

**Return to In-Person Instruction Plan  
based on Clark County Re-opening plan of 2024-2025**

We believe that it is in the best interest of the students of Clark County School District #161 to reopen schools and resume instruction and learning in as normal of manner as possible. At the same time, we recognize our fundamental responsibility to ensure the safety of our students and staff. To that end, this plan will provide key information on additional steps that we will take to provide for the health and safety of our staff and students as we keep open our schools.

This plan will be updated with stakeholder input no less frequently than every 6 months for the period of August 2021 through September 2024. Stakeholders will be informed via school district website, class newsletters, and social media posts that the plan is available for review on the district’s website. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input through email or phone calls to their Board member or the Superintendent. The reviewed and updated plan will be presented for Board approval at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

**Guiding Principles**

We will make every effort to comply with public health orders and guidelines provided by the Eastern Idaho Public Health, the Idaho State Board of Education, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and the Governor of Idaho.

We will take reasonable and rational precautions to protect the health and safety of our staff and students. Precautionary measures to protect students’ health must be balanced against their potentially disruptive or obstructive impact on student learning.

We will collaborate with our local public health officials to make decisions in the face of a global pandemic with community transmission. We will use official health agency information to make informed decisions. Guidance from the CDC and state public health will be reviewed in collaboration with our local health agency to identify appropriate steps and to evaluate the viability and necessity of recommended strategies. Information from non-official sources may provide additional insights; however, our decisions will be based on information from official public health agencies. All other sources of information will be carefully selected to ensure our decisions are based on research-based evidence.

We believe that students learn best through direct instruction from highly effective and affective teachers. A plan that allows face to face instruction to happen safely is our top priority. If that is not possible, we will make every effort to continue student’s learning through online instruction at home.

**Checklist for Symptoms of COVID-19**

Students or staff members who exhibit one or more of the following symptoms should stay home from school.

- Fever or chills
- Persistent coughing
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

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- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### **Mask guidelines**

The universal and correct wearing of a mask is when the mask covers both the nose and mouth.

### **Quarantine Guidelines**

When there is close contact between a person who has tested positive for or is diagnosed with COVID-19(case) and students or staff(contact), and both the case and contact were wearing masks during the time physical distancing could not be maintained: the case must isolate at home as recommended by public health officials. The contact may attend in person classes but must monitor themselves closely for COVID 19 symptoms during the two weeks after exposure. If they develop symptoms, they should stay home and contact a healthcare provider. Students or staff who have been in close contact due to an exposure outside of instruction areas are still asked to self-quarantine. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of each other for 15 minutes or more.

### **Health Recommendations**

Students will attend school fulltime, and schools will implement the following reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance:

- Covid-19 Vaccines are encouraged for all eligible individuals. The EIPH department will work with the school to be available during registration and other times to provide vaccinations.
- Social distancing will be implemented where possible and reasonable
- Masks/face coverings are recommended when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Buildings are routinely cleaned and disinfected each day following school or events.
- Proper Handwashing will be encouraged and will be demonstrated in grades PreK-5.
- Hand sanitizer is available upon entry into school buildings and in classrooms throughout the building.
- Doors and windows will be opened to allow fresh air when appropriate and safe to do so.
- Symptom screening for students and staff will be conducted, and students and staff who exhibit symptoms will be required to go home.
- Health guidelines for assemblies and gatherings will be reviewed on a case-by-case situation.
- Outside use of district facilities may be limited and require Superintendent approval.
- Consider ways to accommodate the needs of children and families with disabilities that limits the change in their schedule or routines while respecting their health and safety.

### **Classroom Safety Practices**

- Desks will be rearranged so that social distancing of 6 feet can be obtained.
- Masks will be recommended when social distancing cannot be maintained, and vaccination has not occurred.
- Students may be assigned seats or be placed in cohorts to minimize contact.
- Use of shared material and supplies will be limited.

- Individual Chromebooks will be assigned.
- Nonessential visitors will be limited.
- Temperature checks will be conducted as needed upon entering of building.

### **Academic Needs**

Students will be issued individual Chromebooks for use during the school day and during Stay-at-Home Conditions. Teachers will provide remote instruction during Stay-at-Home Conditions using synchronous and/or asynchronous distance learning. Teachers are expected to use Google Classroom to provide content and learning activities for students as much as possible during Stay-at-Home Conditions. Teachers will be available for assistance and support to students each day class would normally be in session. Extended day or week assistance will be provided to students in need of additional support due to loss instructional time caused by quarantine or stay at home conditions. Credit recovery will be offered through Idaho Digital Learning Alliance. Students with Individualized Education Plans and 504 plans will be closely monitored to ensure their needs are being met to best possible means possible.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Clark County School District will monitor the status of COVID-19 conditions through the area on an ongoing basis. Guidelines including those from the Idaho High School Activities Association will be followed.

Clark County School District athletes and coaches will also follow both District and local guidelines at away events. Spectators will be encouraged to not travel to away events if conditions in the away location warrant it.

The following steps are recommended for all athletes, participants, coaches, officials and staff:

- Frequently used items and surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized by wiping down all hard surfaces.
- Sports equipment such as balls, weights etc. will be sanitized after use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Athletes, participants, staff and spectators will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate or attend and should contact an appropriate health care provider.
- Frequent and appropriate hand washing
- No sharing of water bottles. Individual water bottles must be clearly marked.

### **Transportation to and from Events:**

- Activity busses will be cleaned and disinfected prior to departure.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available.
- No individual with signs of COVID-19 symptoms will be allowed to ride activity busses or participate.

### **School Transportation.**

Students will be expected to wear masks on school transportation if six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained or if Clark County is under guidelines from the EIPH to do so.

Hand Sanitizer will be available on each bus

Disinfecting of each bus will occur on a routine basis.

### **Social Emotional Needs**

The District School counselor along with community resources will provide social emotional instruction to all levels of students as needs arise. Staff will be encouraged to utilize these same resources and to seek out other means for addressing the social emotional needs of both their students and themselves. Administration will provide support to students and staff as needed.

### **Soft Closure with online learning for Students**

This will only be instituted if local or state stay at home/closure is ordered. School will be closed, and remote learning will be enacted for all students unless special circumstances apply (Students with IEP's or identified at risk status.) Google Classroom will be utilized as the learning management system. Outside use of district facilities will not be allowed during soft closure/stay at home conditions.

### **Family Responsibilities**

- Parents and guardians are asked to monitor their children for symptoms each morning, including checking their children's temperatures each day before sending them to school.
- If you are contacted that your child is sick at school, please arrive promptly to pick them up and take home.
- Do not send your child to school if he/she has had close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 and notify the school.
- Do not send your child to school if he/she has tested positive for COVID-19 and not been released by a health care provider to return. Please notify the school of the positive test as soon as possible.
- Follow all guidance by your health care provider.
- Provide a mask for your student to use when they cannot maintain six feet of physical distancing.

### **Confirmed case in a school district facility**

The district will work closely with EIPH in the response process. Each situation will be handled case-by-case.

The district will work to determine the specific locations where the infected person occupied the building. These locations will be immediately sanitized and/or vacated.

The district will work to identify and notify those who were in close contact with infected person and if masks were worn properly.

Whether schools are closed will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **Employee Expectations**

Employees will be required to meet the expectations of their job descriptions.

All employees are expected to report to work during all COVID-19 conditions unless one of the following types of leave is used: FLMA leave, sick leave, personal leave, vacation leave or approved leave without pay. The exception is a stay-at-home order from EIPH or a State and/or local government agency affecting the entire district.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to employees with disabilities so long as the accommodation does not place an undue hardship on the Clark County School District.