



# IRENE-WAKONDA SCHOOL DISTRICT 13-3

## “Return To School” Plan 2021 - 2022

The Irene-Wakonda School District takes great pride in providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff. We have developed the following plan and protocols for the 2021 – 2022 school year to continue our commitment to a safe and great learning environment. With the plan and protocols in place, we are excited to open our school year on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Level 0 with Traditional Learning – On-Campus.

Throughout the school year, our District will review and adjust the plan as necessary for the safety of our students and staff. We have developed models that will allow us to switch to another delivery model, as required by public health officials. The health and safety of all students and staff will drive our decision-making.

Looking forward to a great 2021 - 2022 school year,

Superintendent David Hutchison

# Irene-Wakonda School District

"Return to School" Plan 2021 - 2022

## LEVEL 0

No risk/spread

Education Delivery  
Level 0 (On-Campus)



All students  
will return to school  
full-time for

**TRADITIONAL  
LEARNING**

In school 4 days a week

## LEVEL 1

Low to moderate risk/spread

Education Delivery  
Level 1 (On-Campus +  
Accommodations)



All students  
will return to school  
full-time for

**TRADITIONAL  
LEARNING**

In school 4 days a week

*-Masks strongly  
recommended but may be  
required for students in  
classrooms by the staff-*

## LEVEL 2

High risk/spread

Education Delivery  
Level 2 (Hybrid: On-  
Campus and Remote)



All students  
will return to school  
with a mix of

**TRADITIONAL  
AND REMOTE  
LEARNING**

Potential of Alternate  
Schedules

*-Masks required-*

## LEVEL 3

Severe risk/spread

Education Delivery  
Level 3 (Remote)



All students  
will be offered

**REMOTE  
LEARNING  
ONLY**

School buildings closed  
to students and visitors

## Explanation of Level System

The District will has developed the *Irene-Wakonda School District “Return to School” plan* when a case of COVID-19 occurs in a school building or in the community. The administration will work with the South Dakota Department of Health (S.D. DOH) and local health care providers to determine the best course of action within our schools. If the number of cases increases, the school district will move over a level unless more prevention is needed, based on the advice from S.D. DOH and local health care providers. The administration will decide on what level we will implement based on the number of cases in our area and the recommendation of S.D. DOH and local health care providers.

**Level 0:** Zero cases in our community. S.D. DOH recommends school remains in sessions. Staff and students are to follow guidelines provided in the *Irene-Wakonda School District “Return to School” plan*. Masks are optional for students and staff in common areas or while working in close proximity to one another.

Traditional breakfast and lunch will be provided daily.

**Level 1:** Case(s) have been identified in our community by the S.D. DOH but not in our school. Meaning students/staff members have been identified as being in close contact of a positive Covid-19 case outside of the school community. The S.D. DOH recommends school remains in session and to follow guidelines provided in the *Irene-Wakonda School District “Return to School” plan*.

Masks are strongly recommended for students and staff. Students may be required by staff to wear a mask in the classroom and during close proximity activities. Increased social distance will be used where applicable.

Traditional breakfast and hot lunch will be served daily. Student lunch and recess periods will be staggered in efforts to lower the population in the cafeteria.

Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed in the buildings for drop off or pick up of students. Outside visitors will not be allowed in the building unless approved by the administration.

**Level 2:** Students/staff members have been identified as a positive Covid-19 case. S.D. DOH recommends that school officials reassess processes looking for gaps in prevention strategies. CDC and S.D. DOH will recommend closing off areas used by the sick person and waiting 24 hours (if feasible) before cleaning and disinfecting. S.D. DOH will contact school administration for further instruction and contact tracing information. S.D. DOH recommends that schools may stay open and follow guidelines provided in *Irene-Wakonda School District “Return to School” plan*.

Possible closures:

1. Same grades only
2. Wings of the school
3. Students only
4. K-6 only, or 7-12 only
5. 72-hour cleaning cycles
6. 14-day quarantine cycles

Masks will be required for students and staff.

Traditional breakfast and hot lunch will be served daily with individually wrapped condiments and with disposable products (trays and silverware). Student lunch and recess periods will be staggered in efforts to lower the population in the cafeteria. If social distancing cannot occur, lunch services will be provided in the classroom. The administration may determine that some classes will eat in their classrooms if needed to try and adhere to social distancing recommendations from the CDC and S.D. DOH. Staggered bus routes may take place to limit the number seating on the bus.

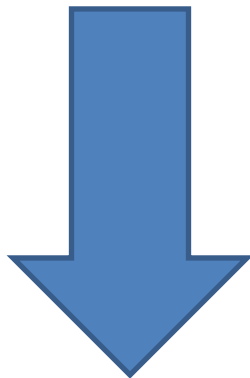
**Level 3:** Multiple active positive COVID-19 cases in our school within 14 days of the first active identified case. S.D. DOH recommend school officials review data to understand levels of spread within the building. S.D. DOH will guide Irene-Wakonda School District in Coronavirus contact tracing and further decision making. The Irene-Wakonda School District and the S.D. DOH will examine data and recommend closure of the school for a time appropriate with the situation.

Options for remote learning attendance:

1. All staff report to school, students do not.
2. Facilities will be closed to everyone.

The Irene-Wakonda School District will remain in Level Three until positive cases have been determined to no longer be contagious, the amount of quarantine days have passed, no other positive cases have been covered and the S.D. DOH has been contacted for guidance and recommendations.

**Now on to the protocols for the “Return to School” plan!**



# IRENE-WAKONDA "RETURN TO SCHOOL" 2021 - 2022



| Protocols  | Level 0: No risk/spread<br>"Normal Learning: On-Campus"                                  | Level 1: Low to moderate risk/spread<br>"Normal Learning plus accommodations: On-Campus"   | Level 2: High risk/spread<br>"Hybrid Learning: On-Campus and On-Line/Packet Learning"  | Level 3: Severe risk/spread<br>"On-Line/Packet Learning"   |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hand Washing<br>Hand Sanitizing                                    | Staff and students will wash their hands often with soap and water.                      | Staff and students will wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and utilize hand sanitizer especially after leaving common spaces in the school, after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. | Staff and students will wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and utilize hand sanitizer especially after leaving common spaces in the school, after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide.  |
|  |  | Staff and students will avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.  | Staff and students will avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.  |  |
| Touch Surface<br>Cleaning: desks, door handles, electronic devices | All classrooms will be sanitized with electrostatic sanitizing machine as needed.        | Touch points cleaned at lunch and end of the school day by teachers. All classrooms will be sanitized with electrostatic sanitizing machine at end of day.   | Touch points cleaned between each learning block/class periods. All classrooms will be sanitized with electrostatic sanitizing machine at end of day.<br>All staff may be responsible for all cleaning protocols.            | Cleaning would be done by custodial staff.   |
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| Masks  | Optional for students and staff.   | Strongly recommended for students and staff to wear masks when entering the building.  | Required for students and staff to wear masks when entering the building.  | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide. No students in building.   |
|  |  | Students and staff may be required to wear a mask during close proximity activities and when working with a staff member that has immunocompromised health conditions.   |  |  |
| Pre-Screening for Students   | Parents screen children at home for symptoms.  | Parents screen children at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms.  | Parents screen children at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms.  | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide. No students in building.   |
|  |  | Students do not report to school if ill; MUST BE fever free without medication for 72 hours.<br>Students returning to school will be subject to the Irene-Wakonda School District screening process.                         | Students do not report to school if ill; MUST BE fever free without medication for 72 hours.<br>All students will be subject to the Irene-Wakonda School District screening process.   |  |
| Pre-Screening for Employees  | Teachers self screen at home for symptoms.   | Teachers self-screen at home for temperature, runny nose, cough and other symptoms.  | Teachers self-screen at home for temperature, runny nose, cough and other symptoms.  | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide. No students in building. Teachers will report and self-screen at home.                                 |
|  |  | MUST BE fever free without medication for 72 hours.  | MUST BE fever free without medication for 72 hours.  |  |
| Busing   | Follow normal protocols.   | Students are assigned seats; seat families together to maintain proper social distancing. Masks are strongly recommended.  | Students are assigned seats; seat families together to maintain proper social distancing. Masks are required.  | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide. No busing.   |
|  | Masks are optional.  | Surfaces are wiped down between routes.  | Surfaces are wiped down between routes.  |  |
|  |  | Hand sanitizer systems on all buses.   | Hand sanitizer systems on all buses.   |  |
| Water Fountains  | Water fountains are available.   | Emergency mouth drinking from fountains only.  | No mouth drinking from fountains.  | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide. No students in building.   |
|  |  | Water bottles are provided by students; can be made available by school.   | Water bottles are provided by students; can be made available by school.   |  |
| Cafeteria/Meals  | Traditional hot lunch service provided.  | Traditional hot lunch service provided; individually wrapped condiments.   | Traditional hot lunch service provided; using individually wrapped condiments and disposable lunch products (ie: plates, plastic siverware).   | Meal assistance set-up.  |
|  |  | Social distance schedule and capacity; staggering lunch times.   | **If social distancing cannot occur, lunch would need to be provided in classrooms.  |  |
| Passing Periods  | Follow regular scheduled passing periods.  | Longer passing periods throughout the day to ensure enough time for touch-surface cleaning protocols to occur.   | Longer passing periods throughout the day to ensure enough time for touch-surface cleaning protocols to occur.   | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide.  |
|  |  |  | Students may stay in classrooms and teachers may move throughout the building to avoid students from passing from class to class.  |  |
| Entering (arrival)   | Follow normal protocols. Students begin arrival no earlier than 7:40 am on school days.. | Follow normal protocols, maintaining social distance, students begin arrival no earlier than 7:40 am on school days, elementary students immediately enter building and go to classrooms.                                    | Breakfast served in classrooms. Follow typical protocols, maintaining social distance, students begin arrival no earlier than 7:40 am on school days, elementary students immediately enter building and go to classrooms.   | Social distancing practices will be in place for entering/exiting the building (no students or visitors allowed in the building during this time). |
| Exit (dismissal) building  | Follow normal protocols.   | Follow normal protocols, maintaining social distance, extended traditional dismissal times.  | Dismissal times will be staggered for longer durations and between levels.   | Social distancing practices will be in place for entering/exiting the building (no students or visitors allowed in the building during this time). |
| Response to sick students in school building (any sickness)        | Normal cleaning procedures in place.   | Normal cleaning procedures in place.   | Normal cleaning procedures in place.   | NA: On-line learning/packets district wide.  |
|  | Student will be isolated and parents will be contacted to take student home.             | Student will be isolated, placed in a mask, and parents will be contacted to take student home.  | Student will be isolated, placed in a mask, and parents will be contacted to take student home.  |  |
| Positive cases and response  | Follow Department of Health guidelines and protocol.                                     | Follow Department of Health guidelines and protocol.   | Follow Department of Health guidelines and protocol.   | NA.  |
| Extracurricular Activities/Travel                                  | SDHSAA Guidelines will be followed for all extra-curricular activities.                  | SDHSAA Guideline will be followed for all extra-curricular activities.   | SDHSAA Guideline will be followed for all extra-curricular activities.   | Extra-curricular activities will be cancelled.   |

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| (Student)   |  | Will follow SD DOH guidelines for travel.   | Will follow SD DOH guidelines for travel.   |  |
| Common Space Use<br>(i.e. restrooms -<br>scheduled visits,<br>playground/recess,<br>study hall locations,<br>Music/Band, hallway,<br>locker rooms, gym) | Common Space may be used per normal<br>building expectations.    | Utilization of common space needs to be scheduled to<br>ensure social distancing and proper cleaning.   | Utilization of common space needs to be scheduled to<br>ensure social distancing and proper cleaning  | Buildings shut down to all students and visitors.  |
|   |  | Assigned restroom utilization (i.e: by class, locations, grade,<br>etc.).   | Assigned restroom utilization (i.e: by class, locations, grade,<br>etc.).   | Staff are in buildings and work from their assigned<br>areas   |
|   |  |   | Increase frequency of cleaning in all common spaces.  |  |
| Classroom Space   | Classroom space may be used per<br>normal building expectations. | Utilization of classroom space needs to ensure social<br>distancing and proper cleaning.  | Teachers rotate rooms. Utilization of classroom space<br>needs to ensure social distancing and proper cleaning.<br>Students in affected areas may be required to use desks. | Buildings shut down to all students and visitors. Staff<br>are in buildings and work from their assigned areas. On<br>line learning/packets district wide. |
|   |  | Assigned restroom utilization (i.e: by class, locations, grade,<br>etc.).   | Assigned restroom utilization (i.e: by class, locations, grade,<br>etc.).   |  |
|   |  | Increase level of cleaning in all classroom spaces.   | Increase level of cleaning in all classroom spaces.   |  |
| Visitors  | Follow normal protocols.   | For all cases that would require a student to leave, parents<br>will call when they arrive at the building and their child will be<br>released. | For all cases that would require a student to leave, parents<br>will call when they arrive at the building and their child will be<br>released.                             | NA.  |
|   |  | Families are restricted from visiting the school to only<br>activities, meetings, and etc. that have been authorized by<br>the school.          | Families are restricted from visiting the school to only<br>activities, meetings, and etc. that have been authorized by<br>the school.                                      |  |

It is important that you utilize the I-W Home Screening Checklist with your student daily before they leave for school!

## I-W STUDENT SYMPTOM HOME SCREENING CHECKLIST

|   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or higher?  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Does your child have a sore throat?   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Does your child have a new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Has your child been experiencing diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Does your child have a new onset of a severe headache, especially with a fever?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with a confirmed case of COVID-19? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Has your child had close contact with a person under quarantine?  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

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|  | <p><b>RED Symptom Alone = Stay home from school until 24 hours after fever resolves.</b></p> <p><b>BLUE Symptom(s) Alone = Exclusion from school for COVID-19 not necessary, but may have an illness that would require exclusion from school.</b></p> <p><b>BLACK Exposure + RED Symptom or BLUE Symptom = Exclude from school until test result is negative OR if untested, at least 5 days since system onset (and 24 hours without fever AND symptoms improved).</b></p> |
|  | <p>If <b>NO</b> to <u>ALL</u> questions go to school.</p>  |

Thank you in advance for helping us create a safe environment for all students and staff!