



### **1. Will my student be able to switch from learning in person to online, or vice versa?**

For students/families who are choosing the virtual option to start, we would ask that they commit to that mode for a quarter at a time. First quarter is between September 1st and October 30.

Students would be able to switch from in-person to virtual learning on an as-needed basis. We understand that some students will need to move to a home-based learning option quickly, if they are ill or if they have been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 and are needing to self-isolate. It would not be possible for students to be successful if they were moving from learning in-person to online or vice versa on a daily or weekly basis.

### **2. How will students be physically distanced?**

We have made substantial and specific changes to our daily schedule to keep groups of students small, which helps to maximize the physical distancing available in any space. Classrooms have been rearranged to provide for a maximum of physical distancing between students. Floor and wall decals will be placed to provide guidance for students about appropriate physical distancing. Students will receive explicit instruction and support to maintain physical distancing throughout the day. No large group assemblies will be convened.

### **3. What will the virtual/home-based learning options be like?**

The virtual/home-based learning option is being designed to build and maintain the already established relationships between students and their classmates, and students and their teachers. In order to help facilitate a seamless transition between our virtual option and an eventual return to face-to-face instruction, our virtual option will be aligned to our classroom grade level and content area curriculum. Last spring, we were forced into an online learning environment with no warning. With feedback from students, families, and staff, we are working to design our online option to provide clear directions and expectations, be user friendly, and provide engaging and authentic learning experiences with frequent teacher contact and engagement with other students.

Some features of the planned home-based/virtual learning option are below:

- Google Classroom as instructional platform for grades 3-12, Seesaw for grades 4K - 2
- District devices available for students in grades 1 -12
- Live lessons/check ins with teachers regularly scheduled
- Teachers available for live assistance 2:30 - 3:45 Monday - Friday
- Standards-based grading for 4K - 4th grade; A-F scale for 5th-12th grade

### **4. What will the Block Schedule for grades 6-12 be like?**

The block schedule was implemented in order to reduce the amount of transitions throughout the day from 12 to 6. Students will attend 1st - 4th hours on A Days, and 5th - 8th hours on B Days. Class periods will be about 75 minutes long. All students in grades 6-12 will have an embedded study hall.

An additional advantage of this schedule is the easy transition to a virtual model if conditions warrant. During the spring of 2020, we quickly realized that virtual learning worked much better when students and teachers worked on an alternate day schedule for each class.

A block schedule will allow for students to learn and apply new content in the same class period, and allow for teachers to work with students in new ways.

## **5. What is the plan for sports and extracurricular activities?**

La Farge Schools will be relying on the guidance of WIAA and the Vernon County Health Department. All events are subject to cancellation, delay, or adjustment.

The Kickapoo / La Farge Predator football season will be moved to the spring and run from March 8 to April 23. A majority of our 8-man football opponents have opted to go that route and the change would allow us to play a full schedule. There will still be baseball, softball and track, but they will be pushed back a few weeks in order to play the alternate football season.

High school volleyball and cross country will still be played in the fall.

Middle school volleyball will be delayed and will be played, mostly, in October.

Middle school cross country will start on Sept. 8.

Middle school football will be decided in the coming weeks.

In order to have kids participate, and be in compliance with the County Health Department, we are not able to have any spectators at this time. We know this is not easy, but it is what we have to do in order to play. We will be able to revisit this on Sept. 30. All events will be live streamed.

## **6. What additional cleaning/sanitization measures will be implemented?**

Our custodial staff have developed a plan based on CDC guidance, in collaboration with our cleaning equipment supplier. Surfaces in classrooms will be cleaned after each class for grades 6-12 and several times daily for elementary classrooms. Bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day and in the evening. Buses will be sanitized with a disinfectant mist after each route. Cafeteria tables will be sanitized after each use. Staff are working to modify instruction in order to minimize the use of shared objects. Those items that have to be shared will be sanitized after each use. Other high touch surfaces such as railings, door knobs and handles, and sinks will be sanitized frequently.

Additionally, touchless faucets have been installed in bathrooms and touchless water bottle fillers have been installed throughout the building. Drinking fountains have been capped. Sanitization stations are available at each entry and at the doorway to every classroom/office space.

## **7. How will LFS address large gatherings, as in assemblies, etc?**

No large gatherings or assemblies will be convened until further notice.

## **8. Does La Farge Schools have a School nurse?**

La Farge Schools has entered into a contract with Gundersen to purchase nursing services. A school nurse will be on site every day.

### **9. Will the Open Campus policy for juniors and seniors be affected?**

For the month of September, the open campus provision will be put on hold. The district will evaluate whether it is necessary to extend that in the future.



### **1. Will staff and students be required to use face coverings?**

Staff and students will follow the guidelines in [Emergency Order #1](#). Students and staff will wear fabric face coverings that cover their mouth and nose while indoors or in enclosed spaces, including buses.

All students will be expected to be wearing a fabric face covering upon entering the building or boarding a bus.

It is expected that staff and students will continue to be required to wear fabric face coverings when physical distancing is not achievable after the expiration of the Order.

We are expecting some additional guidance regarding students' use of fabric face coverings in PE and band classes. Whenever possible, PE and band may be held outside. Special equipment may be provided for students or instruments to comply with current best practices.

### **2. When will students have breaks from wearing fabric face coverings?**

Students will not be required to wear masks while outside at PE or recess, or while eating. Staff will work to provide opportunities for students to remove their masks throughout the day by prioritizing outdoor learning activities.

### **3. Will fabric face coverings be provided?**

Yes. At the start of the first day, a bundle of at least 5 fabric face coverings will be provided to every student. Students are required to take their fabric face coverings home with them each afternoon, and arrive to school in the morning with one as well.

#### **4. Can students wear their own fabric face coverings?**

Yes! Students are encouraged to wear their own fabric face coverings. Acceptable coverings include purchased or homemade fabric masks, disposable masks, or appropriate neck gaiters.

Fabric face coverings must meet dress code standards, and not be inappropriate or derogatory in nature.

#### **5. What should I do if I have concerns about my child's ability to wear a fabric face covering?**

Please get in touch with Mr. Hansen, Mr. Camlek, or Ms. Gustafson to discuss some possible solutions.

**Click the links below for more information:**

- [How to Wear Fabric Face Coverings](#)
- [How to Wash Fabric Face Coverings](#)
- [Fabric Face Coverings FAQ's](#)