



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTH FOND DU LAC

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RE: Welcome Back to School Plan!

Dear Oriole Nation Families,

Welcome to the 2021 – 2022 school year. We are excited to get our students back full time, every day! We are very appreciative of the cooperation and team work that all of you have shown over a very trying past 18 months. We look forward to providing our students a great educational and co-curricular experience as the 2021 – 2022 school year opens. We are going to continue to monitor closely the impact COVID-19 has on our community, specifically in our schools and if we need to adjust protocols we will.

We will not be having multiple learning models during the 2021 – 2022 school year. Students will have access to in-person instruction. Our eOriole Academy will not be offered at this time.

I continue to work closely with Nurse Bridgett Amadon to review input from our community members, staff, [Center for Disease Control](#), [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), the [Fond du Lac County Health Department](#), health care professionals, and other area school districts. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 and the health of our students and community throughout the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mitigation measures including, but not limited to, required face coverings, extended quarantines, capacity limits to events, and increased co-horting may be put in place during the year to allow our kids to stay in schools safely – we want our kids safely in school as much as possible!

Thank you for reviewing our Welcome Back Plan. Your principal will communicate any information more specific to each school site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (my contact information is below) or Nurse Bridgett Amadon at bamadon@nfdlschools.org. Have a great rest of the summer and see you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

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Fall 2021 Welcome Back Plan

Adopted – July 26th, 2021 Revised on September 7th, 2021

After an unbelievable 18 months of successfully navigating COVID-19 in our schools and community, the District is excited to announce the procedures and plans for coming back to school this fall. Here is the plan that the District will be following as we welcome our students back to full-time school!

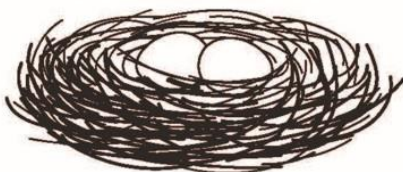
Main Areas of Mitigation

- Parent/Guardian monitor symptoms of child and keep home if sick (see included Student/Parent Pledge)
- Promote hand washing, sanitizing, and covering one’s cough/sneeze
- Routine cleaning and disinfection of common surfaces in schools
- Encourage COVID-19 vaccination to all eligible individuals
- Try to keep 3 feet of separation when possible

Disease Prevention Practices *(approved by the Fond du Lac County Health Department)*

Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Adjust Metrics for Maneuvering through the stages online at www.nfdlschools.org
Contact Tracing School Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine household siblings, <i>unless vaccinated</i> (school to notify parents of others exposed)
Quarantine Household Contacts (symptomatic and asymptomatic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and follow CDC/WI-DHS guidelines for release of at least 14 calendar days of quarantine, <i>unless vaccinated</i>
Quarantine Non-Household close contacts (symptomatic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and follow CDC/WI-DHS guidelines for release of at least 14 calendar days of quarantine
Quarantine of Non-Household close contacts (asymptomatic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify parent and ask to monitor for symptoms, keep home if sick and follow above guidelines.
Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid large and/or dense crowds

Welcome back to the nest!



The metrics and sources of information that will be used if we need to look at changing from the current model of all in school and current process/procedures:

1. Staff and Student Infection and Illness - Safety
2. Community Infection Rates
3. Guidance from the Fond du Lac County Health Department (FDL CO HD)
4. District Preparedness

#1. Staff and Student Infection and Illness - Safety

Working with the Health Team and FDL CO HD, the District will monitor cases and spread in schools, and will adjusted policies and procedures if needed to slow the spread of COVID-19, this may include the possibility of requiring masks, adjusting schedules, changing methods of delivery of instruction, etc. The goal is to keep our schools safe and all students and staff in school, but if necessary the District will adjust as needed

#2. Community Infection Rates

Working with the FDL CO HD, if the healthcare system gets strained because of rising cases, we work with the FDL CO HD and other area schools and districts to do our part to help slow the spread and take the strain off of the healthcare system.

#3. Guidance from the Fond du Lac County Health Department

This plan and all future plans are approved and supported by the FDL CO HD. We will continue to work with them and make sure that we are in line with recommendations and procedures to help continue to make our schools and community safe

#4. District Preparedness – WE ARE READY!

The District has the following in place for practice:

- High quality cleaning systems
- Enhanced air quality through HVAC upgrades
- Bottle filling stations throughout the District
- Promote hand hygiene procedures
- Stay home if not feeling well reminders
- Ability to trace and communicate COVID-19 cases and information to stakeholders – devolving and adjusting as needed
- Ability to do onsite COVID-19 testing for students and staff
- 90% of staff reporting being fully vaccinated
- Offering vaccinations to all age eligible students (either in an onsite clinic or through working with the FDL CO HD and local healthcare providers)



Detailed COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols to Start

2021-2022 School Year

Face Covering Guidelines

- Face coverings are optional but highly recommended, specifically for students and staff that are non-vaccinated.
 - Until a Federal mandate is lifted, masking will be required on all busses.
 - Students who are being sent home due to meeting the COVID-19 symptom protocol will be asked to wear a mask while they wait to be picked up by a parent.

Quarantine Guidelines

- Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate for 10 days
 - The 10-day isolation period begins the day the individual became symptomatic or, if asymptomatic, the day the positive test sample was collected.
 - Individuals must quarantine through day 10 and can return to school on day 11 or once symptoms are improving. (some may have to isolate longer because of symptoms not improving).
- Students or staff members who are identified as a close contact to someone who has COVID-19 outside of their household will not need to quarantine if they are asymptomatic or if they have been vaccinated.
 - Students or staff who are close contacts to a household member who has COVID-19 will still have to quarantine unless they are vaccinated. The length of the quarantine would need to be 14 days, but could be shortened to 7 or 10 days (depending on symptomatology and test results) from the last contact with the positive individual.
 - If the close contact has still not had any symptoms of COVID-19 after 10 days from when the close contact occurred, they can return from quarantine.
 - If the close contact has not had any symptoms of COVID-19 and receives a negative COVID-19 test result on day 6 of their quarantine or later, they can return from quarantine after 7 days.
 - The definition of a close contact will remain the same as last year: six feet for 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period of time.
 - It is still recommended that anyone who is found to be a close contact be tested, regardless of whether or not they are experiencing symptoms.
 - The District will continue to contact trace and inform parents or guardians of close contact status.
- Students or staff members who become symptomatic after being identified as a close contact to someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine until they have been fever-free for 24 hours, have seen an improvement in symptoms and have received negative PCR test results. IF A POSITIVE PCR TEST – follow the above guidelines.
 - Those who don't get tested must quarantine for 10 days from when their symptoms first began.

- Students or staff members who meet the District's COVID-19 symptom protocol must quarantine until they have been fever-free for 24 hours, have seen an improvement in symptoms, and have received negative PCR test results.
 - Those who don't get tested must quarantine for 10 days from when their symptoms first began.
- **Parents are asked to keep their children home from school if they are ill – Please refer to the Student and Parent Pledge!**

Operational Guidelines

- The District will once again be allowing field trips for the 2021-2022 school year.
- All North Fond du Lac athletic teams will follow all WIAA requirements related to COVID – 19.
- Bottle filling stations will be available for use.
- Plexiglass dividers maybe used in classrooms or other school settings.
- Regular cleaning and sanitization practices will continue to be in place.
- Handwashing/ hand hygiene will continue to be emphasized.
- Assigned seating will continue to be used in the classroom and other school settings to allow for contact tracing.
- The District will not place capacity limits for spectators at school events.
- Visitors will be permitted for academic purposes.
- Elementary students remain the most vulnerable population in the District due to the fact they are not eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. As a result, there may be additional/ more restrictive mitigation measures used at the elementary level at certain points during the school year. For example, lunch rooms and assemblies will have assigned seating areas to assist with contact tracing. Any additional mitigation measures that are put in place at specific schools or grade levels will be communicated to parents by building administrators.