# Dodgeland School District Safe Return

to Universal In-Person Learning Environment

2021 - 2022 School Year



## Our plan focuses on the safe return of all students

Based on the belief that in-person learning is the optimal environment for student academic success and social-emotional growth, our plan focuses on the safe return of all students to in-person learning for the 2021 – 2022 school year. With COVID-19 still present in our communities, the measures outlined below continue some of the impactful mitigation measures put into place last year, while also allowing for a significant return to "normal". This plan was created in response to our data and experiences during the 2020 – 2021 school year, as well as this year's Summer School.

#### Face masks are optional in all environments.

If a student or staff member feel more comfortable wearing a face mask, we respect that decision. If a student or staff member is more comfortable not wearing a face mask, we also respect that decision. Please be advised that the District may require face masks if there is an increase in COVID-positive cases within our building.

### Students will not be required to sit three or more feet apart nor will students be eating meals in their classrooms.

Similar to requiring face masks, if COVID is spreading through our building, we may require physical distancing of three feet.

#### Vaccinations are encouraged, but not required.

While we do not require COVID vaccinations, please be advised that a direct or close contact with a COVID-positive individual will necessitate an inquiry about vaccination status. Vaccinated individuals do not need to be guarantined.

### Voluntary COVID testing will be provided on-site.

The District will be authorized to provide COVID tests to symptomatic students and staff; however, the test will not be administered without the express written consent of a parent / guardian for any student under 18 years of age. A copy of the consent form will be available on our website, sent home with all students, and available in our offices.

### Quarantining will be limited to a COVID-positive individual's immediate family.

We plan to significantly modify the role of contact tracing. If an individual tests positive for COVID, we will require the quarantining of students from the same household. If we can determine that COVID has spread to other individuals as a result of a close or direct contact, we may return to more restrictive guidance on quarantining.

## Sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces will continue to be done on a regular basis.

One of the benefits of implementing mitigation measures this past year was the significant decrease in other illnesses such as the flu and colds. Disinfecting spray and cleaning cloths will be widely available for use by students and staff.

## Similarly, frequent handwashing will continue to be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in multiple locations.

Last year, our students learned to be more intentional about washing their hands. We believe clean hands contributed to a lower rate of common illnesses.

#### We will function at full-capacity.

The District will not limit the number of spectators for athletic events or other activities, such as concerts. There is no expectation that guests will be required to sit six feet apart. However, if any individual is more comfortable sitting away from others, we respect and will accommodate that decision.



## Please help us keep our doors open and uninterrupted in-person learning occurring.

Keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well. Please do not send your child back to school unless his or her symptoms have improved or are gone.

# Do not send your child to school if they have:

- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- · Loss of taste or smell
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Chills
- Congestion or runny nose not attributed to allergies
- Body or muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Nausea / Vomiting

If your child is experiencing the symptoms during school hours, you will be contacted to pick up your child. If necessary, the listed emergency contact person will be contacted. Please review your contact information in PowerSchool to make certain it is updated.

If you signed the consent form to have your child tested for COVID at school, trained school personnel will test your child prior to sending him or her home.

If you did not consent to have your child tested at school and your child is experiencing the symptoms, the District highly encourages you to call your healthcare provider regarding your child's symptoms. If your child is tested for COVID, please contact our School Nurse with the results. She may be reached by calling (920) 386-8294 or (920) 386-4404, option #7.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.
Working together, we can experience a great school year!



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