

Esmeralda County School District (EsCSD)
COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
Updated March 1, 2022

In accordance with the Federal Government and the State of Nevada's guidelines for school districts and in an effort to assure the health and safety of students, staff, families, and community members, Esmeralda County School District will adopt the following measures:

- Continued handwashing, cleansing and sanitation, ventilation, distancing, and grade-band cohorting procedures.
- Continued instruction in handwashing and respiratory etiquette:
 - Handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water after using the bathroom, after entering from outside, before eating, after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. Dry hands with a paper towel or air dry.
 - Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or into the crook of the elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Encourage and support voluntary vaccination through postings on the district website and on the school campus, as well as conveying information regarding the availability of vaccinations during conversations with staff, parents, and community members.
- Require individuals to stay home when they are sick. EsCSD takes everyone's temperatures throughout the school day as well as when symptoms of illness are present. A temperature of 100.4 or greater requires individuals to stay home for 5 days after symptoms are gone followed by an additional 5 days of proper facial masking, or until a negative COVID test occurs. Distance learning and working from home will be made available.
- Continue to adhere to all federal and state requirements and updates, including, but not limited to: masking and distancing on buses, and monitoring temperatures.
 - Masks are not currently required during bus transportation. Adjustment will be made should an outbreak occur. (an outbreak is defined as: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines an outbreak as "a higher than expected number of occurrences of a disease in a specific location and time relative to the local context." (https://www.nga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NGA_Covid-19-Outbreaks_State-Reporting.pdf)
 - Hand sanitizer will be used prior to boarding the bus.
 - The driver or aide will take each passenger's temperature prior to boarding. A passenger with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to board. Parents have been instructed to remain at the bus stop until the students are cleared for boarding.
 - The bus will be sanitized before and after each route.
- Students, staff members, and volunteers who experience COVID-19 symptoms (i.e. fever, chills, cough, sore throat, extreme fatigue, shortness of breath, difficulty sleeping) will be required to test for COVID-19 prior to continuing school participation.
 - Should an individual refuse testing he or she will be required to remain off campus until 5 days after the secession of all symptoms.
 - Students will be provided with distance learning options.
 - Working from home will be optional for employees when feasible.
 - EsCSD has a distance learning platform (Edgenuity) in place for use when necessary.
- Regular COVID-19 testing will be provided and administered by the local AEMTs, when self-requested, and to those who exhibit symptoms or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 regardless of whether the individuals have been vaccinated or are unvaccinated. Requests for testing will be made confidentially to either the local AEMTs, EsCSD's school safety personnel or the human resources department. The parameters for additional testing will be determined by the local AEMTs and their medical authority. The AEMTs will utilize the NOVEX app for test results. All positive results will be communicated on a strict need-to-know basis (i.e. classroom teacher, those who may have been exposed, and parents of grade-band cohorts).

- Students, staff members, and volunteers identified with COVID-19 or a COVID 19 exposure will isolate themselves for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without a fever for 24 hours without fever reduction medication), followed by 5 days of wearing a mask to minimize the risk of infecting others. (per CDC guideline 12/27/2021)
- EsCSD will note those who contract COVID- 19, and should the number of cases in a two-week period exceed ten percent of the school campus population (with consideration to large family groups) EsCSD will consider it to be a COVID-19 outbreak. An outbreak is defined by the CDC as: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines an outbreak as “a higher than expected number of occurrences of a disease in a specific location and time relative to a local context.” (https://www.nga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NGA_Covid-19-Outbreaks_State-Reporting.pdf)
- In response to an identified outbreak EsCSD will initiate the following response:
 - Notification via email to the Nevada Local Health Authority/Designee.
 - A modified school day schedule including half-days fully masked and adhering to distancing procedures on campus followed by a half-day of distance learning.

Esmeralda County School District
COVID Safety Team