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[The Fontana Joint 8 School District's Health and Safety plan can also be found on the District website by clicking HERE.](#)

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

It is important to note that the Fontana Joint 8 School District Health and Safety Plan is a fluid plan and will evolve as new information becomes available and guidelines from the Department of Education, the state of Wisconsin, and the Walworth County Department of Health evolve. The Fontana Joint 8 School District is committed to navigating any changes to this situation, and to make adjustments to the plans if needed. The District will strive to minimize the overall effects of COVID-19. **The health and safety of the entire school community will remain our priority.** It is important to note that this document is rooted in the understanding and belief that social interaction and in-person instruction is essential to our students' emotional well-being, as well as their educational growth and advancement.



2021-2022

How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Fontana Joint 8 School District will continue to work closely with other school districts in our area, Big Foot Area School (BFASA), and other educational entities to ensure the safe reopening and operation of our school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate our schools for in-person learning. We will also continue to make decisions based on guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Education (DPI), the Walworth County Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Practices and procedures, to the greatest extent practicable, will align with these entities in order to support prevention and mitigation efforts in response to the fluid conditions that may arise as we start the next school year during a pandemic.

The CDC recommends the integration of various prevention and control components, which we will ensure is reflected in our mitigation efforts.

Prevention strategies will include the correct use of PPE as ordered or recommended by local health officials, physical distancing when appropriate and possible, continued handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, and contact tracing in conjunction with the Walworth County Health Department.

How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

The District will provide services including academics, students' and staff members' social, emotional, and mental health, student health and food services, and any other needs that arise to ensure continuity of services. The District will accomplish this by continuing with five-day-a-week, face-to-face instruction. If necessary, due to case numbers or other extenuating factors, the District is able to use hybrid or virtual learning.

If a hybrid or virtual learning environment is necessary, we will work together to ensure that not just academic needs of students are met, but all of the needs of our students are met using a variety of tools and resources. Digital tools such as Google, live streaming, and SeeSaw will be used as delivery methods. Communication tools will include Google Meet, Zoom, email, phone, or any of a variety of other methods of communication.



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We will continue to provide devices to students and families. The District has the ability to provide a Chromebook to every student. If the internet is not an option for our students and families, printed materials and packets will be available. The District also has WiFi devices to share with families in need of local internet in the event of long distance learning requirements.

The decision to close our school and move to remote instruction will be made by the District Administrative team in consultation with the District Nurse based on any one or combination of the following:

1. An inability to complete contact tracing in a timely manner.
2. An inability to adequately staff our building based on absenteeism among faculty and/or staff.
3. An inability to accurately track the source of infections.
4. The number of cases exceeds safety within the school.

****Targeted and preventative closures will be utilized only when necessary.**

In person, fully online, or hybrid professional development opportunities will be an option for faculty and staff. This will be based on guidance from the Wisconsin DPI, the Walworth County Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The District will complete face-to-face professional development unless the CDC, DPI, or Walworth County Health Department instructs us that we are not able to.

We will also continue to require an individualized approach for students with disabilities consistent with the student's IEP or 504 plan. We will consider adaptations and alternatives to COVID mitigation strategies while continuing all efforts to protect students, teachers, and staff to the great extent possible.

As conditions change throughout the year in relation to COVID protocols, we will ensure communication is maintained with all employees, districts, and stakeholders in the programs and communities we serve.

Use the table below to explain how the District will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.



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ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
UNIVERSAL AND CORRECT WEARING OF MASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fontana Joint 8 School District will start the 21/22 school year with a mask optional protocol except when in the classroom and in small groups. When in small groups, masks may be required in the classroom, with teacher discretion, to mitigate the spread of COVID in indoor spaces. The District will follow face covering requirements as established by the Walworth County Department of Health, CDC, and DPI as they change throughout the school year to the greatest extent while taking into consideration local data. Any changes to the guidance will be communicated to the staff and students. All mask requirements will comply with a student's IEP or 504 plan.
MODIFYING FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District will follow current Walworth County Health Department, CDC, and DPI guidance in relation to physical distancing to the greatest extent feasible. Any physical distancing modifications will comply with a student's IEP or 504 plan.
SPECIFIC MITIGATION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES	
Please contact the building principal and/or district nurse if an exception to any of the following mitigation and/or prevention strategies is needed.	
FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT SCREENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty, staff, and students are to complete daily COVID screening prior to coming to school. If a student/child attending Fontana School and our Falcon Early Childhood Center has any of the following symptoms the child cannot return until the symptom(s) have been resolved for 48 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen Diarrhea Vomiting Rash Sore Throat Eye Discharge/Drainage
SCHEDULE	<p>The District will return to the regular schedule for students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School start time 8:15a (doors open at 8a) Dismissal 3:30p (both bus and car riders)
CLASSROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing in the classroom will be to the greatest extent feasible, while maintaining a pre-pandemic classroom with small group tables, reading areas, learning centers, etc., which is more conducive for a learning space. Furniture, not



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	<p>including desks, should be minimized, however, not to the detriment of student learning. Furniture should have an academic/social-emotional purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers to have assigned seating with an updated seating chart at all times. Seating charts are imperative when contact tracing is necessary.• Faculty, staff, and students should sanitize before and after entering classrooms.• When appropriate, faculty and staff should keep windows open for ventilation purposes.• Doors should be left open, but locked for ventilation purposes.• Identify and utilize large spaces (i.e. gymnasiums, auditoriums, and outside spaces) as weather permits and when applicable.• Maintain distance between faculty, staff, students, and parents when not disruptive to academics / social emotional learning.• If any exceptions need to be considered, please contact the district nurse and/or building principal.
BUS TRANSPORTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The District will follow face covering requirements as established by the Walworth County Health Department, DPI and Dousman Transportation. MASKS REQUIRED ON ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. <p>Any changes to the guidance will be communicated to the faculty, staff, students, parents, and bus garage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must have assigned seats on the bus for contact tracing responsibilities.• Roof hatches (if applicable) and windows will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.• Students will be separated to the maximum extent feasible.• Traffic patterns may need adjusted depending on the number of students being picked-up or dropped-off each day. Any pattern changes will be communicated to their school community.• If any exceptions need to be considered, please contact the district nurse and/or building principal.
SHARING OF MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty, staff, and students should sanitize hands before and after using shared materials.• If any exceptions need to be considered, please contact the district nurse and/or building principal.
LOCKERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lockers will be used• Lockers are available upon request for those not offered lockers in their grade
HALLWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signs will be placed throughout hallways to remind faculty, staff, and students to practice social distancing when feasible.• All furniture in common hallway spaces will be evaluated regarding its purpose. Any unnecessary materials will be removed to avoid any unneeded clutter.



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RESTROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of stalls/urinals will dictate the number of people permitted in the restrooms.• Faculty, staff, and students should sanitize before and after use.
CAFETERIA - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All lunches will be served in the cafeteria using cafeteria tables. The spacing of students will be to the greatest extent feasible, using the cafeteria tables.• Breakfast will served in the cafeteria and students will be able to bring those back to their room• A full menu will be served. Given the very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.• Students will use the serving line. Physical distancing reminders will be posted.• All students will have an assigned table in the cafeteria for contact tracing purposes. This will be adjusted periodically to allow for different socialization opportunities.• All faculty, staff, and students must sanitize and/or wash hands before and after lunch.• All cafeteria tables will be sanitized before new students sit at the table.• Any lunch visitations must be scheduled through the office. There will be no “pop-in” lunch visitors permitted. Lunch visitations will only be permitted when they are pre scheduled and may include a different location due to space limitations and contract tracing responsibilities.• If any exceptions need to be considered, please contact the district nurse and/or building principal.
RECESS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, CHORUS, AND BAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks do not need to be worn outdoors.• Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing will be done before and after recess and PE.• Weather permitting, hold recess and PE outside.• Locker rooms will be used for PE. Visual reminders for distancing will be utilized.• Equipment for PE and recess can be used. Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing should be used after equipment use.• Staggered schedules will be created at each building to maintain a moderate number of students at recess.• Chorus and band will both resume in pre-COVID format.• If any exceptions need to be considered, please contact the district nurse and/or building principal.
SIGNAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage will be used throughout the building to remind faculty, staff, and students of proper pandemic etiquette such as handwashing, social distancing, water fountain usage, etc.



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SPECIFIC FACULTY AND STAFF MITIGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Faculty and staff rooms are available for employees.● If employees are exhibiting any medical symptoms, they should not come to work.● Employees should clean surfaces before and after sitting in the faculty room.● Professional development and faculty meetings will be in person, unless otherwise prohibited by CDC, Walworth County Health, or DPI. Employees should contact their building principal if there is an extenuating circumstance.● Maintain social distancing when feasible.
OUTSIDE VISITORS / GUEST SPEAKERS / ASSEMBLIES (FOR DAYTIME EVENTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All outside visitors, guest speakers, and / or assemblies must be scheduled with the office.● All District pandemic protocol must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to, symptom check prior to arrival, seating charts, social distancing to the maximum extent feasible, without compromising the academic/social-emotional learning.● If students are congregated in an assembly, an accurate seating chart must be kept for contract tracing responsibilities.● If necessary, pictures will support the contract tracing. (for example: a pep rally).● Schools may need to limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations if community transmission is high.● All classroom visitors (i.e. Rotary readers, guest speakers to classrooms etc.) will be required to wear masks.
FIELD TRIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Field trips are permitted, but all District pandemic protocol must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to, symptom check prior to arrival, seating charts, social distancing to the maximum extent feasible, without compromising the academic/social-emotional learning.● Faculty and staff must have a seating chart on the bus going to and from a field trip for contract tracing responsibilities.
CHROMEBOOKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The District's technology department will organize a system to distribute chromebooks to students K-12.● Chromebooks should not be used between students.● Students are encouraged to sanitize their device once a day.
EVENING EVENTS AND/OR PTSO SPONSORED EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● An individualized safety plan will be put in place for all evening and/or PTSO sponsored day or evening events. The building principal and district nurse will work with the group/PTSO to create the individualized safety plan. This may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Extra spacingb. More tablesc. Symptom screening prior to the event



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A consistent message on all events will be sent to parents regarding the event. This message will be drafted by the district administration and district nurse.• All events are voluntary.
OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS USING DISTRICT FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outside organizations are permitted to use the facility, but must follow the building use protocol, as well as follow the District's pandemic protocols. Outside organizations must speak with the district administration prior to the event to discuss protocol and an individualized safety plan.• Schools may need to limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations if community transmission is high.
HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The District will follow the current CDC, Walworth County Health, and/or DPI guidelines for handwashing and respiratory etiquette to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.o The use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.o Avoidance of touching the eyes, nose, and mouth.o The covering of coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your elbow.o Hand sanitizer will be located at the entrance of all schools.• Faculty, staff, and student should wash or sanitize:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Before and after eatingo Upon entering into the classroom / schoolo When moving between roomso After using the restroomo After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing• Signage will continue to be posted to remind students and staff of proper handwashing techniques.• Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and not touching your face.
CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES, INCLUDING IMPROVING VENTILATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The District will follow the current CDC, Walworth County Health, and/or DPI guidelines for cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Refrain from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect. Students will be provided an opportunity to perform hand hygiene prior to and following handling shared items.o Clean your telephone, computer keyboard, and other high-touch items at the end of each workday.o Share in the cleaning and disinfecting of communal equipment such as printers throughout the building.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nightly, buildings will be thoroughly sanitized to include high touch surfaces. This includes restrooms.• Disinfectant and hand sanitizer will be provided to each classroom for daily use.• Drinking fountains are available as filling stations for water bottles or cups in all buildings. Signage will be posted at each drinking fountain to instruct proper use. All drinking fountains will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.• All buses will be sanitized per Dousman and health protocols.• Sanitization of cafeterias will occur between each scheduled lunch. <p><u>Positive Case Protocol:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify areas used by the individual.• Use appropriate PPE.• Close area.• Open windows and doors to ventilate the area.• Clean and disinfect all common contact surfaces.• Fogging will be used additionally as needed for any identified areas from a positive case. <p><u>Ventilation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When in occupied mode, the District is bringing in 25% outside air.• Classroom doors should be left open to increase ventilation. Classroom doors should be locked in case they will need to be closed quickly.• As per the DOH, fans are permissible in classrooms.• Open windows to increase air circulation in the area when possible, including transportation vehicles.• All preventative maintenance has been conducted on all HVAC equipment to ensure proper airflow and filtering. All systems are code compliant with all WI/DPI Building Codes.• HVAC system to be set to bring in as much outdoor air as will safely allow. HVAC system at maximum outside airflow for 2 hours before and after the building is occupied to refresh air before arrival and remove remaining particles at the end of the day.• Ventilation will be monitored and adjusted as needed. The most stringent filters will be used in the HVAC system
CONTACT TRACING IN COMBINATIONS WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE, IN COLLABORATIONS WITH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-8 students/parents and staff will be asked to self-screen prior to coming to school using CDC's self-screen symptoms. Students/parents and staff are instructed to stay home if they are sick. Following Fontana Joint 8 District policy, anyone who



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screens 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent to the nurse's office to be assessed for potential dismissal home.

- Walworth County Department of Health has adopted CDC's testing out of quarantine with specimens collected on or after day 6 of quarantine, allowing for end of quarantine at day 8 if return to school criteria is met.
- Grades K-8: isolation areas are established (separate from the regular nursing office) for staff and students who are symptomatic. Isolation room disinfecting will occur once students are picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Fontana District Administration in collaboration with school nursing, personnel, and attendance will track students and or staff in quarantine and or isolation.
- Parents will be communicated with to update contact information and emergency contacts at the start of the year.
- Parents will be communicated with regarding the requirement to pick up students if contacted who are exhibiting symptoms.
- All local and state health department guidelines will continue to be updated and followed as changes occur.
- Students and staff will be required to isolate and or quarantine per the DOH guidelines. Students and staff requiring isolation and/or quarantine will be tracked through time of release. Contact investigation will be used to make determinations with regard to necessary close contact quarantines following local health department guidelines.
- Based on Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, individuals do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another individual with COVID-19 if they are fully vaccinated (i.e. >2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine or >2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a 1-dose vaccine) AND they have remained asymptomatic since the exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Following the CDC update on use of SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing does not require quarantine if asymptomatic AND has a positive antibody test during the 3 months prior to the exposure; OR, the person receives a positive antibody test within 7 days following an exposure.
- We will notify the individuals who have been contact traced and required to complete a 10-day quarantine (from date of exposure). Employees, parents, students, and community will be notified as required.
- We will update active case counts via website dashboard.
- We will follow local, state, and CDC when considering an intermittent building closure for COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to; if our building experiences rapid and or



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	<p>uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 related to a cluster transmission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fontana School website, Facebook, and text messaging will be utilized to share any necessary information with parents, staff and community following DPI/DOH guidelines.
DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING TESTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will follow the CDC/DPI/DOH K-8 Operational Strategy and will advise students, teachers, and staff to stay home if they do not feel well, are taking fever reducing medications, or if they have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and not fully vaccinated. We will refer symptomatic individuals to talk to their healthcare provider for clinical evaluation and diagnostic testing.• If a student, teacher, or staff member becomes sick at school, they will be isolated until departure to home, and a referral letter for further evaluation will be sent home with the student. This notifies parents or guardians on initiating diagnostic testing strategies, clinical evaluation, and return to school requirements.• Any staff or student that is quarantined and/or in isolation due to COVID or COVID close contact are required to provide evidence of a negative COVID test (home test not allowable) before returning to school.• Faculty and staff are to complete the usual procedures for reporting off of work or school.• If a student, teacher, or staff member reports a new COVID-19 diagnosis, isolation dates will be given in coordination with the Department of Health following guidelines. The individual will be required to complete the necessary isolation prior to return. Case investigation, contact tracing, and notification will be completed upon report.• Students and Staff will monitor their health prior to reporting to and while at the workplace / school.• Students and Staff will follow the guidance in relation to screening and testing.• If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, the employee is to notify the district nurse and school administration immediately to discuss isolation or quarantine procedures. Parents of positive students are to notify the district administration and/or district nurse if they or a member of their household have tested positive for COVID-19.



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EFFORTS TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fontana Joint 8 School District continues to promote COVID-19 vaccination through education to students, faculty, staff, and the community. We are committed to the health and safety of students, staff, and their families by offering vaccination clinics through community partners. This aligns with CDC, DPI, and DOH guidance in increasing vaccine access through PA's Vaccination Plan.• We will continue to coordinate with the Walworth Co. DOH to share and provide information regarding vaccination opportunities in the area.• We will host vaccinations clinics whenever feasible in collaboration with the BFASA consortium.
APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will follow all IEP and 504 accommodations with respect to health and safety policies as documented.• Students with complex medical, social/emotional or academic needs will be addressed on an individual basis to address their unique and individualized needs. Visual schedules and reminders will be developed for students who benefit from visual cueing. Direct instruction during extended school year to prepare students for expected hygiene protocols, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing.
COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will maintain existing partnerships with the Walworth Co. Health Dept., and DPI through emails, phone calls, and meetings. More correspondence and coordination will occur as needed and situations arise throughout the year.

Expectations are based on mandates and guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Walworth County Department of Health (WCDH), and the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI). All expectations are subject to change based on local and state trends as well as updated mandates and recommendations.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all



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revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC COVID resources](#)
- [Walworth County Health Department COVID resources](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction \(DPI\) COVID resources](#)