Plan (Return to Learn Plan) Are Not Necessary

LEA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The LEA, named above, certifies that:

The LEA Safe Return Plan addresses each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC.

The LEA Safe Return Plan has been reviewed and does not require changes at this time.

Signature of Superintendent

9/27/23  
Date

If no changes are necessary for the periodic review of your LEA Safe Return Plan, please have the Superintendent fill out and sign this form and upload to the Safe Return Plan Tab under the Program Details of your American Rescue Plan application. **Deadline for first review is December 22, 2021.**