



Osseo-Fairchild School District 2021-22 Fall School Opening Plan



This approved plan was open for public comment at the Board of Education Meeting on August 4, 2021.

From Safer-at-Home to Now

On March 13, 2020, Wisconsin schools were closed “indefinitely” due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools in Wisconsin were ordered to remain closed until June 30, 2020. In the fall of 2020, some schools reopened in the state while others kept a virtual learning environment. Schools in Trempealeau County opened with modified schedules to comply with the local public health order. Additionally, Wisconsin schools that were open complied with the State mask mandate. As the health of the community improved, the Osseo-Fairchild School District offered in-person learning five days a week at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Current State of Health in Trempealeau County

As of July 27, 2021, the below is the summary of COVID-related data for Trempealeau County:

- 7-Day Average of new cases per day = 3.85
- Percent of people who have received at least one dose of the vaccine = 54.4%
- Percent of people who have completed the series of the vaccine = 52.1%
- Percentage of 12-15 year olds who have received at least one dose of the vaccine = 27.5%
- Percentage of 12-15 year olds who have completed the series of the vaccine = 22.4%
- Percentage of 16-17 year olds who have received at least one dose of the vaccine = 39.9%
- Percentage of 16-17 year olds who have completed the series of the vaccine = 36.0%

Plan Criteria

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and federal grants due to COVID-19, the District has criteria that it will be addressing as we move into the 2021-22 school year. Our main focus over the next few years will be to close the learning gaps among students: including low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, minorities, students experiencing homelessness and children and youth in foster care. To meet this goal the District will:

- Administer and use high quality assessments to assess progress.
- Implement evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students.
- Provide information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students.
- Track student attendance and improve student engagement.
- Address social-emotional needs of students.
- Assist school families to find resources.
- Address technology shortfalls.
- Repair and improve school facilities to reduce the risk of virus transmission (inspecting, testing, repairing, upgrading mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, filtering, purification, window and door repair and replacement, etc.).
- Provide additional space for intervention rooms at all levels.

Fall Overview

The Osseo-Fairchild School District will conduct in-person learning for K-12 students five days per week with the following:

- Maintaining technology enhanced learning.
- Offering free school breakfast and lunch through September 2022.
- Increasing staffing in academic interventions.
- Increasing training in the area of social-emotional learning.
- Monitoring school attendance weekly for trends and patterns.

Staffing Plan

The Osseo-Fairchild School District will maintain and/or increase staff due to COVID-19 to address student learning, social-emotional learning needs, and nursing supports. We will provide academic interventionists at both the elementary and middle/high schools to assist in closing the learning gaps.

Facilities Plan

Ventilation:

- Increased circulation of air by programming HVAC. As part of our plan, we will be updating our elementary and middle/high school HVAC controller units.

Cleaning/Disinfecting:

- Our custodians will continue to thoroughly clean our buildings. Custodial cleaning practices will be focused on cleaning for health, which includes an emphasis on disinfecting surfaces where bacteria or viruses are most likely to be transmitted. They will conduct specialized cleanings if there are any outbreaks of illnesses in a school.
- The Building and Grounds Department will consult with the District Nurse, Trempealeau County Public Health and the Wisconsin Department of Public Health and Environment (WIDHS) to ensure appropriate and timely measures are taken to preserve the health and safety of our students, staff and community.

Shared Objects:

- Individual supplies as much as possible. Communal items will be managed by classroom teachers.

Communal Spaces:

- Staggered use and increased cleaning protocols.

Technology Enhanced Instructional Approach:

- 1:1 Technology - Devices will be provided to all students in grades K-12.
- Elementary students can bring home devices if they are under isolation for COVID-19 or are a close contact.
- Chromecare warranty will be provided for all 3-12 student devices at the beginning of school for any possible damages that occur during the school year.
- Interactive boards will be in every classroom.
- All families will have access to free district hotspots, if needed.

Transportation:

- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requires face coverings for all public transportation.** This requirement applies to all occupants of school buses and district transportation for students. This means students must wear a face covering for all situations (to and from school, field trips, athletics buses, etc.) in which they are boarding a school bus or other district transportation.
- Buses will have seating charts for contact tracing.
- Buses will be disinfected following each route.
- Two students per seat when possible.
- Bus seats in the back will be filled first and students will unload from the front.
- Students will be socially distanced to the best of our ability.
- Drop off - one bus at a time will unload to reduce grouping of students at the front doors.
- Pick up - dismissal of students will be regulated.

100% Virtual Option

The Osseo-Fairchild School District will provide a 100% virtual option that will be provided by an external source for students who require an off-site learning option for **medical purposes** as recommended by a medical professional. Families who will need this option but have not yet communicated this decision to the district should contact Mr. Semingson at dsemingson@ofsd.k12.wi.us for students in grades 6 through 12 or Mr. Zawacki at jzawacki@ofsd.k12.wi.us for students in grades 4K through 5. The deadline to enroll in the 100% virtual program is **Friday, August 20**. Families who attempt to register after that date may experience a delay in the start date for the program. Students who start the school year in the 100% virtual option may move to the in-person model at the trimester point. Students who start the school year in the in-person model may move to virtual at the trimester point.

Universal Health and Safety Measures

In order to reduce the opportunity for the spread of illness and germs, certain health and safety measures will be put in place across the district:

- **Masks (or other cloth face coverings) - At this time, masks will be optional for all students and staff.** This could change if local, state, or federal mandates begin requiring masks in school buildings, or if we experience significant increases in positivity rates in our community or at specific schools or grade levels.
- Access to hand-sanitizing and hand-washing stations.
- Instruction for at-home screening for symptoms will be given to all students and staff members.
- PPE and accommodations (e.g. plexiglass, sneeze guards) will be provided for staff/students per request and availability.
- Water bottle filling stations are available. Bottles should be brought home daily for cleaning. Disposable cups are available for those without water bottles.
- Isolation room - the current health rooms will be for injuries and medication distribution. There will be a room in each building for students who are ill.
- Classroom seating charts will be filed and updated with the office for contact tracing.
- Student seats will be a minimum of 6-feet apart when/if possible.
- Staff will monitor the hallways to remind of social distancing.

At-Home Screening for Symptoms

All staff and students are required to screen for symptoms prior to coming to school. Students and staff should stay home if their screening reveals any of the following symptoms that cannot be explained by other causes (such as seasonal allergies).

- A temperature over 100.3 Fahrenheit within the last 24 hours
- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or sore throat within the last 24 hours
- A new loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain or chills
- Illness symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, continuous nasal drainage, or rash in the last 24 hours

****All** students and staff (vaccinated or not) must stay home from school when they have a fever. Staff members' point of contact will be their immediate supervisor.

Staff or Students with Symptoms at School

Staff and students presenting COVID-like symptoms that can't be explained by a medical reason will be sent home from school. Staff and students will be recommended for testing if they have respiratory symptoms, new loss of taste or smell, or two or more of the other symptoms.

Close Contacts

If the close contact is fully vaccinated and exposed to COVID-19, they do NOT have to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. If the close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate and get tested for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status). If the close contact is unvaccinated and exposed to COVID-19, the student or staff member will be sent home for quarantine and will be referred to the Trempealeau County Health Department.

Length of Quarantine

Students or staff members who are quarantined due to being a close contact will need to be excluded from school for the full 10-day period. Quarantine can end AFTER day 7 if the result of a diagnostic COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) is negative AND if NO SYMPTOMS were reported during daily monitoring.

Osseo-Fairchild Elementary School 4K Program

Our 4K students will have the same type of programming that they have had prior to COVID-19. **The only schedule change is that their day off will be on Fridays this year, not Wednesdays as it was last year.** 4K students will attend either mornings or afternoons Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Communication about Vaccination

As a service to our families, the Osseo-Fairchild School District will provide communication about vaccination as information becomes available. Vaccination is a personal choice. The communication is for information purposes and is not intended to promote or discourage vaccination. To learn more about how to access a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit the [Trempealeau County](#) information page.

Ongoing Review

This plan has been drafted based on the current COVID-19 data and the health of our community at this point in time. As the health of our community evolves, we will continue to review our plan on a frequent basis. As adjustments need to be made, we will communicate with our families as quickly as we are able.

Ongoing Communication

Additional district and school-specific information will continue to be shared throughout the school year. **Our website will be kept up to date with current information: [Osseo-Fairchild School District \(ofsd.k12.wi.us\)](#)**