

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HILBERT

“OUR PATHWAY FORWARD” RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022

INVEST, INTERACT, INSPIRE... EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY!



OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

GOALS OF THE PLAN:

1. MITIGATION OF COVID-19.
2. MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF LEARNING FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.
3. MINIMIZE SOCIAL DISRUPTION FOR OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF.
4. MINIMIZE ECONOMIC LOSSES FOR OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF.
5. COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS.

MITIGATION PRACTICES FOR FAMILIES AND STAFF

1. **Parent/Guardian should monitor symptoms of child(ren) and keep them home if they are sick. Ill children should be kept home 24 hours fever free.**
2. **Promote frequent handwashing and covering your cough and sneeze.**
3. **Routine cleaning and disinfection of common surfaces.**
4. **Encourage COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible individuals.**
5. **Continue to follow all WIAA rules for athletics.**



COVID-19 PREVENTION PRACTICES

1. **Masking will be optional for students and staff.**
2. **Students/Staff testing positive for COVID-19 will be out of school for 10 days.**
3. **Contact tracing will require household siblings to be quarantined using the 7/10 day guidance, unless they are vaccinated.**
4. **Symptomatic non-household close contacts will be required to stay home until 24 hours fever free and testing is recommended.**
5. **Parents of asymptomatic non-household close contacts will be notified and asked to monitor symptoms, keep home if sick, unless vaccinated.**
6. **Distancing recommendation is to avoid large and/or dense crowds.**



SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

1. **Handwashing and sanitization stations will be located throughout the school and in each classroom.**
2. **Assigned seating will be used to assist in contact tracing.**
3. **Bottle fillers ONLY will be used at this time.**
4. **Continue increased ventilation schedule in building HVAC units.**
5. **Continue online support for students who are quarantined due to COVID-19.**
6. **Fieldtrips will be allowed. Volunteers will be allowed on fieldtrips only, but not back in school at this time.**
7. **Mental health screening and support for students.**



SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

8. **Transportation (busing) routes will remain the same as last year. Four routes with students distanced on the bus in assigned seats. No pick-ups for in-town students at this time. CDC's Order currently requires that masks be worn on public transportation. This is set to remain in place until at least September 13, 2021. Currently, no area schools or transportation companies are requiring masks to be worn. We will revisit this item at the August 16th Board Meeting.**
9. **Clubs and activities will resume as normal and will utilize the appropriate COVID-19 Prevention Practices.**
10. **Athletics will resume as normal and will utilize the guidance from the W.I.A.A to safely hold practices, competitions and events.**



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. **Northeast Region Health Departments “Considerations for Returning to School 2021-2022” Document.**
2. **CDC recommendations for vaccinated individuals.**
3. **Calumet County DHS Metrics.**
4. **Calumet County Health Department/School District Meetings.**
5. **SARS-CoV-2 Data from the American Academy of Pediatrics.**



SUPPORTING INFORMATION CONT...

- 1. Children between 1-18 years of age have lower rates of hospitalization, severe hospitalization and deaths than other age groups.**
- 2. SARS-CoV-2 appears to act differently in children and adolescents than other common respiratory viruses, such as influenza.**
- 3. Children and adolescents play a major role in amplifying influenza outbreaks, to date, this does not appear to be the case with SARS-CoV-2.**
- 4. Evidence indicates that children and adolescents can become infected and are less likely to be symptomatic and less likely to have severe disease from SARS-CoV-2.**
- 5. COVID-19 procedures are intended to mitigate, not eliminate, the risk of transmission. Use of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce the risk of transmission.**

COORDINATED EFFORTS WITH LOCAL/REGIONAL PARTNERS

1. **Center for Disease Control and Prevention.**
2. **Wisconsin Department of Health Services.**
3. **Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators.**
4. **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.**
5. **Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.**
6. **Calumet County Health Department.**
7. **Superintendents - CESA 7 and COVID-19 Regional Meetings.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Decision-making on additional mitigation strategies may be needed depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Staff and Parent Communications sent by August 2, 2021.**
3. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
4. **New Staff Orientation on August 4, 2021.**
5. **Staff In-service Days August 23-26, 2021.**
6. **Open House on August 26, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
7. **First day of school - September 1, 2021.**



UPDATE #2 – BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2021

- 1. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional for the start of the school year on September 1, 2021.**
- 2. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
- 3. Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will be required on buses until this mandate is updated on September 13, 2021.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Staff In-service Days August 23-26, 2021.**
4. **Open House on August 26, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
5. **First day of school - September 1, 2021.**
6. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on September 20, 2021.**



UPDATE #3 - BOARD MEETING ON SEPT. 20, 2021

- 1. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
- 2. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
- 3. Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until January 2022.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on October 25, 2021.**



UPDATE #4 – BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2021

- 1. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
- 2. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
- 3. Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until January 2022.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on November 15, 2021.**



UPDATE #5 - BOARD MEETING ON NOV. 15, 2021

1. **Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
2. **Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
3. **Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until January 2022.**
4. **Does the Board of Ed. want to look at or see a criteria for masking (classroom, school or District), quarantine/virtual for a classroom, etc.?**
5. **Is the Board of Ed. ok with us hosting a vaccination clinic for elementary aged students?**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on December 20, 2021.**



UPDATE #6 – BOARD MEETING ON DEC. 20, 2021

1. **Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
2. **Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
3. **Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until **March 18, 2022**.**
4. **We are still looking at hosting a vaccination clinic here in cooperation with the Calumet County Health Department.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on January 17, 2022.**



UPDATE #7 – BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2022

1. **As of January 10, 2022, we changed our quarantine and isolation guidelines to meet the recommendations from CDC, DHS and Calumet County Health Dept. (see diagram in board packet).**
2. **Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
3. **Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
4. **Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until March 18, 2022.**
5. **We are still looking at hosting a vaccination clinic here in cooperation with the Calumet County Health Department.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2022.**



UPDATE #8 – BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2022

- 1. We have seen a definite decline in cases over the last 3-4 weeks. This is consistent with what is being seen in the Fox Valley area. We definitely had to weather the storm from about Mid-December to the end of January. Our staff has continued to be solid, supportive and very flexible in covering for each other.**
- 2. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
- 3. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine and contact tracing guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
- 4. Due to a Federal Mandate (CDC and TSA), masks/face coverings will continue to be required on buses until March 18, 2022. We will continue to monitor this date.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on March 21, 2022.**



UPDATE #9 – BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2022

- 1. We have seen a definite decline in cases to the point that we have not had students out on quarantine or with a positive case in weeks. From what I am hearing from my health meetings, we are definitely trending in a positive direction for the upcoming months and hopefully can focus on other things in education for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.**
- 2. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
- 3. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, etc.**
- 4. As of March 1, 2022, masks/face coverings are no longer required for school transportation (buses, vans, etc.).**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on April 18, 2022.**



UPDATE #10 – BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2022

- 1. We have not seen a positive case among students and staff since seen February 26, 2022. With things trending in a positive direction, we have started our focus on other things in education for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.**
- 2. Maintain status of masks/face coverings being optional at this time and we will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in schools.**
- 3. Maintain our recommendation for layered mitigation in schools (frequent hand washing/sanitizing, increased ventilation with our HVAC stations, quarantine guidelines, emphasis on staying home if you are sick, additional cleaning in schools, vaccinations, etc.**



NEXT STEPS...

1. **Continued adjustments to additional mitigation strategies depending on local data and cases of school transmission.**
2. **Continue meetings with local, regional and state partners. This has switched from weekly meetings to once a month.**
3. **Update at Regular Board Meeting on May 16, 2022.**

