



## **UPDATE: IOWA VALLEY SCHOOLS RETURN-TO-LEARN PLAN**

As the first day of school approaches, we want to remind you that district staff (with internal and external stakeholders input) are working hard to determine our plan for the upcoming school year that keeps students and staff safe and allows for learning to continue effectively.

*We know how challenging this time has been for all involved. We are making every effort to finalize our plan as soon as possible for your planning needs; specific details will be released early August. We appreciate your patience as the process unfolds in these uncertain times. We know you will have more questions. Please be patient as this is the first step in communicating our plan.*

**Here is a preview of the work coming out of our Return-to-Learn committees:**

### **SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

At this time, the District is planning to start in-person instruction on Monday, August 24, 2020.

### **VIRTUAL LEARNING**

We know many families are ready for their child(ren) to return to our buildings for in-person instruction for the educational and social benefits. However, some families do not feel comfortable with their child(ren) returning for in-person instruction at this time. *While virtual learning is not the recommended return-to-school instructional method, parents may elect to enroll their child(ren) to participate in this type of instruction.* Every student will be automatically enrolled for in-person instruction, but families can opt for virtual instruction by completing the application in August (more information to come once we receive guidance from the State).

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

The following health and safety standards are being implemented with more updates to come:

- Facial PPE (masks and/or face shields will be highly recommended for staff and students). **This is subject to change at any time.**
- Plexiglass shields in office and cafeteria areas as an additional protective measure
- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed in the school buildings at this time
- Social Distancing as much as feasibly possible

- Increased cleaning and sanitation procedures
- Additional safety routines may include (some meals eaten in classrooms, hand washing, altered arrival/dismissal procedures, staggered bell schedules)

### **STAFF**

The district will provide each staff member with protective gear. Daily temperature checks are recommended before reporting to work.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Families who are able to transport their students will be encouraged to do so temporarily, but busing will still be provided for eligible students as needed. Masks and other safety procedures will be highly recommended for riders (subject to change at any time).

### **BAND, VOCAL, PE, ATHLETICS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Modifications are being considered, but specific guidelines are still being finalized. More updates coming early August.

***PLEASE KNOW THIS IS ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN, WITH MORE SPECIFICS SET TO BE RELEASED IN EARLY AUGUST.***