

Anamosa Community School District

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Return to Learn Plan 2022-23

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year we have updated our Return to Learn Plan. The safety of our staff and students is our top priority and we are confident that we can create a learning environment in which our staff and students can return and be successful. The school year will begin for students on August 23 and the following information will help you better understand what the start of the school year will look like. We will also continue to review guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health and the Jones County Department of Public Health to keep our students and staff safe. This plan will be continuously monitored and progress reviewed monthly at our school board meetings.

Face Coverings:

In the spring of 2021, the state legislature and the Governor passed legislation (HF 847) that dictates school districts shall not adopt, enforce, or implement a policy that requires its employees, students, or members of the public to wear facial coverings for any purpose while on school district property. So unless this legislation is changed, or the Governor declares an emergency proclamation requiring face coverings, the Anamosa Community School District will not require face coverings for staff, students, or visitors at the school or on school buses. If staff, students, and visitors would feel more safe wearing a face covering, it will continue to be optional.

In-Person Learning Model:

The Anamosa Community School District strongly believes that students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction this fall is a priority. When we begin on August 23, we will only be offering in-person learning for our students as we have in previous years. In addition, our school calendar will look more similar to previous years with strategically placed professional development days, collaboration days, and early dismissal professional development time for our teaching staff.

Health and Safety:

The health and safety of our staff and students continues to be a priority every school day in the Families and staff need to work together to make our classrooms as safe as possible. The Anamosa Community School District has worked collaboratively to develop revised safety guidelines that align with the current information on COVID-19 and applicable regulations and laws from both the State and Federal Levels. Please refer to the revised information for attending school and COVID-19 below:

Attending School and COVID-19
Information for Parents and Guardians, 2022-23 School Year

COVID-19 POSITIVE	COVID-19 SYMPTOMS	COVID-19 EXPOSURE
<p>If your child <u>tests positive for COVID-19</u>, isolate them at home. Do not attend school.</p>	<p>If your child has <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u>, strongly consider isolating and staying home.</p>	<p>If your child is <u>exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19</u> at home or school, you may choose to quarantine.</p>
<p>Isolate your child from others. If possible, keep your child away from others in your home; especially people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.</p> <p>Inform the school.</p> <p>Stay home from school until ALL these conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No fever for at least 24* hours without fever reducing medicine. <i>AND</i> 2. Symptoms have improved. <i>AND</i> 3. At least 5 full days have passed since your symptoms first appeared (or since your positive test if you did not have any symptoms) <p>Upon return to school, students should report to the school office to check in prior to going to their classroom.</p>	<p>Strongly consider keeping your child at home if they have a high-risk symptom for COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New cough ● Shortness of breath ● Difficulty breathing ● New loss of taste or smell <p>Or two low-risk symptoms: Headache, fatigue, muscle/body aches, nausea, skin rash, sore throat, runny nose, sinus pain/congestion.</p> <p>As always, keep your child home if they have a fever of 100.4 or more, diarrhea, or vomiting.</p> <p>Isolate your child from others. If possible, keep your child away from others in your home; especially people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.</p> <p>Consider contacting your healthcare provider about the need for a COVID-19 test.</p> <p>Inform the school.</p> <p>If your child tests positive for COVID-19, see the “COVID-19 POSITIVE” column of this document.</p>	<p>Call the school nurse or your family doctor if you have questions about the need for your child to quarantine.</p> <p>CDC guidance changes frequently. Please see this link for additional information.</p>

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