The Clearwater R-I School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students in a safe, healthy environment. This plan was developed in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Center and is based on recommendations from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and other sources. The goal of this plan is to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other illnesses by reducing contact while at school. It is impossible to completely eliminate all risk of exposure.

**Screening**

Parents are asked to screen their children at home, prior to sending them to school. Students and staff who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to stay at home and report the absence to the school office. These symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Fever over 100.4 degrees, without a fever-reducing medication
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat

Anyone who has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, is asked to self-quarantine for 14 days.

**General Procedures**

All students and staff will be provided a cloth facemask to be worn at his/her discretion. Masks are not required at this time. It is the responsibility of the individual to maintain the mask. All masks must meet school dress code guidelines.

Students will go directly to their homeroom or first hour classroom upon arriving at school.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in classrooms and key locations in buildings.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available on all school buses.

Increased cleaning procedures have been implemented, including routine classroom sanitation and increased sanitation of restrooms, high-touch areas and playgrounds using an electrostatic sprayer.
Water fountains are disabled. Bottle filling stations are available in all buildings. Students should bring an unopened or empty water bottle with them to school.

**Transportation**

Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school, if possible.

Those who ride the bus will be social distanced to the extent possible.

Buses will be sanitized before and after each route.

Hand sanitizing stations are available on each bus.

Students and drivers are encouraged (but not required) to wear a mask.

Students must remain in their seats and refrain from touching others.

Students from the same family/household will sit together.

Students will have assigned seats.

**Food Service**

Students will be served pre-boxed meals for breakfast and lunch. These will be available in various locations to limit congregating in the food service line.

Breakfast and lunch may be eaten in the cafeteria (with increased distancing), classrooms or alternate locations.

Hand-washing/sanitizing will be available before and after meals.

**Classroom Procedures**

Student seating will be arranged for social distancing to the extent possible. Some areas may be separated by clear dividers to limit contact.

Staff will limit close proximity group interaction to the extent possible.

Students will be kept with their cohort group to the extent possible. This is more easily done in lower grade levels. Upper grade level students may wish to wear a mask in areas where social distancing and cohort groups are not possible.
**Playgrounds/Recess**

Playground equipment will be sanitized daily using an electrostatic sprayer.

Social distancing will be encouraged.

Cohort groups will be kept together to the extent possible.

Hand washing/sanitizing will be available before and after recess.

Shared equipment will be sanitized often.

**Visitors**

Non-essential visitors/volunteers will not be allowed in the school during school hours.

If necessary, visitors will be asked to make an appointment and may be screened prior to entry.

**Athletics/Activities**

All MSHSAA teams and activities groups will follow MSHSAA guidelines.

Equipment will be sanitized before and after use.

All event guests will be encouraged to maintain social distancing.

**Health Services**

All teachers will have a thermometer in the classroom to use for screening children for temperature, as needed.

Children exhibiting symptoms of illness will be sent to the nurse.

Students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated until picked up. The isolation area will be sanitized following each use.

**Positive Cases**

Upon confirmation of a student/staff member with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, the District will work with the Wayne County Health Center to implement protocol. Decisions regarding quarantining and testing of additional individuals will be determined by the Wayne County Health Center. In the event of student group quarantining, continuation of instruction will be provided through remote learning. All teachers will have a Google Classroom platform for all classes.
***This document is subject to change as new information is obtained and local, state and federal regulations are implemented.