

East Coloma-Nelson

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FROM: Chris Lensing, Superintendent

RE: ECN Return to Learn 2021-2022 Plan

- The following document is in draft form for consideration and planning.

East Coloma 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan

The State of Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) have approved the usage of the CDC guidelines for schools. These guidelines emphasize the value of in-person instruction for Pre-K-12th grade. According to ISBE, "Schools should work with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission (i.e., low, moderate, substantial, or high) and local vaccine coverage, and use of screening testing to detect cases in K-12 schools." Our metrics could determine more or less mitigation strategies throughout the school year based on our local conditions at hand. The following table is a list of guiding principles for our district returning to school this fall.

Categories	East Coloma Plan
School Day/Hours	School Days – 5 days <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elementary – 8:12 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.• Junior High – 8:12 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
Mask Use	ECN School District's goal is to protect the health of all students and staff. In accordance with Illinois Governor, J.B. Pritzker, it is "required that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." Individuals who are fully vaccinated should where a mask where required by federal, state, and local rules and regulations, such as all school busses.
Quarantine & Contact Tracing	Fully vaccinated persons do not have to quarantine. Our district will continue to collaborate with our local health departments, to the extent allowable by privacy laws, about students and staff diagnosed or within close contact (6 feet/15 minutes) of a positive case. Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care. Contact tracing is subject to change based on the most current guidance from IDPH and our local health department. Quarantined students will be provided with curriculum, materials and instructions to continue learning while in quarantine.
Physical Distancing	To the extent possible within school and classroom structures, the district will work towards the goal of at least three feet of distancing.
Handwashing	Staff will continue to monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and promote the usage of hand sanitizer.

Facility & Transportation Cleaning, Disinfection & Ventilation	School custodial staff and transportation staff will continue to clean surfaces daily. To further reduce the risk of spreading infection staff will disinfect spaces occupied by someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours. When possible, staff will have activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow. When it does not pose a safety risk, transportation staff will keep vehicle windows open at least a few inches to improve air circulation.
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This plan will be frequently reviewed and analyzed based on our local metrics. In collaboration with our local health department, the district may determine more or less mitigation strategies based on the current conditions.

ECN Pandemic Policy (2021-2022) -- tentative

1. Follow the direction of Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) with recommendations from the Whiteside County Health Department (WCHD).

2. If a student tests positive or presents COVID-like symptoms, they will be in isolation from school for 10 days from the date of their positive test or onset of symptoms. A child may return to school with one of the following: 1) a negative test; 2) fever-free after 48 hours; and 3) improvement of other symptoms. Children that are vaccinated will need to isolate if they are showing symptoms.

3. Unvaccinated children in the same household of a child who tests positive, or has COVID-like symptoms, will also need to isolate for 10 days, plus an additional 14 days from when the other child in the household tested positive or had COVID-like symptoms. Vaccinated children in the same household will need to isolate if they are showing symptoms.

4. Modification of daily activities (extra-curriculars, recess, lunch, etc.) will be collectively agreed between the school board and administration.

5. Any pause in in-person learning will be under the direction of the Whiteside County Health Department (WCHD) or the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).