

## **Return to Learn Plan Indianola Community School District**

The following is an Updated Return to Learn Plan for the Indianola Community School District. After review and if approved by the Board of Education this Return to Learn Plan would be effective from September 28, 2022-January 31, 2023 (if no changes need to be made, the plan will continue as written). It is important to note, local, state, and federal laws and guidance may cause changes to this Return to Learn Plan at any time in order to remain compliant.

The district will comply with state laws while collaborating with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Warren County Health Services (WCHS) to provide students and staff a safe learning environment. Families should determine what the best decision is for their health regarding whether their child will wear a mask, be vaccinated, and/or adopt other mitigation strategies. Our aim is to work together as a community to protect our children and find positive ways to support each other in these decisions.

In May of 2021, the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Public Education directed COVID-19 be addressed as any other childhood illness. Below is a link from the IDPH addressing childhood illnesses and exclusion.

### [Common Child Illnesses and Exclusion Criteria for Education and Child Care Settings](#)

Students and staff who receive a positive COVID-19 test result will still have the following isolation requirements regardless of vaccination status: ICSD will follow the Iowa Department of Public Health guidance and will not be contact tracing.

| <b>Illness</b> | <b>Exclude</b>  | <b>Return to School</b>  |
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| COVID-19       | Yes, for 5 days from positive test (if no symptoms) or symptoms onset.<br><br>Those who are unable to wear a mask, choose not to wear a mask, have moderate or severe COVID-19 illness, or are immunocompromised exclude for 10 days. | On day 6 if fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and if symptoms have improved. Per CDC guidance, should wear a mask from days 6-10.<br><br>On day 11 if fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine and if symptoms have improved. |

Those who have been exposed to a person with a positive Covid-19 test result will not be required to isolate as long as they are asymptomatic.

### **Health and Safety**

Teachers will emphasize good hand hygiene and may direct or instruct students on handwashing in an age appropriate fashion. Attention will be given to frequent sanitizing of high touch surfaces. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout district buildings.

Custodial staff will continue with their current cleaning and disinfecting of our school facilities.

### **Wellness (Social Emotional Behavioral Health)**

The district has created a web page with many resources for parents, students, and staff at the following location: <https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/district/wellness/>

Staff can locate resources in the Employee Resources section of [www.indianola.k12.ia.us](http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us)

The district partners with local mental health providers to have onsite mental health counseling available in each school building. Information about these services can be found in any school building office or school counselor office.

The state also has resources available for request at the following website: <https://www.covidrecoveryiowa.org/>

Transportation, Food Service, Child Care, and all other educational and extracurricular functions and activities of the district will operate as normal. The district will continue to communicate as needed with public health and education partners as well as with the Indianola CSD community.