



Marshfield R-I Schools

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Marshfield R-1 School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan Summary

As conditions around COVID-19 continue to fluctuate, Marshfield Schools is evaluating mitigating measures that can best support a return to more normal operations. Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely continuing in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year is a priority.

Marshfield Schools is planning to implement the following updated protocols for the 2021-22 school year, based on current data. This approach remains focused on layered mitigation strategies with the ability to reinstate or discontinue specific strategies based on community transmission rates. Please note, this is a living document and subject to change based on current data trends.

We will continue to seek guidance from health authorities, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. **Should circumstances change, adjustments to our plans at the building and/or district level may be necessary, and we will share these adjustments with our families and staff.**

UPDATED GUIDANCE

FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:

As of July 27, 2021, the CDC recommends face coverings be worn indoors by all individuals within schools, regardless of vaccination status. The current Yellow 1 Safety Measures state the following.

Staff: Mask are strongly recommended for staff when social distancing (<3 feet) is not possible.

Students: Mask are strongly recommended for all students when social distancing (< 3 feet) is not possible.

Masks will not be expected when outside or during PE classes or when students are asked to be physically active.

Transportation: Face coverings will continue to be required for all individuals on a school bus per federal order. This is a federal order, not recommendation, meaning school buses fall under the public transportation order:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

STAFF AND STUDENT SCREENING: Self-screening will continue to be emphasized and expected for all staff, students, and visitors before entering any school facility (stay home when signs of any infectious illness are present and refer to healthcare provider for testing and care). Staff, students, and visitors will be asked to conduct the following daily wellness check.

Daily Wellness Check

DO YOU HAVE ...

- A FEVER
- A COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- FATIGUE
- MUSCHLE OR BODY ACHES
- CHILLS
- A HEADACHE
- A NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- A SORE THROAT
- CONGESTION OR A RUNNY NOSE
- NAUSEA, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA

AND/OR HAVE YOU ...

BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT TO A KNOWN POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE WITHIN THE LAST 14 DAYS?

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THESE QUESTIONS

PLEASE STAY HOME!

CLEANING AND SANITATION:

- Staff and students will continue to be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day, practice respiratory etiquette and hand sanitizer will continue to be available in all schools.
- District cleaning and maintenance procedures will continue to follow enhanced disinfection and sanitation protocols, especially for frequently touched surfaces.
- Increased outdoor air, ventilation and filtering through the HVAC systems will continue to be used as a mitigation strategy.

FOOD SERVICE AND HYDRATION:

- School food service will resume normal meal serving practices, as research has shown the virus is not transmitted as easily on surfaces. Personal snacks will be allowed to be brought to school when done in accordance with current handbook procedures.
- The use of water fountains will be utilized for water bottle filling stations. Students and staff are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to school.

CONTACT TRACING AND REPORTING CASES:

- Direct communication with the Webster County Health Unit of the school related cases.
- Communication with staff and families of exposure possibilities.
- Transition quarantined students / staff into a temporary virtual setting.
- Follow modified quarantine guidance from Webster County Health Unit when possible.

BUILDING VISITORS AND EVENT CAPACITY:

Schools will limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations. Essential visitors may be allowed on campus, following standard visiting rules.

Examples of essential visitor functions include:

Parent/staff meetings

Student check-in and check-out

Student/staff internships and academic experiences, including class presentations

Approved parent volunteers

- Currently, due to social distancing, parents wishing to eat lunch with their students are not permitted at this time.
- Currently there will be no capacity restrictions at events. However, current information and data will continue to be obtained from DESE, MSHSAA, and the Webster County Health Department.

CONTINUITY OF ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Seated, in-person instruction will be provided on campus each school day by Marshfield teachers.
- Students in isolation or quarantine should contact their teacher(s) for work to be completed at home during isolation or quarantine. Work will be provided through SeeSaw (PK-5th) and Canvas (6th – 12th) and/or other resources.

- Online learning instruction will be provided by Marshfield teachers in the event of a building-wide or district-wide COVID-related closure.
- Students and families that are interested in virtual coursework should contact the student’s school building office.

MONITORING

The Marshfield R-1 School District will continue to monitor community transmission trends and data, and will adjust protocol accordingly should the need arise. If increased community spread of COVID-19 becomes a concern, the District will strengthen or add to prevention strategies.

QUARANTINE DETERMINATION

The Webster County Health Unit oversees all quarantines among our students and staff.

Close contact is defined as spending a minimum 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 3 feet of a Covid-19 positive individual.

Per CDC guidance, individuals 12 and older that are symptom free and fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine following close contact to a Covid-19 positive individual. (Proof of vaccination must be provided.)

CURRENT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES SUMMARY

Mitigation Strategy	District Plan
Masking	<p>Staff: Mask are strongly recommended for staff when social distancing (<3 feet) is not possible.</p> <p>Students: Mask are strongly recommended for all students when social distancing (< 3 feet) is not possible.</p> <p>Masks will not be expected when outside or during PE classes or when students are asked to be physically active</p> <p>Transportation: Face coverings will continue to be required for all individuals on a school bus per federal order. This is a federal order, not recommendation, meaning school buses fall under the public transportation order:</p>
Physical distancing	<p>Social distancing when possible</p> <p>Mandatory seating charts</p>

Mitigation Strategy	District Plan
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Taught & reinforced Sanitizer & tissue provided
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Increased cleaning for high-touch surfaces Individual water bottles encouraged; bottle fillers available in all buildings
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Consistent with CDC and Webster County Health Department guidelines Contact tracing from our district nurses
Diagnostic and screening testing	Home screening by parents and staff Visual or reported symptom screenings by school staff Testing in many local doctor offices and businesses
Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	Partner with local clinic & health department for vaccination opportunities for staff and students Share information on vaccination clinics available for students
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies	Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plan

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The full Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan may be viewed at the following link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ID9ZBnr5zZDCEljtgbVWwiGS5c8q5SIKupPfa_5pwLw/edit