

Return to Learn Health and Safety Committee

July 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting



Health and Safety Committee

The Iowa Department of Education requires that we address three priorities in this subsection of the overall plan:

1. **Ensure Ongoing Workplace Safety**
2. **Support Mitigation Strategies**
3. **Monitor the Health & Safety of Staff, Students, and Families**

A team of 20+ Waukee staff members has spent several weeks working through drafting recommendations.

This process has been guided by a number of resources such as the Iowa Department of Education's Guidance, Center for Disease Control and Preventions, and American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as feedback from building/district leaders, along with local health, medical, and legal professionals.

Ensure Ongoing Workplace Safety

- Cleaning

- Example: A spray bottle with disinfectant to be in each classroom
- Teachers/staff will be asked to clean between classes. Training to be provided.
- Custodial team will ensure classroom surfaces will be clean before and after school.
- Gloves should be worn and gloves will be provided for teachers.

- Classroom

- 4 feet when 6 feet isn't possible due to size limitations
- Seating charts for students so they always sit in the same spot
- All desks face forward

- Hallways

- Stagger dismissal - already doing so at the high school
- Lunchroom Recommendations:
 - Stagger meal times to minimize the number of people dining inside at one time.
 - Consider having students eat in alternative areas or outside as weather permits.

- Significantly limit visitors to the buildings

Support Mitigation Strategies

- All staff and students will be required to wear cloth face coverings
 - Face shields are an option for students who have medical, physical, behavioral, or other challenges.
 - No face covering will be a limited option with supporting evidence from a medical provider.

- All staff will receive (2) cloth face coverings and (1) face shield
 - Examples of possible options for shield use could include:
 - Foreign language learning, hearing impaired, EL learners
 - Physical distancing while providing instruction at the front of class
 - Options - mask, neck gaiter, face shield.

Monitor Health & Safety of Our Staff, Students and Families

1. Testing positive protocols

- a. Contact tracing will be provided by Public Health Department

2. Transportation

- a. Eliminating pay to ride under consideration
- b. Extending ride boundaries to minimum allowed in Iowa Code under consideration
 - i. K-8 (2 miles) and 9-12 (3 miles)
- c. All students and drivers will wear a cloth face covering
- d. Review and evaluate transportation capacity with the goal of creating as much space between riders as possible, recognizing that it is not always feasible to have six feet of distance.
- e. Consider reducing capacity to allow for more space between riders.