



## **Paw Paw #271 2021-2022 Learning Plan**

### **Paw Paw CUSD #271 Parents and Community**

As we prepare for what we expect to be a successful return to school in August the Paw Paw School administration has developed the following learning plan. This plan has been developed using the most up to date CDC, IDPH, and ISBE guidance available to schools. *Our plan may shift as new guidance becomes available.* Please reach out to Jennifer Warrenfeltz, Principal/Intern Superintendent at [jwarrenfeltz@2paws.net](mailto:jwarrenfeltz@2paws.net) or 815-627-2671 ext. 224 with any questions or concerns.

### **Introduction**

In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021 declaration, Paw Paw School will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note that throughout the plan we attempt to accomplish the following:

- Adhere to the guidelines provided to reduce the risk of exposure for students and staff.
- Adhere to the guidelines provided to reduce the risk of liability and financial loss as a result of not following the state guidance.
- While doing the above, attempt to move closer to something that more closely resembles what we remember as ‘normal school.’

Most recent guidance, absent an order, clarification, or decree from the Illinois State Board of Education and/or the Illinois Governor’s Office, Paw Paw school will be in operation in accordance with the July 27, 2021 CDC’s updated Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools, also adopted by the IDPH on July 27, 2021. As the Illinois Department of Public Health announced on July 27, they have fully adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s updated guidance for K-12 schools which recommends that masks be worn indoors by all individuals. Pursuant to CDC guidance, Illinois school districts have local control over how they should work with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission and local vaccine coverage and using screening and/or testing to detect cases in PK-12 schools.

### **School Day**

Paw Paw CUSD #271 will have student attendance five days per week from 8:00-3:00. School doors will open for drop offs and walkers to begin arriving at 7:45 a.m.

### **Masking**

Paw Paw CUSD #271 will begin the 2021/2022 school year following CDC and IDPH recommendations of universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status. Masks will also be worn outside if social distancing cannot be maintained. Per IDPH & ISBE requirements, consistent and correct use of masks is required by all individuals (staff, students, drivers) on buses, regardless of vaccination status.

### **Social Distancing**

Paw Paw CUSD #271 will follow CDC recommendations that students remain distanced by at least three feet, while maintaining as normal a learning experience as possible. There will be times, however, when students may be closer, such as during lunches, hallways, and during some instructional activities. All classrooms will have seats as far apart as possible.

### **In-Person Learning**

Paw Paw CUSD #271 will follow ISBE's declaration:

"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 have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health."

Students required by the Health Department to quarantine will participate in asynchronous learning.

### **Cleaning & Disinfecting**

Paw Paw CUSD #271 district staff will continue with increased cleaning and disinfecting practices:

- Teachers will encourage hand washing for all. Hand washing alone has been proven to reduce the spread of disease.
- Common surfaces and desks will be sanitized on a daily basis.
- We will continue to offer and utilize hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.

### **Additional Items**

- At this time water fountains will not be available.
- Seating charts will be maintained by all bus drivers and teachers.
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria & overflow room across the hall and students will be socially distanced as much as possible.
- We are continuing to ask visitors to wear masks while in the building.
- School meetings, events and activities will be in person as much as possible with virtual options available. Adjustments to scheduling, group size, mitigation strategies, etc. may be necessary to accommodate events.

- We **will not** be requiring recorded daily self-certification that students and staff are symptom free but **request anyone who is experiencing the following symptoms to stay at home:**
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
    - Our school nurse, Nathley Marshall can be reached at 815-627-2671 ext. 217 or by email at [nmarshall@2paws.net](mailto:nmarshall@2paws.net)
- The district views the vaccination status of students and staff as private information. However, the district may need to require proof of vaccination for students and staff in order to allow them to avoid certain mitigation strategies, such as quarantining.

**References:**

ISBE School FAQ July 26, 2021: [ISBE-School-FAQs-20210726.pdf](#)

IDPH News Release July 27, 2021: [20210727 IDPH News Release Updated C.pdf](#)

CDC COVID-19 Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>