

**Updated JUNE 19, 2023**



Montrose

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

FALL 2023

**This plan was originally developed with the assistance of Henry County Health Center and follows their guidelines.**

### **Commentary regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols**

- The Montrose R-XIV School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- In the event of a positive case in our school, the Montrose R-XIV School District will partner with the Henry County Health Center for safety procedures.
- In order to protect our students, faculty and staff, we will continue to provide regular maintenance, cleaning, and disinfecting of all areas.
- The Montrose R-XIV School District may fully close, partially close, or change status at any time due to the health status of our community or region.

### **Understanding and recognizing COVID-19**

- Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but will not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council and/or Henry County Health Center. The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

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## General information for students and faculty/staff

- Masks are recommended.
  - Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.
  - Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition.
  - Students may not share masks.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the school.
- Drinking fountains will be used.
  - Students can bring **clear** personal water bottles from home daily. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.
- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the Henry County Health Center. Please understand that guidelines may change over time.

## If a school has multiple cases

- Montrose R-XIV may need to close for up to two days until a thorough cleaning/disinfecting can be completed.

## Other information

- The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal conditions and guidance.

## Learning Opportunities

- The Montrose R-XIV School District will have three options available to consider for reopening. It is the intent of the school district to open in phase 1 at the time of this publication.

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Full In-Person Instruction	A/B Hybrid Schedule	Full Virtual Instruction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Seated school and regular work environment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ A/B day method used with students attending school two days a week.</li><li>★ A/B day will be assigned by households so those living together will attend on the same day.</li><li>★ May or may not result in 50/50 split in each classroom.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Online learning only through Google Classroom. No face to face instruction.</li><li>★ For those families without reliable internet, paper assignments will be given and collected on a regular basis. (daily when possible)</li><li>★ All student work will be graded.</li></ul>

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**Any absences occurred during the school year related to illness or quarantine due to COVID will not negatively impact your student's attendance under the following circumstances:**

- Students who are placed in isolation or quarantine by the LPHA qualify for homebound instruction and must participate in 5 hours of instruction (can be virtual) in order to be considered "present" for school attendance purposes. However, IF the student does not participate in this virtual instruction, they MUST be counted absent.
- All school work will continue to be provided in either paper or electronic form regardless of the students' participation in the 5 hours of "homebound instruction".

### **Mitigation & Prevention Strategies Summary:**

<b>Mitigation Strategy</b>	<b>District Plan</b>
Masking	Masks are recommended.
Physical distancing and cohorting	Social distancing when possible Mandatory seating charts Grades K-8 will remain in cohorts as much as possible.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Students will be frequently reminded to wash hands Proper handwashing taught and reinforced Sanitizer and tissue provided
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Increase cleaning for high-touch surfaces.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Contact tracing by the local public health authority (LPHA) with assistance from LEA. Quarantine and isolation orders from the LPHA.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Testing provided onsite for students & staff members. Students and staff with concerning symptoms will be assessed by the health assistant and sent home if necessary.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	District communicates opportunities available in the community to become vaccinated if desired.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies	Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan

### **Continuity of Services:**

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- The district returned to fully in-person learning in August of 2022 and continues to provide in-person instruction moving forward.
- If there are further interruptions of in-person instruction due to quarantine, isolation, or temporary school closures, the district will continue to provide instruction via distance learning. Students with disabilities will continue receiving services as outlined in their IEP.
- The LEA will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff during in-person instruction and during any interruptions of in-person instruction by ensuring our at-risk coordinator is available in person and virtually to all students and staff. The at-risk coordinator will conduct monthly guidance lessons for students in grades K-6 and is available by appointment and small group instruction to ALL students and staff.

### **Understandable Language:**

- The SRCSP is available in languages understandable to stakeholders. The SRCSP will be available in english and spanish in the district office. Stakeholders who employ the oral tradition or who need a copy in another language may contact the office.
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**Periodic Revision:** - The LEA, in conjunction with Henry County Health Center (HCHC), Montrose School Board members, Administration, parents, and teachers, will periodically review and revise, if necessary, the SRCSP, no less than every six months at a public session of the school board. The next public meeting regarding this SRCSP will be during the December 2023 school board meeting.

This plan was developed with advice and guidance from the Henry County Health Center (HCHC), Montrose School Board members, Administration, parents, and teachers.