



2024-25 Westside Community Schools Safe School Plan & Protocols

Included in this document is the 2024-25 Westside Community Schools Safe Return to School Plan, developed after consultation with public health departments, public input, and district leaders. **It's important to note that this plan may be modified over time based on changing circumstances and based on public feedback.** You can email communications@westside66.net to share your thoughts.

As we continue to review and update this plan, changes will be communicated through email, newsletters, and posted on our district website. During the 2022-23 school year, protocols may change for a specific school building, program, classroom, or setting based on cases, contact tracing, community conditions, and risk of spread.

Building Ventilation	Ventilation will continue to focus on filtration and fresh air practices consistent with ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) standards for current equipment.
Cafeteria / Meals	Food services will have hand sanitizer available for students and will focus on disinfecting contact surfaces. Meals and seating will return to past practices. All food will be served by gloved employees. Students will be allowed to bring lunches from home.
Calendar	We will follow the board-approved 2024-2025 school calendar. https://www.westside66.org/domain/443

Cleaning	Cleaning protocols will include a focus on high-touch areas and disinfecting protocols.
Hand Sanitizing	Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building. Students and staff members will be encouraged to wash hands and/or sanitize hands throughout the school day, with particular emphasis on cleansing before snack or meal times.
Response to Positive Cases	When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return to school based upon guidance from the Douglas County Health Department. As of 8/15/22, students and staff members will be allowed to return to school on Day 6 from the start of symptoms; those individuals will be encouraged to wear a mask for 5 additional days upon their return.
School Attendance	<p>If your child is diagnosed positive with Covid please inform the school immediately and email studentservices@westside66.net.</p> <p>Your child will be excused from school for medical reasons during his/her time of quarantine.</p>
School Activities	We will follow the Nebraska School Activities (NSAA) in regard to school activities.

Screening	<p>Parents are asked to screen children daily at home for possible symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include new or persistent cough, new shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, fever of 100.4* or higher, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, and fatigue.</p> <p>If symptoms are detected, parents are asked to keep their children home until they are symptom free. Students are encouraged to wear a mask for 5 days after their return to school.</p>
Testing	At-home tests are available in each school's health office while supplies last.
Vaccine	We encourage all families to consult with their physician regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters.
Visitors & Volunteers	Visitors and volunteers are welcome in our schools. All are asked to check in at each building's front desk.