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**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 July 9, 2021, declaration, Waverly Community 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.

Based on the current conditions in our towns and counties, the Waverly Community Unit District #6 School is a mask optional site.

School Overview February 2022 forward:

- 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 remote must have a medical doctor's excuse.
- Parents should keep their children home from school if they are ill.
- 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 iPad) for school use. Students PreK thru 1st grade will not be issued a device for the home. We will provide packet/schoolwork drop-off and pick-up options.
- Athletic programs will continue to 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. Students in 7th-12th grades will wear required PE uniforms.

Mask Use

- Mask use is strongly recommended indoors for students, staff, and visitors. Mask use is recommended during activities (e.g., sports, extra-curricular activities) that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission.
- School staff is 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.

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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 another tracking (e.g., separating people into fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cohorts).

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

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

- continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- assisting young children with handwashing;
- 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 handwashing 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).

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. .
- 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.

School Absences

- 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.

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- The school's health care professional will inform the school community of outbreaks while maintaining student and staff confidentiality rights.

Screening Testing

- Universal testing using the SHIELD saliva test will be offered at the school site once a week. Only students with completed SHIELD testing consent form will be tested. All families need to sign a consent form prior to their student participating in SHIELD testing. Parents can opt their student(s) out of testing at any time.
- 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.
- SHIELD testing will be provided 1 time a week on our school site. Testing will take place during the school day.

Promoting Vaccination

- Be respectful of peoples' varying levels of vaccine confidence, those who want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community.

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.

Visitors

- Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks, hand sanitizer, and/or temperature checks are available upon request by the visitor.

Collaboration with Public Health Officials

- District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Morgan County Health Department officials on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to school health and

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safety protocols, screening testing, contact tracing, vaccine clinics, and emergency school closings.

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

In-Person, Face to Face Learning	Remote
Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Attendance 5 days a week, 8am-3:15pm Lockers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JH/HS students will be assigned lockers	This is determined case by case using an adaptive pause issued under the guidance of the Morgan County Health Department.
Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buses will run with assigned seating.• Masks will be required.• High School buses will load and unload at the East Door• Elementary buses will load and unload out the East Door Dismissal Procedures Elementary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus students will depart out the East Door• All Elementary students will be picked up in the pick-up line through a staggered dismissal (youngest to oldest).	Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual classes will be contacted. The teacher or Impact tutor will take attendance remotely during synchronous Google Meetings. Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

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<p>Lunch & Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will eat in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch. • Unstructured recess will occur during this time • Grades K-6 will be offered and additional 15 minutes of unstructured play during the school day 	<p>Meals will be provided using the Spring 2021 system. This will be communicated on the website upon movement to online learning.</p>
<p>Cleaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will be provided necessary cleaning supplies • A cleaning schedule will be created for all areas <p>Checklist/documentation form will be utilized for scheduled restroom cleanings</p>	<p>Academics</p> <p>Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize Reading, math, writing <p>JH/HS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run normal schedules with e-meetings required during class periods <p>Virtual Tutoring will be provided based on need and availability</p>
<p>Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will use Google Classroom to post assignments, lessons, and communicate regarding classroom work for students who are quarantined or medically excused • A remote academic tutor will be available during the school day for those students who are quarantined or medically excused • Upon re-entry from an extended absence students will have the option for an individualized re-entry or CARE plan. 	

- When applicable all activities will reflect Illinois Learning Standards
- All students 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.