

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Health and Safety Plan Summary 2021-2022

Initial Effective Date: August 5, 2020

Date of Last Review: August 11, 2021

Date of Last Revision: July 1, 2021

The following information outlines Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Health and Safety Plan related to COVID-19. If there are any changes to the CDC recommendations, this plan will be updated and reflective of those K-12 recommendations.

While Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV is returning to face to face operations for business and training purposes for the 2021-2022 year, we are offering virtual opportunities for meetings and training to meet the needs of our partners and school districts. We have found that there are many advantages to offering different modes of delivery and participation.

In the table below, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV will maintain the health and safety of its employees and the students that we serve by following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Beginning July 1, 2021, if staff are fully vaccinated, they are no longer required to wear a mask during working hours. However, if a county is in Substantial spread, employees are to wear a mask even if they are vaccinated. The guidelines do not preclude an employee from continuing to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so. If a staff member is not fully vaccinated, they must wear a face mask. The current CDC guidance is that unvaccinated people (adults/students) should continue to wear masks.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>MIU IV will continue to socially distance when possible for the 2021-22 school year. Should positive cases of COVID-19 begin to rise, all social distancing strategies and procedures will be put back into effect such as: 1 person in the restroom, limiting the number of participants in face to face training, etc.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>MIU IV buildings and classrooms will continue to post handwashing and respiratory etiquette signage. All</p>

	employees will continue to practice regular hand washing strategies and procedures in all environments.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;	MIU IV will continue disinfecting and cleaning of all office, classroom and training spaces. MIU IV operated classrooms will continue to open windows in areas and classrooms where they are able to do so. All classrooms continue to utilize air purifiers with the filters changed on a regular basis.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The procedures that MIU IV developed on reporting COVID-19 symptoms will continue to be utilized and any information will be shared with the Pandemic Coordinator. Guidance on when to isolate and quarantine will be shared with the Human Resource Department.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	MIU IV established daily procedures for electronic portals for health screening as well as temperature screening stations in each MIU IV county location and all MIU IV operated classrooms. These procedures will be activated if the number of cases warrants by the level moved to moderate or higher.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;	MIU IV was a vaccination site on March 13 and 14, 2021 for our school districts, charter school, and nonpublic schools. Many other local opportunities within our 3 counties have been disseminated to our school communities for students to become vaccinated.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	MIU IV's Special Education Director along with the special education supervisors have worked closely with school district LEAs and parents to meet the health and safety needs of all of the students that we serve. Supervisors serve on IEP teams where discussions and decisions were made on mask wearing capabilities and appropriate accommodations based on the students abilities. MIU IV acknowledges that some of our students who have disabilities and cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, for reasons related to the disability are exempt from wearing them.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	MIU IV Executive Director meets regularly with State officials and school district Superintendents as well as attends any state webinars that are scheduled. During the 2020-2021, these meetings were held weekly. These regularly scheduled meetings will resume if any of our counties begin to see moderate level increases.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **August 11, 2021**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

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 No

Affirmed on: **August 11, 2021.**

By:

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