



UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 506
401 S. HIGH SCHOOL ST.
ALTAMONT, KS 67330
PHONE: (620)784-5326
FAX: (620)784-5879

**USD 506 Safe Return to School Plan
2022-2023 School Year**

USD 506 is aware of and understands that the level of concern related to COVID varies by person and/or household. As always, we aim to have healthy kids in school as much as possible. This Safe Return to School Plan for 2022-2023 has been prepared by USD 506 staff with guidance from KDHE and the Labette County Health Department.

Test to Know:

USD 506 will utilize the “Test to Know” plan which provides the resources to provide diagnostic testing for students, teachers, and staff on-site within each school in the district. This plan aims to provide rapid COVID-19 testing on-site within schools for students, teachers, and staff who become ill with symptoms during the school day.

Examples of USD 506 diagnostic testing which will be provided:

- Testing anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, be it students/staff that become symptomatic at school during the school day or develop symptoms while at home at the parent/guardian’s request.
- During quarantine, we will:
 - Provide at-home OTC tests for student/staff to self-test on days 5 and 6 OR
 - Offer POC antigen testing at the school for student/staff to self-test on days 5 and 6.

If you would like your student tested at any time, it can be done at school with minimal interruption of their day. Simply contact the school to make the request and give consent.

Over the Counter (OTC) Tests - USD 506 schools will provide, upon parent request, an OTC antigen test for home testing.

Quarantine Guidelines:

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, they will be required to stay home for a minimum of 5 days from the start of their symptoms or the date they tested positive if they never had symptoms. If on day 6 they have improved and are fever free without the use of medication, they may return to school wearing a mask for days 6-10. If the symptoms persist or they are unwilling to mask, they will need to remain home for the entire 10 days. No testing is required to return to school.

Contact Tracing:

In addition to testing, Public Health continues to recommend quarantine and isolation measures to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. While Public Health has transitioned away from investigating every COVID-19 case and contacting everyone potentially exposed, identifying cases and close contacts in certain settings, such as schools, remains an effective strategy for preventing disease spread.

We will not be doing comprehensive contact tracing at the school. We will not require any “close contacts” to stay home, however, it will be your choice to keep your student home, wear a mask to school, or be tested. We are providing you with this information so that you can make the best decision about how to handle it for your family.

Students or staff in known contact with a positive covid case should be monitored for symptoms and not come to school if symptomatic. As mentioned previously, we will offer testing on a “Test to Know” basis. Testing will not be mandatory. Therefore, if a student is symptomatic, we are able to offer a test with parental consent at school.

Expectations for parents:

- Regularly monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If your child is symptomatic, have them tested with a diagnostic test. If they test negative with an antigen test, keep your child home and retest in 24-48 hours to be sure.
- Do not send your child to school if they are sick or if they test positive.
- Notify your school if your child tests positive.
- If your child is exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, notify the school.

Staff Covid Related MOU:

If the employee remains fully vaccinated, any absence required by COVID illness or a quarantine required by the county health department or authorized designee will not be charged to the employee’s accumulated sick leave. This item shall sunset on June 30, 2023, unless expressly renewed. The requirements to be “fully vaccinated” means that an employee has had their initial shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or their initial 2 shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines.