

# **USD 489 Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**

## **PART I.**

### **(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

Face Coverings/Masks will not be required. This mask practice is only effective for USD 489 buildings/activities and does not supersede other district mask policies, league rules, or KSHSAA requirements.

### **(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing.**

Physical distancing as feasible implemented with in-person instruction in classrooms.

### **(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Hand washing/sanitizing will be done at regular intervals throughout the school day.

### **(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

The sharing of school supplies/materials will be done with consideration of least risk for transmission. Hand sanitizers will be available in classrooms.

### **(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

1. Conduct internal contact tracing measures in collaboration with local health officials.
2. Identify close contacts of confirmed cases who will then be given the option to quarantine if they are asymptomatic. Those who have received a vaccination for COVID at the time of exposure will not have to quarantine unless they have COVID symptoms.

In such a situation, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by the American with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

All staff and families are encouraged to monitor symptoms and take temperatures prior to arriving at school.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

USD489 administration will meet with local medical professionals and the county health officer to discuss ways to educate stakeholders on the importance of vaccinations and possibly administer the vaccine.

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

Students with disabilities will receive their typical support and programming. Support will continue for students with special needs or are medically vulnerable.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

USD489 administration will meet regularly with local medical professionals and the county health officer to review cases, county, and building gating measures and thresholds used for implementation of possible mitigation measures. All measures will be reviewed having the health and safety of our students and staff as our top priority.

## **Part II.**

- **Services to address students' academic needs**

Summer School at no cost to families. Continue high school credit retrieval summer sessions at no cost to families and add an academic coach at high school for support during the school year with on-track to graduate. Offer summer credit recovery for math and ELA at the middle school. Offer K-2 reading summer school across the district. Continue SIT/GEIT process. Continue with year two of MTSS process with work from TASN external team. Offer afterschool academic support for students. Continue proven and effective tech tools and programs used to connect and strengthen family relationships.

- **Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

Improve consistency in documenting SEL data. Be intentional with analyzing data to identify needs of students; administer a screener for SEL. Plan PD in the areas identified in the student data. Adopt an SEL curriculum at the high school. Align PreK SEL curriculum to K-12 system. The district leadership team chose BSEL(Behavior Social Emotional Learning) as the priority, focus area as we move through the MTSS process with the external TASN team.

- **Other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

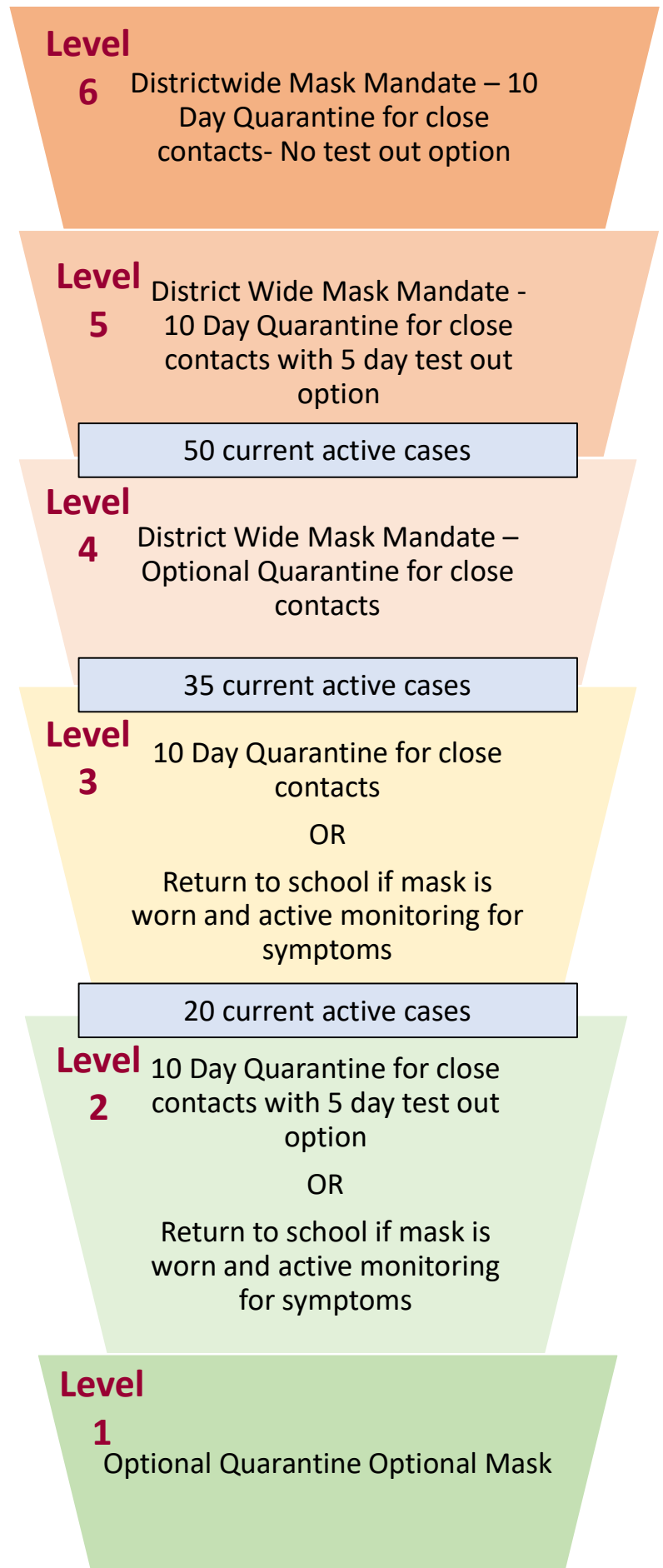
Provide quality food service to families under the guidelines established at the state and federal level. Increase health services with the addition of staff and one current staff designated to lead health services related to pandemic.

# Mitigation Strategies from Least to Most Restrictive

- Based upon current active cases
- Evaluated weekly during the Ellis County COVID Advisory meeting
- Pertains ONLY to school contacts. Family contacts need to abide by Ellis County Health guidelines.

## Ongoing Mitigation Measures

- Sanitization
- Hand Washing
- Distancing When Possible
- Outbreak in any cohort and the cohort will quarantine as determined by Ellis County Health Dept.
- Close monitoring for symptoms
  - Do not send your child to school if they are sick.
  - **In-home positive** requires quarantine of household as per Ellis County Health Dept.



## Guidelines for COVID at USD 489

### **Stay at home if sick.**

If required by your doctor, get tested.

If test result is **positive**, isolate for at least 5 days from onset of symptoms (day of symptoms day 0), may return to activities on day 6 if:  
--fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours **AND**  
--other symptoms are significantly improved

**After day 5 of isolation;** Wear a mask at all times when around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., through day 10).  
\*\*Must check in with nurse daily during those 5 days!

If test result is **negative**, return to activities when:  
--fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours  
**AND**  
--other symptoms are significantly improved

### **Outside of school close contacts including **household** contacts**

who are fully vaccinated, unvaccinated, or only partially vaccinated:

Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

If symptoms develop, stay at home

Get tested if required by your doctor.

## Guidelines for Influenza at USD 489

If test result is **positive**, isolate for at least 5 days from onset of symptoms, may return to activities on day 6 if:  
--fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours

**AND**

--other symptoms are significantly improved

If test result is **negative**, return to activities when:

--fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours

**AND**

--other symptoms are significantly improved