

Turkey Valley Schools Return to Learn Plan

Process

The Turkey Valley School District put together a committee of teachers and staff members to create a safe plan to return staff and students to school in the fall. They met in sub-committee's and an entire committee in May, June and July to prepare this plan. Their priorities were:

- Student and Staff health and safety
- Student and Staff social-emotional and mental health well being
- Creating a learning environment focused on standards and making up for lost learning from last spring
- Meeting the needs of every student by seeing them as individuals and working with them where they are
- Considering this a fluid process and document that will likely change throughout the year

Learning Models

- The preferred method of instruction is with all students in person at the school.
- Because of COVID-19, the district may have to use a hybrid model of instruction or a distance/continuous model of instruction.
- Because of the age and needs of students this may look different in each building

Elementary School	High School School
<p>On-Site Model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students attend in person every day ● Specials teachers will come to the regular classrooms to minimize students in hallways ● Students kept in classroom groups with limited interaction with other classes/grades ● Social distancing within classrooms as much as possible (excess items removed) ● Regular hand washing will be scheduled ● Sanitizing products will be available to clean high touch areas throughout 	<p>On-Site Model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students attend in person every day ● All learning activities are graded and required ● Social Distancing where possible ● Regular hand washing will be done during the day ● Additional sanitizing and cleaning of high contact areas ● Large classroom areas will be used when possible to provide more social distancing ● Drinking fountains will be off so students will be allowed their own water bottle throughout the day

the day

- Item sharing will be monitored and minimized where possible
- Students will have their own water bottle throughout the day
- Plastic barriers will be considered and installed in order to help with social distancing
- Masks will be worn on the bus, during arrival times, and any time adequate social distancing cannot be maintained

Hybrid Model

- At the elementary school, this model is similar to the on-site model
 - The district recognizes parents are working and students not present every day may cause a daycare issue
- The district will look at additional procedures to keep groups of students separated so if one group/grade has an infection, it won't be spread to others.

Distance/Continuous Model

- Implemented when an infection occurs in school and/or the Iowa Department of Health directs us to go to this model
- The students will be learning 100% from home
 - Some students (i.e. special programs may still come to school during this model)
- Math and Literacy activities will be required during this time
- All other areas will be optional at this time

- Face masks will be worn on the bus, when entering school and anytime adequate social distancing cannot be maintained
- Specially designed schedule
 - Students take 4 classes at a time for 9 weeks
 - Extended class periods

Hybrid Model

- All learning activities will be graded and required
- 50% of the students will attend on-site at one time
- Students will be assigned an A day or a B day
 - This will be done by family
- Students will attend every other day for 2 or 3 days per week
- The days they are not in school, the students will complete their work virtually
 - Attendance will be tracked during virtual days
- The students will take 4 classes at a time like the on-site model
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- All learning activities will be required
- Student will take 4 classes at a time like the on-site and hybrid models

Health and Safety

- All students and staff will be provided a face mask
- All staff will also be provided a face shield
- Face masks will be required on buses, when arriving at school, and any time when social distancing is not possible
- Students and staff will be encouraged to stay home when they feel ill
- Visitors to the building will be limited to minimize the spread of COVID-19
- Mitigation strategies will be used to minimize the spread of COVID-19
 - Examples include additional cleaning and sanitizing, plastic barriers, hand sanitizer in all classrooms, etc.
- The Turkey Valley Community School District will work with Winneshiek County public health, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Education for the continued implementation and revision of this plan
- Group Gatherings will be minimized when social distancing isn't possible
 - Will work to get to 6' spacing in classrooms with all students facing the same direction
 - Where 6' isn't possible, students and staff may wear masks
- School transportation
 - Will ask parents to transport their children where possible
 - Bus drivers will have a face mask and face shield
 - Students will wear a mask on the bus when they cannot social distance
 - No food or drink is to be consumed on the bus
- Student health
 - We will ask parents to monitor their child's health including temperature at home before coming to school
 - If a child feels ill, the parent should keep the child home
 - If a child goes to the nurse with a temperature of 100.4 or above the student will be sent home
 - If a child is sent to the nurse, the nurse should be called that the student is coming and the student should wear a mask
 - Students suspected of COVID-19 will be seen in the isolation room near the nurse's office
 - If COVID-19 is suspected, testing will be encouraged
- Staff health
 - Staff should check their temperature every day either at home or when they arrive at school. If it's 100.4 or above, they should go/stay home for the day
 - If they are suspected of having COVID-19 they will be encouraged to get tested
 - They will remain in quarantine until the results are known

- Recess times will be staggered so grade levels do not interact. This may include assigning specific grades to a certain area outside
- Proper handwashing procedures will be reviewed with all students and staff members
 - When handwashing isn't practical, hand sanitizer will be available
 - Signs will be posted to remind everyone of proper hand washing procedures
- The district will have a custodian available during the day this year to assist with mitigation strategies
 - This will include regularly cleaning high touch areas
 - Cleaning and sanitizing restrooms and drinking water stations throughout the day

Academics

- Focus will be on relationships between students and staff
- First focus will be on routines to assist students in transitioning between the various learning models that may be required
- Learning activities will be required and assessed
- Essential Standards will be identified and will serve as the cornerstone of instruction
- Elementary (K-4) will use Seesaw and (5-12) will use Google Classroom
- Student progress will be clearly communicated with parents on a regular basis

Social-Emotional Health

- Students and staff well being is a priority
- We will check in regularly with students and staff
- The school counselor and at-risk coordinator will be available throughout the day
- Making connections is important for all of the learning models
- Families will be surveyed regularly to find their concerns and struggles
- The district needs the parents as partners in the process

Operations

- Families are encouraged to bring students to and from school if possible to limit exposure to COVID
- School transportation will take safety precautions to mitigate the spread of disease
- Meals will be provided during on-site, hybrid and continuous/distance learning
- Sanitizing and cleaning will be a priority on buses and in food service
- Office spaces will have additional safety measures put in place
- We will follow the guidance of the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Health and Winneshiek County Public Health