

**Waverly CUSD#6**  
**Return to Learn 2021-22**

**Maintaining the Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Other Staff**

In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools 2021 July 9 declaration, Waverly Community Unit School District #6 will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-22 school year. Remote instruction will only be made available for non-vaccinated or vaccine ineligible students **who** are under quarantine as directed by the local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Furthermore, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recommend masks be worn by those who are unvaccinated. They also recognize local control during Phase 5 as stated:

"Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19. Since schools typically serve their surrounding communities, decisions should be based on the school population, families, and students served, as well as their communities."

Based on the current conditions in our towns and counties, the Waverly Community Unit District #6 School Year will begin with a mask optional policy. We will continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and adjust accordingly if needed. Everyone should be prepared to wear masks if our local metrics warrant that need.

School Return Overview:

- All passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.
- A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.
- **ANY student who is on a remote only learning plan must have a medical doctor's excuse.** Generally, remote learning will be temporarily available if a student is under quarantine and not eligible for a vaccine.
- Temperature checks and symptom screenings will be taken during the morning bus routes or upon entering school.
- Parents should keep their children home from school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms.
- Good hand hygiene will be strongly encouraged at all grade levels.
- Social distancing will be maintained in all school areas to the greatest extent feasible.
- Buildings will continue to undergo increased cleaning/sanitation.
- Student meals will be free for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with USDA reimbursements.
- Students will be issued 1:1 individual devices (Chromebooks or iPads) for school use. Students preK thru 1st grade will not be issued a device for home. We will provide packet/school work drop-off and pick up options.
- Athletic programs will run as normal with full activity fees charged and admission charged at indoor, home sporting events. The district will be prepared to adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary throughout the year.
- Field trips and fundraisers will resume as normal.
- Locker rooms will be utilized for PE and students in 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grades will wear required PE uniforms.

## **Monitoring of Plan**

### **Tier 1 - Minimal: Cases that are not increasing by more than 10% for two consecutive weeks in Morgan County and/or School Community**

Masks optional - recommended if: (a) closer than 3 feet for more than 15 minutes; or (b) indoors in a room with more than 50 persons;

3 feet between students when practical; and

Temperature Checks upon entry

Weekly School-wide SHIELD Testing (student athletes will have priority)

Quarantine practice will follow ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance

### **Tier 2 - Moderate: Case numbers are increasing for 2 consecutive weeks by more than 10%, but less than 20% each week in Morgan County and/or School Community**

Masks required for all non-vaccinated students and staff if closer than 3 feet for more than 15 minutes; or (b) in a room with more than 50 persons;

3 feet between students when practical; and

Temperature Checks upon entry

Weekly School-wide SHIELD Testing

Quarantine practice will follow ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance

### **Tier 3 – Substantial or High: Case number increases for 2 weeks, by more than 20% each week in Morgan County and/or School Community;**

Masks required for all;

6 feet between students when practical; 3 feet in all circumstances; and

Temperature Checks upon entry

Breakfast and lunch in classrooms

May increase school-wide SHIELD Testing to 2xs a week

Quarantine practice will follow ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance

## **General Mitigation Guidelines for Waverly CUSD #6**

### **1. Mask Use**

- **Masks are required under the Illinois Governor's Executive Order NO. 85** everyone in PreK-12 schools should wear a mask indoors, including teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Mask use is recommended outdoors during activities (e.g., participating in outdoor play, recess, physical education, sports, extracurricular activities) that involve sustained close contact with other people who

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are not fully vaccinated, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission.

- School staff are to model support for and encourage students to be supportive of people who choose to continue to wear a mask as a personal choice or because of a personal medical reason.
- Unless exempt by CDC Order, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.

## **2. Physical Distancing**

- To the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full day in-person learning, school staff are to help students commit to physical distancing.
- Physical distancing measures are to be done in an equitable manner that does not perpetuate academic, racial, or other tracking (e.g., separating people into fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cohorts).

## **3. Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**

**School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette by**

- continuing to teach hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- assisting young children with hand washing;
- reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
- using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when hand washing is not possible;
- continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes); and
- providing adequate hand washing and hand sanitizer supplies that are safely stored (up, away, and out of sight of young children and used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age).

## **4. Facility and Transportation Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation**

- School custodial staff and transportation staff will continue to clean surfaces daily. To further reduce the risk of spreading infection, these staff will also use disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 “List N” to disinfect spaces occupied by someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours.
- Maintenance staff will continue to regularly replace school ventilation system filters by using high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters. We have replaced our ventilation systems with a new system to improve the control and reliability of air circulation.

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- When possible, staff will open doors and windows, use child-safe fans, and have activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow.
- When it does not pose a safety risk, transportation staff will keep vehicle windows open at least a few inches to improve air circulation.

#### **5. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine**

- Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated shall quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do NOT have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be quarantined. Quarantine decisions will be made and communicated by Morgan County Health Department officials.
- Student absences related to a COVID-19 isolation or quarantine will be recorded as excused. To ensure continuity of services, school work missed during such an absence can be requested and made up in accordance with the school's policy (refer to student handbook); social, emotional, mental health, or other needs will be provided in accordance with a student's IEP or 504 Plan. Parents of students who have social, emotional, mental health, or other needs outside of an IEP or 504 Plan should contact their child's principal to discuss needs. Remote instruction will only be made available for non-vaccinated or vaccine ineligible students who are under quarantine as directed by the local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Students returning from an extended absence (more than 3 continuous days) will be offered an individual school re-entry plan.
- Absent COVID-related leave days previously provided by Federal law, staff absences related to a COVID-19 isolation or quarantine will be recorded in accordance with the district's sick leave policy and related professional negotiations agreements. To ensure continuity of services, staff members should contact their principals to discuss support for social, emotional, mental health, or other needs.
- The school's health care professional will inform the school community of outbreaks while maintaining student and staff confidentiality rights.
- Following quarantine, students and staff returning from illness related to COVID-19 are to call to check in with the school's health care professional.

#### **6. Screening Testing**

- Universal testing using the SHIELD saliva test will be administered at the school site once a week. All students are automatically opted in to the SHIELD testing consent. All families need to sign an opt out form **prior** to August 18 2021, preventing their student from participating in SHIELD testing.
  - SHIELD testing is provided at no charge
  - If the test is negative, you will not hear from the school district. If the test is positive, a school nurse or administrator will call the positive individual or their parent/guardian.

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- o SHIELD testing will be provided 1 time a week on our school site. Testing will take place during the school day.
- When community transmission is at moderate, substantial, or high levels, parents can request COVID-19 screening testing for their students who have not been fully vaccinated by contacting the school's health care professional.
- At any level of community transmission, any staff member who has not been fully vaccinated can request COVID-19 screening testing by contacting the school's health care professional.

## **7. Promoting Vaccination**

- Respectful of peoples' varying levels of vaccine confidence, those who want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit vaccines.gov to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community.

## **8. Disabilities or Other Health Care Needs**

- Parents of students who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, or weakened immune systems should contact their student's case manager to discuss the need(s).
- Staff members who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to COVID-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, weakened immune systems, or a sincerely held religious belief or practice (covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) should contact their school's principal to discuss the need(s). Staff members with weakened immune systems are advised to contact their healthcare professional about the need for continued personal protective measures after vaccination.

## **9. Visitors**

- Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated are discouraged from visiting schools.

## **10. Collaboration with Public Health Officials**

- District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Morgan County Health Department officials throughout a pandemic on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to, quarantines, school health and safety protocols, screening testing, contact tracing, vaccine clinics, and emergency school closings.

## **11. Plan Review**

- Through September 30, 2023, this plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months and revised as appropriate after seeking and considering public input. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC, provided in an alternative format accessible to parents who are individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA, and made publicly available on the district's website.

## School Day Plan

<b>In Person, Face to Face Learning</b>	<b>Remote by Executive Order or in collaboration with IDPH, CDC, Morgan County Health Department, and Waverly School Board Recommendation</b>
<p>Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Attendance 5 days a week, 8am-3:15pm</li> <li>• <b>Masks are required under the Illinois Governor's Executive Order NO. 85</b> everyone in PreK-12 schools should wear a mask indoors, including teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status</li> <li>• Social distancing when practical</li> <li>• Universal temperature checks</li> <li>• SHIELD testing (weekly), SHIELD testing combined with masking allows for the Test to Stay Program for</li> <li>• <b>A minimum of two scheduled additional mask breaks will be provided for students through the duration of Illinois Governor's Executive Order NO. 85.</b></li> <li>• <b>Teachers are encouraged to teach outside when the lesson permits</b></li> <li>• Quarantine practices will follow ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance</li> </ul>	<p>Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers in the budding during contracted time</li> <li>• <b>Students attend assigned Google Meet session set by the teachers established schedule and/or the scheduled tutor time</b></li> <li>• <b>Each classes assignments grades 2-12 will be posted on Google Classroom</b></li> <li>• <b>Teachers will hold specific office hours</b></li> <li>• Student may have access to virtual tutoring</li> </ul>

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<p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buses will run with assigned seating;</li> <li>• The driver or aide will provide a temperature screening prior to students getting on the bus; masks will be required;</li> <li>• High School buses will load and unload at the East Door</li> <li>• Elementary buses will load and unload out the East Door</li> </ul> <p>Drop Off Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain in the same with all students being temperature screened as they walk in the building</li> </ul> <p>Dismissal Procedures Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus students will depart out the East Door</li> <li>• All Elementary students will be picked up in the pick up line through a staggered dismissal (youngest to oldest)</li> </ul>	<p>Expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons are posted for the entire week by noon <b>Monday for Grades 2-12</b> on Google classroom. These lessons may change as pacing in the classroom can be unpredictable, the student will need to check this daily</li> <li>• New content will be taught</li> <li>• 5 hours of instruction and/or activities will be required each day</li> <li>• Grades will be taken</li> <li>• Missing work will be recorded as a zero until completed</li> <li>• Attendance will be required by login to a class session and/or tutor</li> <li>• HotSpots will be provided if needed</li> <li>• Prek-1 grade will be notified for work drop off and pick-up</li> <li>• Grades 2 thru 6 will be provided a device to remain at home upon signed the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)</li> <li>• Grades 7-12 will be issued a 1:1 device at the start of the school year; the students are responsible to take home this device at the end of each school day.</li> </ul>
<p>Lockers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH/HS students will be assigned lockers.</li> <li>• <b>Students are to keep moving in the hallways to the right side.</b></li> <li>• <b>Students are not to congregate in the halls.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom and other platforms during face-to-face learning so students are familiar with their classes online platforms if they are to go remote</li> <li>• Parent/Student videos and instructions for Google Classroom Use will be provided on the District Website</li> </ul>
<p>Lunch/Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will resume eating in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch.</li> <li>• <b>Masks are can be removed while eating and practicing social distancing under the Illinois Governor's Executive Order NO. 85</b></li> <li>• Alternative seating options will be provided (weather permitting)</li> <li>• Unstructured recess will occur during this time</li> <li>• Grades K-6 will be offered, and additional 15 minutes of unstructured play during the school day.</li> </ul> <p>Please note if case numbers are increasing for 2 consecutive weeks by more than 10% but less than 20% each week in Morgan County this policy will be revisited.</p>	<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher will take attendance remotely during synchronous Google Meetings</li> <li>• Teachers have the option to use Google Forms or work submission to assist in taking attendance during asynchronous or synchronous learning</li> </ul>

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<p>Cleaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers will be provided necessary cleaning supplies</li> <li>A cleaning schedule will be created for all areas</li> <li>School buildings will be cleaned in accordance to the ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance</li> </ul>	<p>Meals will be provided using the Spring 2021 system. This will be communicated on the website upon movement to a remote only learning model.</p>
<p>Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers will use Google Classroom to post assignments, lessons, and communicate regarding classroom work for students who are quarantined or medically excused</li> <li>A remote academic tutor will be available during the school day for those students who are quarantined or medically excused</li> <li>Upon re-entry from an extended absence students will have the option for an individualized re-entry or CARE plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Academics</p> <p>Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritize Reading, math, writing</li> <li>Students and families will be responsible check in with their synchronous lessons</li> </ul> <p>JH/HS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run normal schedules with e-meetings required during class periods</li> <li>Virtual Tutoring will be provided based on need and availability</li> </ul>

- When applicable all activities will reflect Illinois Learning Standards
- All student will be able to complete graduation and other statutory requirements
- The district will continue to do the following: Child Find, evaluate and assess for eligibility, IEP meetings, prepare IEPs, implement the services provided for in IEPs, etc.

**August 6, 2021, SHIELD Close Contact Test to Stay Program**

**Option 1**

- Individuals quarantines for 14 days (non-vaccinated individuals)

**Option 2**

- If no symptoms are present, quarantine is reduced to 10 days.

**Option 3**

- A negative PCR Test taken on day 6 or after, post exposure, can reduce quarantine to 7 days

**Option 4 “Test to Stay Participants”**

- If an individual is in close contact and tests on days 1,3,5,7 with an EUA authorized test (PCR or antigen) and results are negative, the individual is not required to quarantine.
- If testing is not possible due to a weekend or a holiday, test as soon as possible
- School should notify LHD upon completion of the Test to Stay program.
- Test to stay option is only available to those participating in the weekly testing.