

POTOSI SCHOOLS

2021 - 22 COVID MITIGATION PLAN

In-person Instruction

Instruction for the 2021-22 school year will be in-person with no virtual option.

- In-person instruction will be from 7:55 am - 3:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday with our normal 7:55 am - 1:30 pm schedule on Wednesdays.
- As we did last year, doors to the building will be open at 7:45 am. Please plan for students to arrive at this time as we attempt to keep students from congregating in large groups earlier.
- Outdoor furniture will be utilized to promote opportunities to move classes outside when appropriate.
- We will return to our 2019-2020 rule that backpacks need to stay in lockers
- **Masks will be optional for all staff and students.**
- We will continue to monitor infection levels and our plans are subject to change accordingly.

County, state, and federal health officials are recommending mask wearing inside school settings, particularly for those that are unvaccinated.

What if someone tests positive for COVID-19?

- Just as was the case last year, staff and students that test positive will be required to complete a quarantined period as determined by the Grant County Health Department.
- Upon a positive test results, we will conduct contact tracing to determine "close contacts"
 - Close contacts that **can provide proof of being vaccinated and show no symptoms will not be required to quarantine.**
 - Close contacts that are **unvaccinated or show symptoms will be required to quarantine.**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that all close contacts, including vaccinated individuals, receive a COVID-19 test three (3) to five (5) days after their last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual.

District Partnerships

Vaccinations

- In the spring of 2021, the Potosi School District coordinated with the Grant County Health Department to offer two (2) separate vaccination clinics
- The first clinic vaccinated any interested employees of the district, while the second offered the vaccine to any interested students of the district 12 years old and older.
- If public interest dictates, the Potosi School District will arrange other vaccination clinics utilizing school district facilities.

Testing

- The Potosi School District has entered into a voluntary agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to offer **free** COVID-19 testing to students and staff.
- Wisconsin DHS has arranged a partnership between Potosi Schools and Accelerated Clinical Labs to complete all testing.

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Food Service

Breakfast

- At the elementary level, breakfast will be delivered to individual classrooms for those students that are eating.
- At the middle/high school levels, students will be able to pick up breakfast in the cafeteria and then eat it in their first hour classrooms.

Lunch

- All students will eat in the cafeteria.
- We have added an additional lunch period for the elementary grades to help limit the number of students in the cafeteria at any time. This will allow us to better socially distance students.

Regular breakfast and lunch will again be free for all students. Milk break and ala carte items at lunch will be charged their normal price on the student's food account.

Transportation

School bus safety measures :

- Per federal mandates - Masks will be worn while riding the bus. (both during trips to schools and for extra-curricular trips)
- A protective barrier will be placed behind the driver.
- Assigned seating will be used to minimize close contact with others.
- No eating or drinking will be allowed on the bus.
- Buses will be sanitized after each trip.

Drop off/Pick up Procedure

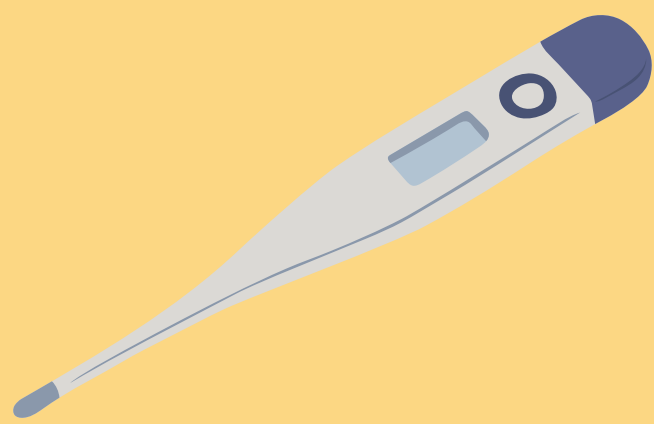
- Doors to the school will open at 7:45 am. Please make arrangements that students don't arrive earlier than this time. Dismissal times will be 3:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; with a 1:30 dismissal on Wednesdays.
- As we did last year, elementary students will enter and exit through the elementary entrance &/or door nearest their classroom, while middle school & high school students will enter and exit through the main entrance or from the student parking lot.

Health & Safety Measures

- Students/Families should complete a wellness check each day before coming to school according to this symptom list:

- Fever
- Chills
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches/pains
- Headache-congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Loss of smell and/or taste
- GI symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)

- Students/staff that display symptoms (cough, sore throat, etc.) at school will have their temperature checked.
- As has always been the case, individuals that are vomiting, have diarrhea, or have a fever will be sent home.



- Continue to follow good hygiene practices
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be in every classroom.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off. Bottle-fillers will still be available. Students should bring personal water bottles.



Students who do not feel well should stay home for the day

All points are subject to change as new information becomes available.