



Iroquois County CUSD 9

Phase 5 Return to School Plan 2021-2022

We are pleased to release the Unit 9 schools Phase 5 plan for the 2021-22 school year. The purpose of our plan is to provide guidance to parents and staff as preparation is being made to return this school year. As conditions, medical knowledge, and general knowledge of COVID-19 continue to change, so will the actions to keep students and staff safe and healthy in our schools. The elements of this document will be revised and updated as more is learned about COVID-19. **This plan is subject to change based on the change in phases set forth by the Governor, Illinois State Board of Education, the IDPH Metrics for School Determination of Community Spread and/or the Unit 9 School's discretion.**

Thank you for your support as we continue to work through these challenges to provide our students the best possible education in a safe and healthy environment.

Student Registration Information

The Online Registration portal will open to all returning students (1 through 12th grades) on Tuesday, July 27th at noon. Parents will receive an email from the district. This email will entail information for the online registration process. If you do not receive this information to your email by Wednesday morning, please fill out this form to update your email address with the district: <https://tinyurl.com/u9emailupdate>

Registration for Kindergarten and NEW students to the district will be Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Unit Office.

Bring the following to NEW student registration:

- Valid Driver's License or State ID
- One Housing Document: Lease, Mortgage, House Closing Document, Current Rent Receipt, or Tax Bill
- One Utility: Gas, Water, or Electric Bill
- Copy of Child's Birth Certificate

Please note: All bills must be dated within the last 30 days / rent receipts must have the name, address, and phone number of the landlord or verification. Unique situations will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Unit 9 has the right to check residency at any time during the school year (District Policy 7:60).

Assistance with registration after August 5th will be at the High School from 9:00 to Noon each day (Friday, Aug. 6 and Aug. 9 to Aug. 13).

Student Schedule

- All Students will attend school in-person five days a week.
- **School Start/End Times - Beginning September 7, 2021 (*start times are effective the first day of school, August 18, 2021)**
 - Wanda Kendall – 8:30 am -3:00 pm Doors open for Breakfast: 7:45
 - Glenn Raymond – 8:15 am - 3:15 pm Doors open for Breakfast: 7:30
 - WJHS - 8:00 am - 3:10 pm Doors open for Breakfast: 7:40
 - WCHS – 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Doors open for Breakfast: 7:40

Heat and Early Release Schedule

All students will be released on an early schedule **until Labor Day, September 6, 2021**. Based on the weather forecast, this may be extended.

- WK - 1:00 pm
- GRS - 1:15 pm
- WJHS - 1:10 pm
- WCHS - 1:00 pm

School Improvement Early release days will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month (these can be viewed on our [School Calendar](#)). Heat and Early Release Schedules are the same.

Beginning of the Year District Calendar

- August 16 – Teacher Institute - No Students
- August 17 – Teacher Institute - No Students
- August 18 - Sept. 6 - **Heat Release Dismissal**
- August 18 – First Day of Student In-Person Attendance, **No Kindergarten****
- August 19 – **No Kindergarten****
- August 20 – **No Kindergarten****
- August 23 - **Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher”**
- August 25- **Kindergarten First Day of School**
- August 18 - Sept. 3 **Heat Release Dismissal**

**Kindergarten students will be screened during August 18-20. Please call the Wanda Kendall office at (815) 432-2112 to schedule an appointment.

Masks

Governor JB Pritzker announced masks will be required for students, teachers and staff at pre-kindergarten-12th grade schools. The new measure is part of the state’s ongoing effort to combat a new surge as the Delta variant rapidly spreads.

The mask requirement is inclusive of youth sports and activities, with masks now required for all indoor extracurriculars and sports. In line with CDC guidance, masks are not required for activities outdoors where transmission risks and rates are lower. Unit 9 will monitor the data and make adjustments to this plan by addressing the layers of mitigation in place along with the mandated rules given.

Meals

- Breakfast will be served at schools with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Lunch will be a hot lunch option with traditional silverware and tray. Seating charts will be used to help with contact tracing in the event of a positive case within the building.

Transportation

- Busing will be available with no limit for student capacity.
- Parents are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to school if possible.
- All students and staff on buses must wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status per CDC guidelines.

Students with IEP and 504 Plans

- Due to the nature of plans being individualized for each student, please reach out to your child's building principal for more information.

Health & Safety

- Social distancing will be observed, as much as possible. (State Mandate)
- Parents are responsible for keeping their child(ren) home if they show any signs of COVID-19 including but not limited to:
 - fever of 100.4 or higher
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - chills
 - fatigue
 - body aches
 - headaches
 - loss of taste or smell
- Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated are discouraged from visiting schools. All visitors must be screened before entry into the building.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building. All rooms will also have hand sanitizer available.
- Handwashing will be scheduled into the daily routine.
- Traditional drinking fountains will be closed. Water bottles and water bottle fill stations only will be used.

- Minimize the sharing of technology, supplies, and materials whenever possible.
- Protocol following possible COVID-19 exposure, including communication with families and self-quarantine expectations, will follow the IDPH guidelines.
- We will forego all Perfect Attendance incentives due to the pandemic.
- Please see Appendix A below for IDPH guidelines.

Cleaning & Sanitizing

- Classrooms, bathrooms, equipment, and other common areas will be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available in classrooms and throughout the building.
- All buildings will be disinfected nightly.

****This information is subject to change at any time.***

The district and building administration will meet on an ongoing basis to review procedures and revise when necessary. Thank you for all of your support as we move toward the start of the school year. Please reach out to your building administrator if you have questions specific to the grade level or you can call me at 815-432-4931.

Please refer to our website for our full plan that includes Protocol for following possible COVID-19 exposure, including communication with families and self-quarantine expectations in Appendix A.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Andriano
Superintendent, Watseka - Iroquois County CUSD 9

Wanda Kendall and Glenn Raymond Schools

- Five days a week, in-person instruction
 - Students will report to classrooms starting at 7:45
 - Chromebook distribution and collection will be done by the teacher
 - Night cleaning to be done by night disinfectant custodian.
- Breakfast is unchanged, with social distancing put in place
- No visitors or volunteers until further notice
- Children will be given multiple breaks throughout the day for drinks and a break from wearing their masks
- PE will be two (possibly 3) days a week, with time given between classes to sanitize equipment, should take 5-7 minutes
- Lunch will now be served in the cafeteria for all students
 - No lunch cards
 - Students will line up alphabetically for scanning purposes
 - Students will be served the same thing if they are hot lunch, and not have an option of choices
 - Milk will be passed out to the students by the lunchroom supervisor
- Recess will have a scheduled time with the teacher at different times of the day as to eliminate large groups of students
- Students will social distance in the cafeteria or classrooms for dismissal procedures.
 - One bus will be dismissed at a time through an all-call, while other students remain seated in the gym.
 - After buses are dismissed, car riders will move to their designated area (outside if the weather permits) and parents will move to the pickup lane.
 - Car riders will be called through a walkie-talkie when the parent arrives and will walk to the car.

Watseka Community Junior High/High School

Grades 6-12

Safety Guidelines

Appropriate social distancing, face coverings, enhanced sanitation measures, and other accommodations are necessary to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families. During Phase 4, following IDPH guidelines, WJHS/WCHS will:

- Mandatory use of face masks at all times inside the school building and when riding the school bus.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Desks will be placed at least 3 feet away from each other and up to 6 feet when possible.
- Sharing of supplies will be eliminated whenever possible.
- Require social distancing be observed as much as possible.
- Require that all individuals entering the building self-certify that they are free of symptoms or complete symptom screenings and temperature checks.

Parents are responsible for keeping their child home if they show any signs of COVID-19 including but not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or loss of taste or smell. Attendance will not be part of the requirements to attend dances, field trips or final exam exemptions.

School will begin as scheduled on August 18th for students.

Instructional Day

- Five days a week. Students will be in person learning 5 days a week.
- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (WCHS) 8:00 am - 3:10 pm (WJHS)
- Heat Days: August 18 - September 6 - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (WCHS) 8:00 am - 1:10 pm (WJHS)
- PLC days: 2nd Wednesday of each month (will follow the 1:00/ 1:10 dismissal schedule)

Attendance

- In Person Learning attendance will be traditional, standard attendance. Students are expected to attend each day. Remote learning will only be used for students that are in the quarantine protocols.
- Assignments will be graded and entered as grades into PowerSchool.
- Students who are in quarantine: attendance will be taken by teachers through Google Classroom. Students are expected to complete assignments provided by their teachers.

Approved Entrances and Protocol

Students arriving at school must enter through one of the following doors based on their transportation.

Please Note: All other entrances into the building will be locked. The following doors will be unlocked at 7:40 am and locked at 8:00 am.

- **Bus Routes:** Door #2 by the cafeteria. After school the students will exit through the cafeteria doors.
- **Parent/Guardian Drop-Off /Pick Up:**
 - Before School: Students being dropped off will enter the building through Door #2
 - After School: Students can exit the building through Doors #1 and #2.
 - **Parent Vehicle Line-Up:** Vehicle line-up will start on Belmont in front of the track. Vehicles should be parallel to the street.
- **Student Drivers:** Park in student parking lot and enter Door #6.
- **Walkers:**
 - Before school: Enter through Door #2
 - After school: Students may exit through Doors #1 or #2.
 - Students should cross Belmont the crosswalk outside door #1.
- **Late arrivals:** Enter Door #1 & check in at the main office.
- **KACC students:** Enter Door #6 between 6:45 am - 7:00 am to pick up a boxed breakfast. KACC students will attend the Career Center each day.

Daily Schedule:

- Doors #2 & #6 will be unlocked at 7:40am for students to enter for breakfast. Once High School students are done eating, they can either remain in their seats or go to their 1st hour class. Once Junior High students are done eating, they will go to the gym.
- High School students not eating breakfast may enter the building between 7:40 - 8:00 am but should go immediately to their 1st hour class. Junior High students not eating breakfast will report to the gym. If a tutoring appointment has been previously set up with a teacher then the student may come in the building earlier. That teacher will meet the student at the door to let them into the building.
- Dismissal: Students will immediately leave the building. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby/foyers or outside of the building. High school bus riders will report to the cafeteria to wait for bus release.

Doors unlocked: 7:40 am.

3:00 DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

WJHS		WCHS	
1st Hour	8:00 – 8:42	1st Hour	8:00 – 8:42
2nd Hour	8:46-9:28	2nd Hour	8:46-9:28
3rd Hour	9:32-10:14	3rd Hour	9:32-10:14
4th Hour	10:18-11:00	4th Hour	10:18-11:00
Lunch	11:03-11:37	5th Hour	11:04-11:49
5th Hour	11:40-12:22	6a Hour	11:53-12:35
6th Hour	12:25-1:06	6b Hour	12:23-1:06
7th Hour	1:10-1:52	7th Hour	1:10-1:52
8th Hour	1:56-2:38	8th Hour	1:56-2:38
Directed Study	2:42-3:10	Advisory	2:42-3:00

1:00 DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

WJHS		WCHS	
1st Hour	8:00-8:29	1st Hour	8:00-8:29
2nd Hour	8:33-9:03	2nd Hour	8:33-9:03
3rd Hour	9:07-9:37	3rd Hour	9:07-9:37
4th Hour	9:41-10:11	4th Hour	9:41-10:11
5th Hour	10:15-10:45	5th Hour	10:15-10:45
Lunch	10:48-11:22	6th Hour	10:49-11:18
6th Hour	11:26-11:56	7th Hour	11:22-11:54
7th Hour	11:59-12:28	8a Hour	11:58-12:28
8th Hour	12:31-1:10	8b Hour	12:28-1:00

Building Considerations:

- All students will be issued a locker.
- Hallways - Hallways will remain two-way traffic. "Stay to the Right" will be followed throughout the building to maintain social distancing.
- Water Fountains - Water bottle refill stations may be used, but the traditional water fountain may not. Students are encouraged to carry water bottles throughout the day.
- Dismissal – Students will immediately leave the building. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby/foyers or outside of the building.

Cafeteria Protocol:

When the cafeteria is being used, social distancing will be followed. Markings on the floor leading to the cafeteria food lines will be used for social distancing.

PE: Students will not be dressing for physical education until further notice. PE lockers will not be issued until ISBE and IDPH have decided a return to normal school protocols. Students are asked to have athletic shoes and wear athletic clothes to school in order to participate in physical activities.

Hallway Lockers:

Students will have assigned lockers.

Drivers Education: In order to provide behind-the-wheel training to students in driver's education, all Secretary of State and IDPH safety requirements will be followed.

Visitors:

No visitors until further notice. Parents/Guardians needing to enter the building for a meeting must enter the building through the main entrance, Door #1, and check in at the WJHS or WCHS main office. Visitors must wear masks while in the building.

Appendix A

Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Congress made emergency funds available to local school districts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Most recently, funds available through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act require that school districts develop a Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. As such, this plan has been developed in accordance with the ARP Act and the Illinois State Superintendent of Education declaration of July 9, 2021; is aligned with guidance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and addresses adjustments needed in response to evolving COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. A survey was given to gauge public sentiment. Administration, Union and Board Representatives met on July 19 as well as the 22nd to begin our Return to Learn Phase 5 plan implementation. These discussions led to the foundation of our plan. Taking the public's input into account, this plan was also developed through meaningful consultation with school community stakeholders and the county health department officials. Opportunity for the public to provide input was provided at a public hearing on August 9, 2021 at a scheduled School Board meeting.

Upon request, this plan will be provided in an alternative format accessible to parents who are individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA. This plan will also be made publicly available on the district's website. School strategies in this plan may be removed based upon local conditions, levels of community transmission (i.e., low, moderate, substantial, or high), local vaccine coverage, use of screening testing to detect cases in K-12 schools, and consultation with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed. School officials will communicate any changes in plans to staff members, students, and parents through the district's regular communication platforms.

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

In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021 declaration, Unit 9 schools will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-22 school year. Absent an order from the Illinois State Board of Education and/or the Illinois Governor's Office, Unit 9 schools will be in operation in accordance with the CDC's updated (July 9, 2021) Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools, also adopted by the IDPH on July 9, 2021. These guidelines include the following:

1. Remote Learning

Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who (1) have not received a COVID-19 vaccine and (2) who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, and (3) only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

2. Mask Use

Governor JB Pritzker announced masks will be required for students, teachers and staff at pre-kindergarten-12th grade schools. The new measure is part of the state's ongoing effort to combat a new surge as the Delta variant rapidly spreads.

The mask requirement is inclusive of youth sports and activities, with masks now required for all indoor extracurriculars and sports. In line with CDC guidance, masks are not required for activities outdoors where transmission risks and rates are lower. Unit 9 will monitor the data and make adjustments to this plan by addressing the layers of mitigation in place along with the mandated rules given.

3. Transportation

All passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.

- Masks will be available on all buses for those who need them.
- A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.

- PLEASE NOTE: If unvaccinated students are riding the bus, they may be within 3 feet of another student which may require quarantining in the event of a positive case.

4. Physical/Social Distancing

To the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full day in-person learning, school staff are to help students commit to physical/social distancing as much as possible by:

- CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully reopen while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies.
- Providing assigned seating for students and encouraging students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible; and
- Developing marked paths of travel in classrooms and corridors.

School staff will maximize physical distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines and while eating indoors. Aside from the cafeteria, additional spaces for mealtime seating will be utilized when available and feasible (e.g., weather permitting).

5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by

- continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- assisting young children with handwashing;
- reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
- using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers,

staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when hand washing is not possible;

- continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes); and
- providing adequate handwashing and hand sanitizer supplies that are safely stored (up, away, and out of sight of young children and used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age).

6. Facility and Transportation Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation

- School custodial staff and transportation staff will continue to clean surfaces daily.
- When possible, staff will open doors and windows, use child-safe fans, and have activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow.
- When it does not pose a safety risk, transportation staff will keep vehicle windows open at least a few inches to improve air circulation.

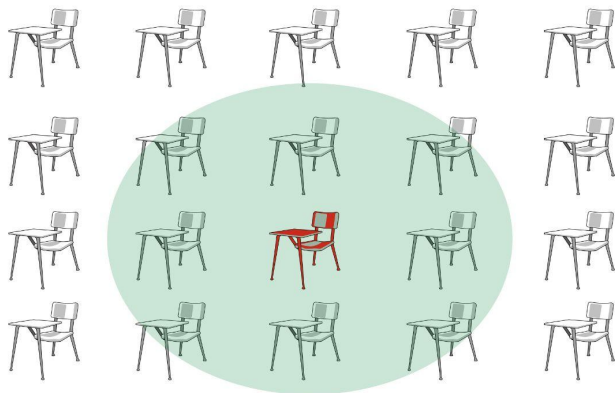
7. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

- Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Individuals in our school environments who show symptoms of COVID-19 are to immediately report to or be escorted to the school's office to be either sent home or be quarantined in the school's supervised safe area while awaiting pickup/evaluation. Students and staff are required to wear masks while in the safe area, regardless of vaccination status. Parents should ensure that ill students are picked up from school within 30 minutes of being notified. Ill students will not be allowed to utilize the school bus to return home.
- Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated should quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19 - based on most current school exclusion guidelines.
- Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do NOT have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested.

- Student absences related to a COVID-19 isolation or quarantine will be recorded as excused. To ensure continuity of services, school work missed during such an absence can be requested and made up in accordance with the school's policy (refer to student handbook); social, emotional, mental health, or other needs will be provided in accordance with a student's IEP or 504 Plan. Parents of students who have social, emotional, mental health, or other needs outside of an IEP or 504 Plan should contact their child's principal to discuss needs.
- To the extent allowable by privacy laws and other applicable laws, school health care professionals will continue to collaborate with Iroquois County Health Department officials to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, including making notifications to staff and parents as soon as possible regarding those who were in close contact of someone in the school who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Students and staff suspected of having COVID-19, whether they were tested or not, are to follow the CDC guidelines to determine when they can return to school.
- Following quarantine, students and staff returning from illness related to COVID-19 are to call to check in with the school office staff.

Figure 1: Below demonstrates contact tracing of a 6 foot circle.

Contract Tracing Seat Chart Example:



If a student in the red desk tests positive for Covid-19, all students in green are subject to quarantine.

8. Screening Testing

- When community transmission is at moderate, substantial, or high levels, parents can request COVID-19 screening testing for their students who have not been fully vaccinated by contacting the county health department or their physician.
- At any level of community transmission, any staff member who has not been fully vaccinated can request COVID-19 screening testing by contacting the county health department for more information (website) or their physician.

9. Promoting Vaccination

- Working with the Iroquois County Health Department staff and school community where they offer vaccination appointments and clinics.
- Respectful of peoples' varying levels of vaccine confidence, those who want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community.

10. Disabilities or Other Health Care Needs

- 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 student's teacher to discuss the need(s).
- Staff members who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, weakened immune systems, or a sincerely held religious belief or practice (covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) should contact their school's principal to discuss the need(s). Staff members with weakened immune systems are advised to contact their healthcare professional about the need for continued personal protective measures after vaccination.

11. Visitors

Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated are discouraged from visiting schools.

12. Collaboration with Public Health Officials

District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Iroquois County Health Department officials throughout a pandemic on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to school health and safety protocols, screening testing, contact tracing, vaccine clinics, and emergency school closings.

13. Plan Review

- Through September 30, 2023, this plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months and revised as appropriate after seeking and considering public input. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC, provided in an alternative format accessible to parents who are individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA, and made publicly available on the district's website.

The ultimate goal is for students to have a positive and supportive experience with school. Our staff, students, and families are facing a wide variety of challenges and difficulties. Empathy, flexibility, equity, and personalization guides the school steps during this time.

Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) 2021-2022 Contact Tracing

Policy and Procedure for Schools

1. If a school is not requiring and enforcing universal masking of unvaccinated individuals in a classroom setting, all unvaccinated individuals exposed to an individual testing positive for COVID-19, that meet the close contact definition on being within 6 feet for >15 minutes over a 24-hour period, are quarantined.

a. Exception: In a K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if all students were consistently and correctly masked and other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as increased ventilation and physical distancing) are in place.

Unit 9 will require all students and faculty to wear masks.

2. Quarantine period for close contacts is 14 days from the last exposure date. Positive cases are isolated for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test date, whichever is first.

Unit 9 will follow all quarantine protocols.

3. Two positive cases within a classroom are considered an outbreak.

In this case, Unit 9 will seek advice from the ICDPH for educational continuity.

4. As soon as the school is notified of a positive case, either by parents or through ICPHD, the school needs to complete contact tracing to identify any close contacts within 2 hours.

a. What dates should be included on contact tracing? The positive case is considered infectious 48 hours prior to symptom onset or test date, whichever is first.

b. Who needs to be quarantined? Anyone who meets the close contact definition of <6ft for 15 minutes or longer in a 24-hour period. For example: if a child shares a seat on the bus for 10 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes in the afternoon, the seatmate would need to be quarantined.

c. Are there exceptions? No.

The Unit 9 School Nurse is an employee of the ICDPH and works with all of our schools in the district. All contact tracing and identification will be documented, coordinated and communicated through the Unit 9 School Nurse.

5. The school will contact parents about the close contact and the student needs to be sent home/kept home from school through the duration of the quarantine period.

The Unit 9 School Nurse will make all parent contacts.

6. Schools will submit in writing to ICPHD a printed face sheet of all close contacts including the following demographic information: name, date of last contact, date of birth, address, parent name, parent phone number, and parent email address.

The Unit 9 Nurse will submit all face sheet information for the district to the ICDPH.

7. If the school determines there are no close contacts, the school needs to submit from school administration to ICPHD in writing that there are no close contacts for that case.

Unit 9 will follow these guidelines.

8. The school needs to designate one contact person per school building.

The designated contact person for each building is the Unit 9 School Nurse.

According to IDPH, schools should monitor community transmission of COVID-19, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and outbreaks to guide decisions about mitigation strategies. Currently, IDPH data on the website can be 1-2 weeks outdated. With our current rise in cases, ICPHD can provide metrics for schools based on the most recent data. Below is a snapshot of the data reported by the state for July 4-10, 2021 along with the list of up to date data ICPHD can provide to schools.

[IDPH COVID19 Statistics](#)

