

**Heir Force Community School**  
**Safe Return for In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**  
**2021-2022**

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Heir Force Community School is committed to educating all students and will continue to provide in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board, administration, and staff believe that the best place for children to learn is in-person while in a safe and conducive environment. With this belief in mind and in collaboration with Allen County Health Department and other schools, Heir Force Community School students will return to full in-person on August 16, 2021 and the district will remain open for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. It is our intent as a district to return to normal mental and emotionally healthy routines. In addition, all students, including those with special needs, received all of their services in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

**Policies for Incorporating Mitigation Strategies**

HFCS will return to pre-pandemic mitigation strategies. If current conditions change, the district will assemble our response team to review mitigation strategies and make necessary revisions.

Physical Distancing – HFCS will return to pre pandemic protocols. Physical distancing will be recommended but not required.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette – Handwashing will be emphasized during the school day. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building and students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer frequently. Cough and sneeze etiquette will be taught, monitored, and reinforced.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities – HFCS cleaning protocols will return to pre-pandemic protocols. Ventilation filters will be changed routinely to ensure air quality is maintained at an acceptable level.

Contact Tracing – HFCS will follow the recommendations of the Allen County Health Department.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing – HFCS will have tests and screening supplies in the administrative office. The district will utilize test kits for COVID concerns in an effort to keep students safely in school.

Vaccinations – HFCS will continue to encourage teachers, staff, and students to be vaccinated. The district will continue to partner with local health officials to provide vaccination opportunities for staff, students, and the community.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies – HFCS will follow Allen County Health Department and CDC guidance to ensure that children with disabilities have their health and safety needs met.

### **Plan to Address Continuity of Academic and Non Academic Services**

#### Academic Services

- Throughout the Spring of 2021, TBT developed plans to allow for curriculum adjustments based on unfinished learning and to target the data sources to use in the fall to identify group and individual student learning needs. The following strategies can be used to meet this objective:
  - Monitoring curriculum pacing and adjust to ensure priority skills are taught
  - Aligning assessment practices to appropriately progress monitoring skill mastery of students and ensure that students are meeting grade level goals
  - The following data sources will be used
    - Ohio Achievement Tests
    - Early Learning Assessment (KRA)
    - CBM/STAR
    - RIMP
    - Accelerated Reader
    - Curriculum Based Grade Level/Course Assessment
    - Progress of IEP Goals

### **Approaches to Identify Social and Emotional needs**

#### Social Emotional Needs

- The administrative staff along with our teaching staff will monitor the social-emotional well-being of students and staff as a whole. HFCS works in conjunction with the following community agencies to deploy if needed including: (Mental Health & Recovery Services, SAFY, and Coleman). The district offers counseling and therapy at the school during the school day to ensure that the social emotional needs of all stakeholders are met.

#### Mental Health Needs

- Site based counseling services from multiple outside agencies are offered at the school as needed. Identified students are referred to the school navigation counselor who will then make sure the students get the appropriate services.
- Continue practices that support teacher understanding of warning signs and facilitate communication with staff and students.

#### Health Needs

- Continue to encouraged staff and students to get vaccinated.

- Continue to work in collaboration with Allen County Health Department to ensure we are implementing and following CDC guidelines properly.

#### Food Needs

- Continue to offer students and families free/reduced lunches at the school and ensure that students have food to take home if school is not in-person.

#### **Periodic Review**

- The Community School Leadership Team (CSLT) will conduct a mid-year review of the continuity of services plan and provide to the Board with an update. CSLT will meet every October and April through October of 2023. Revisions to the plan will be documented and approved at the Board meeting immediately following the CSLT response team meeting.

#### **Public Input**

- HFCS will seek input from the public by posting the plan on our district website. The public can email the Executive Director with any comments or concerns.
- Revisions to the plan based on public input will be documented and approved at the Board meeting immediately preceding the CSLT meeting and the revised plan will be posted on the district's webpage.