

# Carthage Elementary School District # 317

## RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2023-2024

### Schedule

All students will be provided a full day of in-person instruction five days per week.

### Hand Washing/Hygiene

Frequent handwashing and attention to good personal hygiene is a simple and effective way to combat the spread of all viruses. Frequent handwashing opportunities will be a point of emphasis for Carthage E.S.D. #317 students and staff. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed for easy access throughout the building and entryways.

School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by

- continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- assisting young children with handwashing;
- reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
- using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when handwashing is not possible;
- continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes); and
- providing adequate handwashing and hand sanitizer supplies that are safely stored (up, away, and out of sight of young children and used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age).

### Facilities

Frequent and thorough cleaning and sanitization of classrooms and facilities, with special attention paid to frequently touched surfaces will be a focus of the Carthage custodial staff. Hand sanitizing stations will be kept stocked and sanitizing fog machines will be used at least daily to kill viruses. Custodians and maintenance staff will also look for opportunities and suggestions to improve ventilation in the building as this is another layer of protection against the virus.

### Visitors

- Visitors are welcome here at CESD # 317, but please see student handbooks, along with school board policy on the website for additional information.

### Plan Review

This plan will be reviewed by the Carthage Board of Education whenever changes in guidelines are published by the CDC, IDPH, or ISBE that substantially change public health guidelines, or whenever local circumstances – especially those related to an outbreak may warrant. School district administration will continuously monitor local health data and consult with local public health officials to determine if policies/practices need revision.