

# Return to Learn Health and Safety Committee

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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.