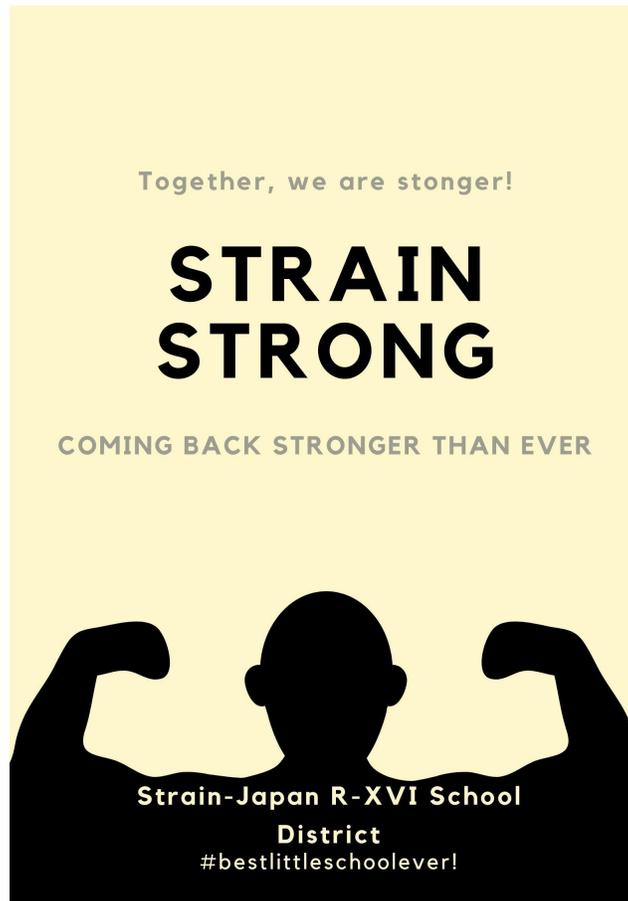


Strain-Japan R-XVI School District

Safe Return to School Plan



2021-2022 School Year

The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidelines.

Guidelines and protocols may also be revised as appropriate to reflect changes in conditions of the virus as it progresses.

COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols

- The safety and well being of Strain-Japan R-XVI students and staff is our top priority in all decisions related to conducting school and providing quality education to all students we serve.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines and incorporate many best practices recommended by DHSS, CDC, and the Franklin County Health Department.
- The content in this document will be updated as additional guidance is provided by the state, local, and federal authorities. Please refer to this document often to stay informed about the most current guidelines and protocols our district will be following.

Exposure Guidelines

If you have been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for you and your health and for the health and safety of those around you.

Please do the following:

- Quarantine yourself in a specific room away from others in your home.
- Contact the following in the order of priority, let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19, then follow their instructions.
 - Your healthcare provider
 - Your supervisor
- Your supervisor will work with you to determine appropriate next steps

Accommodations

- Appropriate accommodation for children and staff with disabilities will be made with respect to health and safety policies.
- Will be consistent with CDC and local health department guidelines
- Accommodations will be made as necessary or as mandated by the individual education plan and/or health plan.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks are recommended to be worn at school by students and staff.
- Strain-Japan R-XVI will follow all CDC and local health department guidelines.

In addition to using PPE, please remember to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Stay home if you are ill.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. School employees, students, parents, and visitors should practice staying 3-6 feet or more away from others when possible.

- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff, and students. Social distancing is more achievable in outdoor areas and larger facilities.
- Visual markers will be used to assist students and staff with social distancing.
- Teachers are encouraged to conduct class in our outdoor classroom or outside as much as is possible.
- Building extra outdoor playtime in your schedule is also encouraged.

Healthy Practices

- Drinking fountains will be used during the school year. All water fountains are equipped with bottle filling stations, it is recommended to use the filling station.
- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette (CDC Guidelines)
 - We will continue to teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, multiple times throughout the day and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used. Hand sanitizer is provided throughout the building.
 - Staff and students are expected to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Personal Workspace/Classroom

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own personal workspace throughout the day, giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces.

Shared Workspace

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own workspace multiple times throughout the day. Alcohol-based sanitizers will be placed throughout workspaces and common areas. Cleaning sprays and wipes will be available to staff to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as keyboards and telephones when students are not in the room. The school custodial staff will clean all workspace at their designated cleaning times. Please note that proper equipment such as acceptable disinfectant and PPE should be used when cleaning workspaces.

There will be limited access to certain workspaces to reduce exposure to risks and ensure employee safety. Workplace usage is as follows:

- **Teacher Workroom:** Utilize the teacher's workroom for the use of school resources. Staff should not eat or cook in the workroom. Hand washing should be performed before and after using shared machines.

Facilities Cleaning

The safety of employees and students is our first priority. Upon reopening, the building will be completely cleaned and disinfected and will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. In addition to the deep clean of the office and school before employees and students return, the cleaning steps outlined below are to be taken to protect and to reduce the spread of the infection. Employees should maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfection based on the frequency stated in the following table.

Deep Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol

Deep cleaning is triggered when an employee or student is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on testing.

Bus Driver Protocols

- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses.
- Drivers will use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, throughout routes.
- Students will be assigned seats based on routes.

- Every student riding the bus will be required to wear a mask.
- A seating chart with consistent day to day positioning is recommended for contact tracing.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop students off at school instead of using the bus service. Drop-off and pick-up systems will be organized to ensure social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

School Day

Strain-Japan R-XVI School District will take all actions necessary to provide staff and students with as normal a school day as possible during this global pandemic.

- Student drop-off time is 7:10 a.m. All students will enter through the gym doors.
- All students will go to the gym where social distancing will be observed while remaining with their class.
- Attendance incentives have been removed for the regular school term.
- Parents/Guardians will have limited access to the building including the district office.
- Visitors in the building will be limited and must be approved prior to arrival.
- Desks/seating will be placed at appropriate distances from each other.
- Turn desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other), or students will sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart.
- Assigned seating in all settings to assist with contact tracing.
- Signage will be provided throughout the building on floors, doors, and windows to promote healthy habits, such as social distancing, washing hands properly, etc.
- Open House will be conducted by having the parents come in shifts according to their last name.

Return from Quarantine

- When students return from an extended period of quarantine they will have 5 days to complete any work that was assigned to them during quarantine.
- Upon return, any gaps in learning that are detected will be addressed during the first five days of returning to school. The student will receive interventions during Leopard Time and during the specials period for the day.

Shared Objects

- Sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect will not be permitted.
- Each child's belongings will be separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas as much as possible.

- Students will be assigned a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year to utilize.
- Sharing of student supplies will be minimized and/or eliminated.
- Equipment used by more than one student will be sanitized between uses.

Food Service

- Lunch shifts will be staggered to maximize social distancing.
- All students will eat meals with their class, sitting only on one side of the table with appropriate social distance (students will not face each other).
- Students will wash their hands prior to eating and prior to engaging in other activities after eating.
- Food will not be shared.
- Use individual packets of condiments.
- Gloves should be worn when handling used utensils and removing trash bags.
- The kitchen surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant before food preparation begins.
- Hands should be washed after handling soiled dishes and before handling clean dishes.
- All kitchen staff must wear a mask and gloves during meal preparation and serving.
- All tables will be cleaned thoroughly between uses.
- All non-disposable food service items will be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water. Individuals will wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.

Athletics

- Student activities will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.
- Parents of students participating in any extracurricular activity will be required to complete a liability waiver and follow the guidelines set within the document.
- Water bottles will need to be used by all athletes during practices.
- Practice balls and supplies will be sanitized at the end of each practice and game by coaches.