

Westville School District #2
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022

Maintaining the Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Other Staff

- In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021 declaration, all Westville School District schools will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-2022 school year. Schools will run on a regular dismissal schedule, unless otherwise noted on the district calendar. Schools will use the CDC's updated (July 9, 2021) *Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools*, which was also adopted by the IDPH on July 9, 2021, as guidance for the operation of its schools.

Mask Use

- "CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." –from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Resource Page on July 28, 2021 [CDC COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- Masks should be used outdoors for individuals over two regardless of vaccination status during activities (e.g., participating in outdoor play, recess, physical education, sports, extra curriculars) that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission.
- Masks must be worn by all individuals on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.

Physical Distancing

- Effort will be made to social distance students at six feet or to the extent possible.
- Students should make an effort to social distance from other students to the greatest extent possible.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
- Students are encouraged to frequently wash their hands. Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the schools.

Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

- School staff will continue to clean surfaces on a regular basis.
- The district will HVAC filters and change when appropriate in efforts to maintain proper ventilation and improved indoor air quality.

Isolation and Quarantine

- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must remain out of school until they meet ALL of the following criteria:
 - Symptom-free
 - 24-hour fever free without fever-reducing medication
 - A minimum of 10-days must pass after symptoms first appeared (or 10-days after testing if asymptomatic)
- The district will follow the lead of the Vermilion County Health Department in regards to individuals needing to quarantine due to exposure.
- Students who are excluded from school for COVID-related reasons will be given an excused absence. They will be provided with all school work and will be allowed to submit it for full credit. Teachers will be available to assist students as needed.

Screening Testing

- The district may provide access and availability to COVID testing to the SHEILD Illinois program for individuals as appropriate.

Vaccinations

- The district will continue to share information on vaccine clinics for parents/guardians who are interested.
- Individuals who would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out more about local opportunities to register for vaccination.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

- Parents of students who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, or weakened immune systems should contact their building principal to discuss the need(s).

Collaboration with Public Health Officials

- District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Vermilion County Health Department officials throughout a pandemic on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to school health and safety protocols, quarantine, and emergency school closings.

Continuity of Services

- The district will continue to provide the necessary services to meet the needs of students, including academic, social, emotional, mental, health, and nutritional needs.
- Students will be supported academically through each school's RtI process. Parents/guardians who feel their child needs assistance should contact their building principals.
- Social workers and counselors are available in every school to meet students' social, emotional, and mental health needs.
- District nurses are available to help meet students' physical health needs.
- All students will be provided with access to free breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. Students who are excluded from school due to being placed in quarantine will have access meals. Parents should contact building secretaries to make arrangements.

Plan Review

- This plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months for the 2021-22 school year.
- The district reserves the right to make changes to the plan as needed. Changes will be made publicly available on the district's website.