



School District of Mondovi

Safe Return to School Plan

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Letter from the Superintendent:

The School District of Mondovi is excited to get back to school this fall! COVID-19 has impacted all aspects of our lives over the past several years. The Coronavirus and its variants are still in our community, and as a school, we will continue to deal with its effects.

Our Safe Return to School Plan is designed to provide our community's children with a clean, safe, and comfortable environment to learn and grow in, recognizing the need for mitigation strategies. The Safe Return to School Plan has 11 requirements that it must meet, per federal funding guidelines. This plan must be shared with community stakeholders and be reviewed every 6 months. The plan is subject to change with the needs of the pandemic.



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11 Plan requirements

- Universal and correct wearing of masks and masking plan
- Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
- Diagnostic and screening testing
- Efforts to provide vaccinations to the school community
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety protocols
- Coordination with State and local health officials
- Continuity of services to address student academic needs
- Continuity of services to address student and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs which may include student health and food services



Universal and Correct Wearing of Masking

- All federal, state and local mask requirements are no longer in place. Masking for students and staff is optional
- Masking is recommended for all students/staff that test positive for COVID, particularly during days 6-10, when they return to school.
- The District will communicate any changes in a timely manner.



Facility Modifications for Distancing:

- Contact Tracing has been discontinued for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The district will not be practicing any sort of distancing measures.



Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette:

- Students and staff should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing, and after utilizing the restroom facilities.
- Students and staff should cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.



Cleaning/Maintaining Healthy Facilities and Improving Ventilation:

- We will continue to clean and disinfect the school buildings on a regular basis, with special attention to classrooms in which a student or staff member has tested positive.
- We will continue to disinfect high touch surfaces.



Contact Tracing and Quarantining Information:

- Students testing positive for COVID will need to remain home for a period of 5 days, with the first day of symptoms being day 0. They may return to school on day 6. It is recommended that they wear a well-fitted mask during days 6-10.
- General notifications will go out to parents/guardians concerning possible exposure via infinite campus email messages. Parents will be asked to watch their child(ren) for symptoms. Parents/guardians will make the determination if the child should remain at home.



Diagnostic and Screening Testing for COVID:

- The District will not be performing on-site testing/screening for COVID 19.
- At-home testing is accepted. The District has a supply of at-home testing supplies, one testing kit for each child and teacher. If your child is in the Elementary School, contact the school nurse, Sue Poeschel via email: spoeschel@mondovi.k12.wi.us. If your child is in the Middle or High School, simply have them stop in the office and request an at-home testing kit.



Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Community:

- The district will continue to work with Buffalo County Health to provide optional flu and COVID vaccine clinics.



Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Related to Health and Safety:

- We will work with families, health officials, and staff to assure/maintain the health and safety of all our students, including those with disabilities.
- We will make the necessary accommodations, as prescribed by the student's individualized education plan, to assure that the needs of our students with disabilities are being met.



Continuity of Services to Address Student Academic Needs:

- The primary goal is to service the majority of our students through face-to-face instruction here at the school building.
- Students on isolation, due to testing positive, will have access to assignments and learning resources (not live online instruction).



Coordination with State and Local Health Officials:

- The District will be meeting with Buffalo County Health on a regular basis and consider the local data trends to aid in the decision making process.
- We will stay current with all State and Local guidance as it relates to COVID.
- We will continue to work with and seek input from our Health Advisor through Mayo Clinic.
- The District will also coordinate with other local school district leaders, including regular discussion with school nurses, superintendents, and principals.



Continuity of Services to Address Student and Staff Social, Emotional, Mental Health, and Other Needs, which May Include Student Health and Food Services:

- We will continue to provide counseling support through our comprehensive school counseling program.
- We will work to provide access to mental health services through our partnership with outside mental health care providers.



School Day Length:

- MS/HS begin their day at 8:00 AM and end the day at 3:15 PM. Wednesdays are early release days and students are released at 3:06 PM.
- Elementary begins their day at 8:00 AM and ends at approximately 3:15 PM. Wednesdays are early release days and students are released at approximately 3:09 PM.
- Anthony Acres begins their day at 8:15 AM and ends at 3:05 PM. Wednesdays are early release days and students are released at 2:55 PM.



School Day Instruction:

- Face to face instruction in the classroom. Teachers will not be teaching virtually. If students are absent, they will access assignments/resources via Google Classroom, but there will not be any live streaming/recordings from the classrooms.
- Students with health conditions, or family members with health conditions, will be allowed, as recommended by their doctor, to participate in online learning through **Educere** or **WI Virtual School**.



Attendance/Grading:

- Grading practices will function as normal, with no modifications or accommodations related to the pandemic.
- Students are expected to be in class on time.
- MS/HS will have 4 minute passing periods - plenty of time to get to class on time.
- Parents are allowed to excuse up to 10 school days for their students. Beyond that, there must be documentation from a doctor excusing the absence, otherwise the student will be considered truant. If a student has absences because of testing positive for COVID, parents may email a photo of the at-home test (or other test results) to the school nurse, Sue Poeschel. Her email address is spoeschel@mondovi.k12.wi.us.



Technology:

- MS students will be issued a chromebook, bag, and charger.
- HS students will be issued a chromebook and charger.
- Chromebook bags are available upon request, but not required at the HS level.
- Elementary students will have access to chromebooks that will be kept at school in charging carts.



Breakfast/Lunch Programming:

- We are back to a regular year for food service. Parents/guardians are encouraged to fill out the Free/Reduced school meal forms available online and in the district office.



Locker Use:

- Students will no longer be able to carry backpacks from class to class. They must utilize their lockers.



Transportation:

- We will be running our traditional bus routes.



Drop-off/Pickup:

- Bus drop-off at school will begin at 7:40 AM.
- Elementary doors will open at 7:30 AM, MS and HS doors will open at 7:40 AM.
- The playground will be supervised for elementary students starting at 7:30 AM.
- After school loading will begin at 3:19 for the Elementary and 3:15 for the MS/HS.
- Early release bus loading will begin at 3:09 PM for Elementary and 3:06 for the MS/HS.



Extra-Curricular/Co-Curriculars

- WIAA and County protocols will be utilized to make decisions regarding athletics.
- At this time, there will not be any spectator limitations, and spectators will need to purchase tickets.
- Other co-curricular activities will take place as normal, unless the district determines that safety protocols and risk mitigation measures are not possible.



Visitors:

- Visitors will be allowed in the building, but must enter the building at the Elementary, MS/HS, or District Office entrances and are required to sign-in.
- Student visitors (from other school districts) will be allowed, with permission from the Principal.
- Visitors for athletic, band, choir, or other events will also be allowed in the building.
- Visitor Protocol:
 - Any visitors to the building should be free of illness, including cough or fever.
 - All school day visitors must sign-in at the office area where they entered the building.
 - Visitors must follow any guidelines that are in place for students and staff to follow.



Covid Protocols:

- Parents are encouraged to screen your child each morning for COVID symptoms.
- All staff will screen themselves each day.
- The school will assume that students and staff that are in attendance are symptom free.
 - Symptoms include any new fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, and or diarrhea.
 - Students may be sent home to quarantine if it is found that they are presenting symptoms (above their normal baseline). This will be at the discretion of the school nurse, administration, and County Health Department
- Access to Water: It is highly recommended that students have access to a water bottle to use with the bottle fillers that were installed this past school year.



Communication/Contact Information:

The pandemic has been a fluid situation with constant updates and new recommendations. This plan is also fluid, allowing Administration to make changes to address new recommendations/guidance as needed. The district will communicate updates to parents often, including any changes to this plan.

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