USD 320 Covid Reopening Plan 2023-2024

Covid testing and monitoring of symptoms is encouraged to be done by families this year. Over the counter (OTC) Covid tests will be available to students and staff of USD 320 free of charge. Please reach out to your school building nurse if you are in need of tests.

WHAT TESTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS/STAFF?

- FlowFlex Covid-19 Antigen Home Tests are free for students and staff while supplies last. Please ask your school nurse for tests.

- BD Veritor Covid/Influenza Combo Tests are offered by the school nurse, during school hours, if symptoms warrant testing.

WHAT IF YOU TEST POSITIVE?

If a student or staff test positive for Covid, the guidelines for 5 days of quarantine followed by 5 days of wearing a mask during school/activities still apply. When counting the days for quarantine, the day that your symptoms start is day 0. No further testing needs to be done after the 5 days of quarantine. If you refuse to wear a mask, then 10 days of quarantine are required.

WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT?

LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD:
- If a family member in the same household has tested positive for Covid, the family will be responsible for testing the student/staff BEFORE sending to school. The student/staff will need to be tested every other day for a total of 3 tests. Wearing a mask is optional as long as tests remain negative.
- If a student or staff refuse testing, 10 days of quarantine will be required.

OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSEHOLD:
- It is the recommendation to test as soon as the Covid exposure is known, then every other day for a total of 3 tests. Wearing a mask is optional as long as tests remain negative.

WHAT IS USD 320 DOING?

- Encouraging staff and students to wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Making testing for Covid and Influenza easily available for families free of charge.
- Using air purifiers in each classroom.
- Enhanced cleaning of school buildings.
- Monthly meetings with Pottawatomie County Health Department.
- Monitor and adhere to KDHE guidelines.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Stay home when you are feeling sick
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- Get vaccinated if you are able
- Test yourself if exposed