

Lolo School District

COVID-19 Emergency Measures

1905

Student, Staff, and Community Health and Safety

The School District has adopted the protocols outlined in this policy during the term of the declared public health emergency to ensure the safe and healthy delivery of education services provided to students on school property in accordance with Policy 1906, and the safety, health and well-being of parents and community members. The superintendent is authorized to implement the protocols in coordination with state and local health officials.

Symptoms of Illness

Students and staff who are ill, feeling ill, diagnosed as ill, or otherwise demonstrating symptoms of illness must not come to school or work. Students who have a fever or are exhibiting other signs of illness must be isolated in a designated area until such time as parents or caregiver may arrive at the school to retrieve the ill student. All surfaces and areas should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected once the student has vacated the area by staff utilizing safety measures in accordance with state and/or local health standards as applicable. Students may engage in alternative delivery of education services during the period of illness or be permitted to make up work in accordance with District Policy 1906.

Parents, guardians, or caregivers of students who are ill, feeling ill, diagnosed as ill, or otherwise demonstrating symptoms of illness must not be present at the school for any reason.

Face Coverings as Personal Protective Equipment

Face coverings are optional for students, staff, and guests. The Board reserves the right to adjust this policy as may be necessary to protect the interests of the District and safety of students and staff.

Allegations of harassment of any person wearing or not wearing a face covering or mask will be promptly investigated in accordance with District policy. Failure or refusal to wear a face covering or mask by a staff member or student not subject to an exception noted above may result in redirection or discipline in accordance with District policy and codes of conduct, as applicable.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

School district personnel will routinely clean and/or disinfect surfaces and objects in any school building and on school property that are frequently touched. This process will include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily.

Personnel will clean with the cleaners typically used and will use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label. Personnel will disinfect with common EPA-registered household

disinfectants. Personnel will follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products.

The District will provide EPA-registered disinfecting cleansers to teachers, staff, and students (when appropriate) so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, remote controls) can be wiped down before use. Administrators are required to ensure adequate supplies to support cleaning and disinfection practices.

Temperature & Symptom Screening

Designated School District staff are authorized to test the temperature of students with an approved non-contact or touchless thermometer. Students who have a fever or are exhibiting other signs of illness must be isolated in a designated area until such time as parents or caregiver may arrive at the school to retrieve the ill student. All surfaces and areas should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected once the student has vacated the area by staff utilizing approved disinfecting agents.

Healthy Hand Hygiene Behavior

All students, staff, and others present in the any school building will engage in proper hand hygiene. Hand hygiene includes but is not limited to washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.

Staff members will supervise young children when they use hand sanitizer and soap to prevent ingestion.

Transfer of Funds for Safety Purposes

The Board of Trustees may transfer state or local revenue from any budgeted or non-budgeted fund, other than the debt service fund or retirement fund, to its building reserve fund in an amount not to exceed the school district's estimated costs of improvements to school and student safety and security to implement this policy.

Legal Reference	Governor’s Directive Implementing Executive Order 2-2021 – February 12, 2021	
	Correspondence clarifying Governor’s Directive – February 11, 2021	
	Article X, section 8	Montana Constitution
	Section 20-3-324, MCA	Powers and Duties
	Section 20-9-806, MCA	School Closure by Declaration of Emergency
	10.55.701(2)(d)(s)	Board of Trustees

<u>Cross Reference:</u>	Policy 1906 - Student Services and Instructional Delivery
	Policy 3410 – Student examination and screenings
	Policy 3225 – Bullying and Harassment
	Policy 5015 – Bullying and Harassment

Policy 4120 - Public Relations
Policy 5130 – Staff Health
Policy 6110 – Superintendent Authority

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