

USD 320

District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service

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Wamego Public Schools



Vision Statement:

One Wamego

Many voices, Many choices, One result: Excellence

Mission Statement:

Wamego School District, a collaborative community of learners and leaders, ensures that all students learn at their highest levels possible and have the social, emotional, and cognitive skills necessary to live a successful and purpose-filled life.

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PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

- A. USD 320 will begin the 2021-22 School Year with a mask mandate for the first three weeks of the new school year. The covid case numbers for the community and schools will be monitored weekly beginning the week of September 7 using the USD 320 Masking Criteria. A decision will be made for the next week as to whether or not to wear masks. The decision will be made on a school-by-school basis. USD 320 will follow the federal mandate on masks being worn by the passengers and drivers in school transportation.

- (B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

USD 320 will transfer to regular distancing at the start of the school year.

1. USD 320 will adhere as closely as is possible to the CDC & KDHE social distancing guidelines and also institute other activities and procedures to help lessen the spread **of the Covid-19.**
 - a. Visitors and guests in our schools are to wear masks; no exceptions.
 - b. College student observers and student teachers are to be vaccinated and wear masks
 - c. In the classroom, teachers are encouraged to:
 - i. Have their students move every ten minutes.
 - ii. Social distance when and where possible.
 - iii. Use "sneeze guards" (clear dividers) when social distancing is not possible.
 - iv. Conduct as many activities outside as possible.
 - v. Take as many "mask breaks" as possible
2. Employees are encouraged to stay home if not feeling well.
3. Those eligible for vaccinations are encouraged to get vaccinated
4. Hand sanitizing stations are available
5. Frequent hand washing by all staff and students is encouraged
6. Air purifiers are located in each classroom and building air intake filters have been replaced with higher MERV-rated air filters.

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- (C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
Hand sanitizer and facial tissues will continue to be provided and available. Covering of mouth and nose when sneezing will be encouraged as well as regular hand washing.
- (D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
Enhanced cleaning of facilities will be continued.
- (E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
Contact tracing, etc. will be done on an as needed basis when dictated by the County Health Department.
- (F) USD 320 will provide diagnostic and screening testing through the awarding of a KDHE grant for the “Test to Know” program. Covid-19 testing will be available in the District’s Professional Learning Center during the school day on a **STRICTLY VOLUNTEER** basis for students and staff. It will be announced with this service is up and running.

PART I. *(continued)*

- (G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
USD 320 will work with local health officials to provide as they are available.
- (H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety will continue to take place.
- (I) Coordination with State and local health officials.
USD 320 will continue regular meetings with the county health department.

PART II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

- (A) Services to address students’ academic needs.
Virtual Ed is available as needed/requested; summer school for regular ed and special needs students is also being offered to “catch up” K-12 students.
- (B) Students’ and staff social, emotional, mental health.
USD 320 has hired additional counseling staff to assist with social emotion needs of students and offers free counseling services for staff.
- (C) Other needs, which may include student health and food services.
USD 320 continues to provide free meals for all students. We have also hired two additional C.N.A.’s to assist our school nurses with student health needs.