

## Returning Nooksack Students to School Buildings

As we begin the process of phasing students to in-person learning, we want to be sure our families and students are aware of the health and safety protocols that will be in place at each of our school buildings. The district will follow DOH's [health and safety measures](#) to minimize the risk of virus transmission within schools.

Families who choose to send students to school for in-person learning, as described in our NV at School models, will be expected to help prevent the spread of illness by following key mitigation strategies. We will implement the following protocols to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families.

### Daily Health Screening

We are prepared to conduct daily health screenings on transportation or upon arrival at school. This will include checking temperatures with “No Touch” infrared thermometers. Staff will be visually checking for signs of symptoms for our K-5 students and 6-12 students will be asked to respond to a few questions related to COVID symptoms each day.

All students and staff will be asked to self-monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#). If they are feeling sick for any reason, they should stay home from school. If they are experiencing symptoms of the virus, they should stay home, consult a healthcare professional right away and notify the school office.

### The Three W's: Wearing Face Coverings/Masks, Washing Hands and Watching Our Distance

To help mitigate transmission of the virus and other typical seasonal illnesses, schools will implement “The Three Ws”.

**All students, school staff, bus drivers and visitors will be required to wear masks or face coverings on school transportation and in school buildings.**

- Students should plan to provide their own cloth face coverings or masks. If families are unable to provide their own face coverings, please contact your school office and we will be able to supply cloth face coverings for your student.

**Students and staff will be frequently reminded about the importance of proper handwashing.**

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout our buildings. Teachers and other staff will help by building in daily routines and reminders for keeping hands clean and sanitary throughout the school day.

**We will be watching our distance in buildings by reducing the number of students per classroom and arranging seating to be 6 ft apart.**

- Adjustments will be made for the way students are grouped and move between classrooms and other spaces in our schools, helping to avoid large groups of students gathering in one place. This will include lunches, recesses, passing times, arrival/dismissal times. For example, at the elementary, sack lunches will be served, and students will be eating in their classrooms. Each school will communicate the specific adjustments being made that are unique to each school setting and grade level.

**Additional Health and Safety Measures You Can Count On**

- School custodians will implement cleaning and disinfection protocols of high touch areas throughout the school day. Buildings will be cleaned thoroughly each evening.
- A supervised, separate space will be provided for students who are not feeling well to minimize contact with others until they are able to be picked up from school.
- District administrators and the school nurse will work on contact tracing and communication in collaboration with Whatcom County Health Department should a positive COVID case or exposure occur in our school.
- Parents of students who have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case and require quarantining for the period of 14 days should consult with their school principal/classroom teacher about remote learning.