Diamond Ridge Mitigating Measures for COVID-19

2021-2022

We are following the direction of the Health Department as it is listed in state law. View the full state health recommendations for schools: coronavirus.utah.gov/education

School Schedule

- Regular classroom instruction will take place on a Monday through Friday schedule.
- (School hours: 8:35-3:20 / Office hours: 8:00-4:00)
- Meetings such as IEPs, 504s, SEPs, etc. may be in-person or virtual based on preference and availability.

Monitoring Symptoms

- Students/staff who are demonstrating ANY symptom of COVID-19 must stay home.
- Keep contact numbers current as parents will be contacted by the school demonstrating symptoms.
- Case counts will be monitored by the county health department dashboard.
- Students or staff that are exposed to COVID-19 will work with the health department regarding quarantine. Those who are exposed will NOT be quarantined if: they had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 90 days, have been fully vaccinated, the positive individual and the exposed individual were both wearing masks at the time of exposure, or if non-immunized they wear a mask for 10 days following exposure.
- Our goal is to keep children healthy while attending school in-person.

Masks

- Per health department recommendations, masks are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED for all students and staff while indoors, but NOT required.
- Masks will be available to students and staff upon request.
- Harassment in any form, directed either at those who wear face coverings or those who choose not to, will not be tolerated.

Enhanced Environment Hygiene and Safety

- Schools will remain mindful of cleanliness to the highest degree possible.
- Hospital grade air filtration and circulation (up to four times per hour) will continue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces will occur throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.

Social Distancing

- In all areas of our school, we will remain mindful of safe spacing to the highest degree possible.
- Cohorts of students will be maintained to the greatest extent possible in all areas of the school to ensure student safety.
- Entrance/Exits
- Designate entry/exit flow paths

- Limit non-essential visitors/volunteers
- Establish protocols for drop-off/pick-up and communicate to families
- Hand sanitizer available
- Before School students line up by class at a grade level designated door
- One class enters at a time keeping appropriate spacing Specific maps/plans ready to be taught when school begins

Hallways

- Teachers monitor hallways
- Proper social distancing and line procedures will be taught and enforced by teachers
- Clean high touch surfaces in hallways frequently.
- Lockers and coat room plans/schedules developed in order to encourage social distancing and limit risk or possible exposure
- Processes in place to have students stagger their entrance/exit and not congregate.

Classrooms

- Teach and reinforce all social distancing and safety principles to students repeatedly (make it part of the routine)
- Assigned seating (also consideration for small group instruction)
- Maximize space between students wherever possible
- Nonessential furniture and equipment out of classrooms to increase distancing footprint
- Consistent classroom cleaning procedures
- Student water bottles are optional
- Proper social distancing taught and practiced

Lunchroom

- Sanitizer before/after meals for ALL
- Cleaning & disinfecting of high touch surfaces
- Assigned seating at all times. (stickers/vinyl dots, etc.)
- Students will not use lunch keypads. Students will have their own card and will scan it instead of using keypad. Outdoor option for eating lunch.

Playground

- Consistently disinfect playground and equipment
- Avoid congregating at restrooms during recess transitions

Group Gathering Areas

- Assemblies must be directly tied to core curriculum and all social distancing and sanitizing will be considered whenever possible
- Area and materials to be sanitized before/after each student/class use
- Proper signage for all COVID-19 safety related items.