

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHIOCTON

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# **RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

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Per the CDC on July 9, 2021, vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. People age 12 and older are encouraged to become fully vaccinated prior to the start of the school year. Persons seeking a vaccination for themselves or another are encouraged to reach out to their medical professional or visit <u>https://www.vaccines.gov/</u> to find a vaccination location near you.

## Face Coverings:

- Face coverings are optional on school property
  - o Parents and students will make the choice on wearing face coverings
- "Situational Masking" there may still be situations in which children will need to mask, so be sure to send a face covering to school with your child (EX: field trips, classroom w/a positive case, etc.)
  - Face coverings are required, per CDC Order, on school sponsored transportation
    - Includes:
      - transportation to and from school each day
      - transportation to and from school sponsored activities (EX: athletics, co-curriculars, field trips, etc.)
    - Students will sit in assigned seats (max three to a seat)
    - Pick-up and drop-off on Park Avenue and at Lake Park will resume for students in Gr PK 5; resume pick-up/drop-off for students, Gr 6 12, at these locations effective 12/7/21.

### **Quarantine Guidelines:**

Our goal is to keep as many students and staff as possible in school while maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment. The District will continue to contact trace and inform parents or guardians of close contact status.

- Ill children stay home from school until 24 hours fever free.
  - Parents are responsible to monitor their child(ren) each morning: do not send ill children to school
  - Contact the school nurse (x714) if you have concerns or questions about your child's symptoms
- Symptomatic close contacts will be quarantined for 10 days sunsets on 1/20/22.
  - Contact the school nurse (x714) before returning on Day 11
  - o Symptomatic individuals in health offices should mask while parents are contacted for pickup
- Asymptomatic close contacts will not need to quarantine from school *unless* in the same household (exception: if close contact is vaccinated). Sunsets on 1/20/22.
  - Quarantine time: positive case 10 days; close contact 7 days w/negative test result.
  - The District will continue to contact trace and inform parents or guardians of close contact status.
- Only positive cases (students and staff) will be quarantined effective 1/20/22
  - Quarantine time: positive case 10 days
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The District will continue to contact trace and inform parents or guardians of close contact status.
  - o Asymptomatic household members who are not vaccinated will need to:
    - Quarantine (close contact 7 days w/negative test result) OR
    - Participate in the "test to stay" process in order to remain at school:
      - a negative COVID test result on the day of the positive case (or first day of school following notice of positive case); and
      - a negative COVID test result on Day 3; and
      - a negative COVID test result on Day 7

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## **General Operations:**

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  - o Contact the school nurse (x714) if you have concerns or questions about your child's symptoms
- Maintain student-only entry into building at 7:35AM each morning
  - o Parents and visitors who have business in the school must report to the school office
- Allow field trips, including those with overnight and out-of-state/country travel, in keeping with practices used prior to COVID-19 and Board Policies
  - Volunteer chaperones may be allowed; teachers should discuss with building principal and school nurse aforehand
- Volunteers and speakers directly related to instructional lessons and learning activities may be allowed; teachers should discuss with building principal and school nurse aforehand
  - Access to the building by parents and visitors not related to instruction will remain restricted; parents and visitors with school business must report to the school office
- Continue to follow all WIAA rules
- Provide District Administrator continued decision-making ability regarding the institution of additional mitigation strategies in the case of school transmissions

### Operational Management: Water bubbler stations will reopen

- Parents are encouraged to continue sending a water bottle to school with their child
- Ensure hand washing and cleaning practices remain for and in all classrooms
  - $\circ$  ~ Wipe down shared surfaces prior to lunch and prior to leaving for the day
- Assigned seating for contact tracing notification: classrooms, learning environments, and lunch room.
  Seating charts will still be used for notifications on close contacts after contact
- Continue virtual instructional option for students during 2021-2022. Families must commit to virtual instruction for a semester.
- Remove capacity limits for indoor events
- Additional operations at building level will be communicated to parents by building principals. (EX: conferences, synchronous learning schedules, etc.)

### **Guidance and References:**

- Continue to monitor research and guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
- Continue to monitor data and guidance provided by Outagamie County Public Health
- Continue to monitor District data regarding close contacts, positive cases, and related statistics
- Continue to monitor guidance from WIAA
  - Continue to implement all WIAA rules
- Implement all orders, laws, and other legal requirements as mandated by federal, state, and local governments and authorities

## This Plan is fluid and will be revised as needed.

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