

NORTH WHITE SCHOOL CORPORATION



SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN 2021-2022

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August 26, 2021 (The following measures supersede the information in our re-entry plan)

The North White School Board voted to implement the following measures beginning on Monday, August 30th as a way to help:

- 1- Reduce the number of positive COVID cases
- 2- Reduce the number of students who are required to quarantine
- 3- Keep our students in-person for their education

1-Masks will be mandatory in the following situations for ALL students and staff:

- On school buses, except when the outside heat index reaches 90 degrees
- In classrooms and other areas deemed appropriate ONLY where social distancing of six feet is not available
- Masks do not need to be worn during passing periods.
- Masks do not need to be worn at lunch as students are in assigned seats.

2-Our threshold for changing to virtual education is set at 5% of our entire school population testing positive for COVID.

- Exception: If we do not have the necessary staffing to conduct in-person education, then the school may have to change to virtual education prior to meeting the 5% threshold.

3-All classrooms will be spaced out with as many seats being six feet apart as possible.

4-Students will be spread out as much as possible in the lunchroom to minimize the possibility of being considered a close contact. Students will have assigned seats.

5-Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected.

6-Any student who is quarantined will receive information on what tests will qualify for re-entry to school.

7-Athletics will follow the IHSAA guidelines. Please note that these items are fluid and as such may be adjusted or changed if deemed necessary by our school board and/or designees.

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North White School Corporation Statement on School Re-entry

The North White School Corporation understands that there will be challenges on many fronts as students, staff and families adjust to the many changes which are taking place due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a school, we want to first and foremost provide a safe school for our students and staff. As such, we are continuing to implement several changes in how we will operate our schools again this fall. Please review this document in its entirety to ensure that you know what to expect. Please also understand that this re-entry plan may and probably will change as directives and guidance are given to schools throughout the year. We will continue to monitor and make adjustments as needed. We will communicate changes as necessary.

At this time, we plan for our school to start on time with our students returning to school on campus and in-person full-time beginning August 12, 2021.

Health & Safety Protocols

The North White School Corporation will refer to various aspects of the Indiana Department of Health Guidelines which have been modified for our school and are listed below for screening and decisions on when individuals may return to school. State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease, such as COVID-19.

- COVID-19 Guidance Information (Appendix A)
- All staff members, students, and parents/guardians are required to report any documented positive COVID-19 cases to the building principal or designee who will share the information with the corporation nurse. The corporation nurse will be responsible for reporting information to the White County Health Department.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

Staff members will be trained to recognize symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined on the COVID-19 Guidance Information. (Appendix A)

- Students and staff members will be expected to self-screen before coming to school daily.
- Attendance policies will be altered to account for students who have absences due to COVID-19.

Medical Inquiries:

Due to the COVID-19, if a parent tells the school that a student is ill, the school may ask the parent whether the student is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. If the student does exhibit symptoms, the school will provide details according to the Indiana Department of Health Guidelines. (Appendix A)

Excluded Students:

If a student is excluded from school for symptoms of or testing positive for COVID-19, they will have an opportunity to keep up with their schoolwork by utilizing eLearning.

School Closure:

(The North White School Corporation will close down all school buildings if a threshold of 5% positive COVID-19 cases is reached within our school population or if we don't have the necessary staffing to conduct school operations as normal.)

If school is closed due to positive COVID-19 cases:

- Schools could be closed for 1-5 days.
- Students will utilize eLearning for the time in which in-person classes are suspended.
- During the time school is closed, it will be deep cleaned and sanitized as quickly as possible so that students can return to a clean environment.

If the state closes schools for a long period of time:

- Students will utilize eLearning for the time in which in-person classes are suspended.
- During the time school is closed, it will be deep cleaned and sanitized as quickly as possible so that students can return to a clean environment when the state deems it appropriate.

Proper Hygiene:

Each school will allow for restroom breaks and/or provide passing periods where students have access to the restroom. It is good practice to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth to avoid spreading germs. It is important to wash your hands often, including before and after using the restroom, before eating, before or after recess, after using shared equipment, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms.
- Sanitation stations will be placed in high traffic areas throughout the schools.
- Posters will be visible with proper hygiene reminders.

Clinic Space:

Each school will maintain a room separate or divided from the regular nurse's station where individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 will report.

Social Distancing:

Social Distancing Guidelines state that a person should not be within 6 feet of another person (outside of the home) for more than 15 minutes. Although it is not possible to social distance at all times in the school environment, our schools will do their best to provide an environment which promotes social distancing.

- All classrooms will be spaced out with as many seats being six feet apart as possible. Students will have assigned seats.
- During lunches: Students will be spread out and have assigned seats.

Face Coverings:

Masks will be mandatory in the following situations for ALL students and staff:

-On school buses

-Exception: when the outside heat index reaches 90 degrees

- In classrooms and other areas deemed appropriate **ONLY** where social distancing of six feet is not available
- Masks do not need to be worn during passing periods.
- Masks do not need to be worn at lunch as students are in assigned seats.

Water:

Students are discouraged from using the drinking part of the water fountain, instead, they will be able to utilize the water bottle filler.

Breakfast & Lunch:

- Food sharing is discouraged.
- Payment is encouraged to be made online or before school.
- Bottled water will be available at both breakfast and lunch.

Hallways:

- Students will stay to the right of the hallway so that the flow is in one direction.
- Students will continue to use their lockers as normal.
- Doors should remain open as much as possible with the ability to quickly close and lock for normal safety reasons.

Contact Tracing:

We will use seating charts for buses, classrooms, cafeteria and group information from classroom projects/labs so that if we have a student test positive, those who are considered as a close contact can be contacted quickly for quarantine purposes.

School Visitations:

All visitors/parents must report to the office and will not be permitted any further in the building without prior approval from the principal or designee.

CLEANING

The North White School Corporation takes seriously the need to clean and disinfect for the safety of our students, staff and community.

Handwashing:

- Students will have an opportunity during scheduled breaks or passing periods to use the restroom to wash their hands.
- Sanitation stations will be available in high traffic areas in each building

Cleaning During School Hours:

- Door handles, restrooms, playgrounds, and other high traffic areas will be cleaned regularly.
- Cafeteria tables and seats will be cleaned between uses.

Cleaning After School Hours:

- Door handles, restrooms, playgrounds, and other high traffic areas will be cleaned regularly.
- Classrooms will be cleaned as normal and a fog machine will be used to chemically disinfect areas as needed.
- Bleacher areas will be disinfected.

TRANSPORTATION

Students are encouraged to walk or drive to school, or to have parents bring their child(ren) to school if at all possible. However, if this is not possible we will provide buses for transportation.

No matter the mode of travel to school, it is important that students arrive no earlier than 7:45. Once students arrive, they are to immediately go to their locker, get their breakfast and report to their first class. Classes will begin promptly at 8:00.

Bussing:

Students who rides a bus will be required to wear their mask, unless the heat index reaches 90 degrees.

Busses will begin releasing students at 7:45. Times may be modified as needed to ensure students are able to get to class no later than 8:00.

ATHLETICS

The North White Athletic Department will follow the IHSA guidelines.

ELearning

The following are reasons which could result in a situation where students will utilize eLearning for their instruction:

- A student tests positive for COVID-19 and is quarantined.
- A student is placed in quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19.
- The school closes for 1-5 days to clean the facilities due to a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19.
- The state closes schools for a specific amount of time.

eLearning

- Students may have the opportunity to livestream into classrooms and join their peers in their specific classes.
- Students may have classroom recordings and/or other online assignments to complete.