

COVID-19 Specific Communicable Disease Management Plan

School District: Harney County Rural School Consortia (Diamond, Double O, Drewsey, Frenchglen, Pine Creek, South Harney (Fields), Suntex)

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Principal: Shannon Criss (Diamond, Double O, Drewsey, Pine Creek, South Harney (Fields), Suntex); Carolyn Koskela Whitney (Frenchglen)

Consulting RN, School Nurse, or Medical Professional: Harney County Public Health District Dr. Sara Laiosa, Alex Jones

For questions, or to report a possible or confirmed exposure, contact the Communicable Disease Reporting Line:
Harney County: 1-541-573-2271

Updates and Review:

All schools should use the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance](#) and consider the language in that document to be the most up-to-date.

Plan Component	Required	Recommendations and Considerations
<p>A protocol to notify the local public health authority (LPHA) of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any confirmed COVID-19 case(s) among students or staff. Any cluster of illness among students or staff (2 or more). 	<p>Infection Control</p> <p>Harney County Rural Schools Consortia will implement measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 within our schools and facilities. Control, mitigation, and prevention measures will include appropriate disinfectant/sanitizing procedures; screening, monitoring, and isolation/exclusion for illness among symptomatic staff and students. Harney Education Service District (HESD) staff will continue to review and update all district policies and plans related to communicable diseases and student health and wellbeing as required or recommended by local, state, and federal regulations, laws, and guidelines. The OSHA risk assessment has been conducted for HESD. The rural schools in this Consortia plan have fewer than 10 employees and are exempt from completing the risk assessment.</p>	<p>If anyone who has entered school is diagnosed with COVID-19, report to and consult with the LPHA regarding cleaning and possible classroom or program closure (LPHA directory).</p>

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	<p>Communicable Disease Management Plan</p> <p>Harney County Rural Schools Consortia has updated this Communicable Disease Management Plan to reflect best practices and protocols for COVID-19. A copy of this plan is available for public review at the HESD office. <i>The Communicable Disease Management Plan can be found under Documents on the website www.harneyesd.k12.or.us</i></p> <p>A single point-person has been established at the ESD and each school to implement, support and enforce all RSSL health and safety protocols.</p> <p>The following statement is to be included in the student handbook and/or shared with all families: In the event that your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you call your school's teacher as soon as possible. If no one is available at the school please call Harney ESD at 541-573-2122 or Shannon Criss at 541-413-1126.</p> <p>Designation of School Staff to Establish, Implement, and Enforce Guidance</p> <p>Each school has designated the full-time teacher as the person to establish, implement, and enforce physical distancing requirements that are consistent with ODE and OHA guidance. HESD Program Director and Reopening Adviser, Janet Caldwell, will oversee and support teachers by notifying them of changes in requirements/recommendations.</p> <p>List of Harney County Public Health Staff, School Nurses, and Other Experts Who Provide Support and Resources to the Plan/Policies:</p> <p>Local Public Health Contacts: Alex Jones, Director Harney County Health Department alex.jones@co.harney.us 541-573-2271 ext. 180</p>	
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	<p>Diane Brinkley, Harney County Nurse Harney County Health Department dianebrinkley@yahoo.com 541-573-2271</p> <p>Suzanne Settle, Logistics Section Chief Harney County Emergency Management Suzanne.settle@co.harney.or.us 541-573-2443/541-589-3827</p> <p><i>Note: FERPA allows schools to share personally identifiable information with local public health authorities without consent when needed to respond to a health emergency. Harney County Rural Schools will work with the local health authority to ensure we are able to effectively respond to and control outbreaks through sharing of information, even without parental consent, when appropriate.</i></p>	
<p>Protocol for screening students and staff upon entry to school each day.</p>	<p>Screening Protocol Staff will greet students as they enter school and conduct a visual assessment of health.</p> <p>Staff members at each building they will self-screen.</p> <p>Visual illness screening for COVID-19 symptoms consists of cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing or new loss of taste or smell. COVID-19 symptoms may also include the following, but these are less specific and not recommended as criteria for exclusion from school alone: new loss of taste or smell, headache, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose. (Note: vomiting and diarrhea are listed in OAR 333-019-0010 as conditions for restriction from school, independent of COVID-19).</p> <p>An alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol is available upon entry to school.</p> <p>Students and staff should remain home if ill, including COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>Screening protocol must recognize that students and staff who have conditions that cause chronic symptoms (e.g., asthma, allergies, etc.) should not be automatically excluded from school. Cough is an exception: Staff or students with a chronic or baseline cough that has worsened or is not well-controlled with medication should be excluded from school.</p>

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		<p>Do not exclude staff or students who have other symptoms that are chronic or baseline symptoms (e.g., asthma, allergies, etc.) from school.</p> <p>For students or staff with other symptoms, see guidance from the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority.</p>
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Isolation Measures

Plan Component	Required	Recommendations and Considerations
<p>Protocol to restrict any potentially sick persons from physical contact with others.</p>	<p>Harney County Rural School students and staff who report or develop symptoms of cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of sense of smell or taste, while at school will be isolated in a designated isolation area in the school or building or outside learning space with adequate space and staff supervision, maintain wearing face coverings to the extent possible and symptoms will be monitored by school staff until they are able to go home. An explanation of procedures, including the use of PPE and handwashing will be explained to the student. An isolation area has been established at each of our Consortia schools.</p>	<p>Anyone developing cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing while at school must be</p>

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	<p>Anyone providing supervision and symptom monitoring must wear a medical-grade face mask. Other PPE may be needed depending on symptoms and care provided. Any PPE used during care of a symptomatic individual should be properly removed and disposed prior to exiting the care space. After removing PPE, hands should immediately be cleaned with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, hands can be cleaned with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60-95% alcohol.</p> <p>An emergency contact or family member will be called and asked to safely transport the child home or to a health care facility.</p> <p>School staff will keep a record of the students and staff being isolated or sent home for the LPHA review.</p> <p>Staff and students who are ill must stay home from school and must be sent home if they become ill at school, particularly if they COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Harney County Rural Schools will provide a remote learning option for students who are required to be temporarily off-site for isolation and quarantine.</p> <p>South Harney/Fields staff will identify isolation areas on buses, likely the last seat on the passenger side of the bus.</p>	<p>given a face covering to wear, isolated from others immediately; and sent home as soon as possible.</p> <p>Anyone with these symptoms must remain home for at least 10 days after illness onset and 24 hours after fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.</p>
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Environmental Management

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<p>Hand washing is required before every meal and after restroom use.</p>	<p>Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. Washing hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections from one person to the next.</p> <p>OHA and ODE strongly advise that schools create protocols and systems to ensure access to soap, water and alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the key times named below and that schools prioritize handwashing with soap and water after students or staff use the restroom and before participating in meal services.</p> <p>HESD has prepared and distributed to all schools posters and resources that encourage and explain proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette.</p> <p><i>Sample posters and resources can be found under Documents on the website www.harneyesd.k12.or.us</i></p>	
<p>Appropriate cleaning and contingency plans for routine infection prevention.</p>	<p>Routine cleaning and infection prevention will be conducted on a daily basis when students are in school. Each school has added additional resources to help mitigate the spread of communicable disease.</p> <p>The protocol for cleaning and classroom closure in case of a COVID case in a single cohort is to have the custodian clean the entire school as soon as possible.</p> <p>Protocol for cleaning after school-wide exposure will remain the same as a single cohort as we only have one cohort in each building.</p> <p>Protocols include the type and storage location of supplies and the person(s) responsible – each school has established a maintenance supply location where supplies are to be stored and kept away from students. Each building custodian will be responsible for maintaining an adequate supply.</p>	<p>Routine cleaning and disinfecting should follow CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidance, and includes cleaning classrooms between groups, playground equipment between groups, restroom door or faucet handles, etc.</p>

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Physical Distancing and Protection

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<p>Maintain three feet of physical distance between people.</p>	<p>Schools and facilities will strive to continue to maintain three feet of distance when possible. This includes staff meetings, professional development, conferences and trainings.</p> <p>Steps will be taken to minimize the time standing in lines and to ensure that required distance between students is used when forming lines, to include marking spacing on the floor, one-way traffic flow in constrained spaces, etc.</p>	

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Face coverings for staff and students.

Face coverings are no longer required. Students and staff will respect personal choice.

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- Current COVID19 outbreak or conditions in your local community support you moving forward with your plan, subject to changing conditions.

I certify that I have received, carefully reviewed *Harney County Rural School Consortia* communicable disease management plan, including all links and attachments, and I agree to work with them on ongoing COVID-19 mitigation efforts. [Electronic LPHA signature:]

Attestation to truthfulness of the plan: [Alex Jones, Harney County Local Public Health:]

Attestation to the truthfulness of the plan: [Shannon Criss, Hareny ESD Superintendent:]