WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

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Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan
Reconfirmation Meeting -
February 8, 2021

Required Every Month After Initial Plan Approval

Agenda

- Reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year
- Public comments from parents and/or guardians on the Extended Learning Plan
- Review weekly 2-way interaction rates

Reconfirmation Meeting for February 2021

Reconfirm how instruction, Extended COVID-19 Learning (ECOL) Plan, is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year: *(Recommendation: Explain in narrative form any modifications to the original ECOL Plan)*

At the present time, Monday, February 8, 2021, Wayland Union Schools is following the Enhanced Hybrid Model of Instruction: Group A Mondays/Thursdays; Group B Tuesdays/Friday; All students remote on Wednesdays. All students, within Wayland Union Schools and all other local school districts, are receiving Level 2 special education programming four days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

After guidance from the State of Michigan, encouraging all school districts to offer an option for in-person instruction at least half-time by March 1; as well as the revised local school district guidance by Allegan County Health Department (ACHD), the Wayland Union Schools instructional plan needed to be revised. Previous ACHD local school district guidance offered a weekly progress report based on risk categories. This guidance has been revised based on new information learned about the COVID-19 virus and about in-school transmission. The risk categories were determined to be obsolete when providing guidance to schools regarding their instructional model (in-person, hybrid, or remote). To date Wayland Union Schools has experienced two epi-linked cases (epi-linked meaning spread by direct contact at school). Additionally, the State of Michigan published a revised guidance document State of Michigan Guidelines for Operating Schools Safely in early January. This document nullifies all previous guidance documents including the MI Safe Schools Roadmap. The document is not legally binding, yet provides a framework for school districts when determining how to operate schools during the pandemic.

With Allegan County Health Department support, the Wayland Board of Education approved a plan to transition to full-time in-person instruction beginning Monday, February 15, 2021.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS and SCHOOL OPERATIONS:

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

- Student temperature checks will be optional at the bus and at the building entrance *(due to limited time at entrances and the importance of home screening)*
- Hand sanitizing stations
- Directional signals for crowd control

COVID-19 Quarantine Procedures

- Designated COVID-19 Contact Person in each building
- COVID-19 procedures continue
- Contact tracing conducted for direct school contacts
    - Anyone within 6 ft for more than 15 minutes over a 24 hour period, at school, will be identified as a school direct contact
    - Confirmed positive cases and direct contacts are required to stay home in isolation as directed by their local health department
    - At this time, per CDC and ACHD guidelines, vaccinated staff members must continue to quarantine if identified as a direct contact with a confirmed positive case
- Building and District Communications continue

COVID-19 Screening Process

For students:

- Screen at home daily prior to boarding the bus or coming to school, including daily temperature checks
- Optional temperature checks upon entry to school

For staff:

- Screen at home daily and/or complete daily screener available through District Google form

Common Areas

- Elementary playgrounds divided by cohorts
- Face masks required at all times indoors, except meals and/or medical exemption

Custodial Services/Cleaning

- Classroom cleaning will occur during prep periods
- Deep cleaning will occur each evening
- Additional deep cleaning when positive case(s) occur
- Cleaning supplies available in each classroom

Food Service

- Grab & Go Breakfast in classrooms (elementary) and in cafeteria (secondary)
- Supervised lunch in the cafeteria
- Procedures to facilitate a controlled flow to reduce crowding
- Cafeteria tables sanitized between lunch periods
- Elementary: Students seated, in the cafeteria with their classroom/cohort
- Secondary: Students seated in the cafeteria
- Food Service Staff will continue to wear face masks, use barriers, wear gloves, and wash hands often

Instruction: Elementary *(Classrooms and learning spaces)*

- Face masks required for all students and staff, at all times indoors, except meals and/or with approved medical exemption
- Face masks worn as specified by CDC: multiple-layer mask covering nose and mouth at all times, except meals and/or with approved medical exemption
- "Mask breaks" only allowable with medical documentation
- Hand washing/Hand sanitizing routines with reinforced practices
- Cleaning supplies and/or sanitizing wipes available in each classroom
- Seating charts
- Social distancing, to extent feasible, within each classroom and learning space
- Students remain with learning cohorts all day unless receiving intervention or IEP services
- Specials: Students transition to specials classroom with cleaning between students/cohorts *(All elementary buildings)*
- Our elementary schools will continue to utilize Google Classroom for all content across all grade levels. This is a proactive measure to be utilized by students and staff when students and/or teachers are sick and/or working remotely in the event of illness or quarantine

Instruction: Secondary (Classrooms and learning spaces)

- Face masks required for all students and staff, at all times indoors, except meals and/or with approved medically exemption
- Face masks worn as specified by CDC: multiple-layer mask covering nose and mouth at all times, except meals and/or with approved medical exemption.
- "Mask breaks" only allowable with medical documentation
- Signs to reinforce handwashing techniques
- Seating charts
- Social distancing, as feasible within each classroom and learning space
- Cleaning supplies and/or sanitizing wipes available in each classroom
- WUMS and WUHS will continue to utilize Google Classroom for all content across all grade levels. This is a proactive measure to be utilized by students and staff when students and/or teachers are sick and/or working remotely in the event of illness or quarantine

Overarching Mitigation Measures (Safety Protocols) in All Environments

- Social distancing, to the extent possible, in each setting
- Face masks required, by all staff and students, at all times indoors, except during meals or with approved medical exemption.
- Face masks worn as specified by CDC: multiple-layer mask covering nose and mouth at all times, except meals and/or with approved medical exemption
- Face masks must be worn properly according to CDC recommendations. Double-to-triple layer gaiters are permitted; however, face masks with ventilation (or vents) are not. Please see the infographic below defining acceptable face masks on page 4.
- Face masks available to staff members in the main office, as requested
- Parents who believe their child may be eligible for a face mask exemption, should complete and submit the following form to their child's building principal: https://waylandunion.org/downloads/covid-19/mask_exemption_wayland_union_schools.pdf.

CDC Recommendations for Face Masks:

Recommended	Not Recommended
Non-medical disposable masks	Masks that do not fit properly (large gaps, too loose or too tight)
Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)	Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as plastic or leather)
Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)	Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through
Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)	Masks with one layer
Masks with two or three layers	Masks with exhalation valves or vents
Masks with inner filter pockets	Wearing a scarf/ski mask as a mask

Transportation

- Optional student temperature checks upon boarding the bus, due to time constraints and validity when standing in the cold
- Face masks required, at all times, by students and drivers, unless approved with a medical exemption
- Seating chart for contact tracing
- Family members/households seated together

Virtual Academy of Allegan County (VAAC)

- VAAC continues to remain an option for families/students who are uncomfortable with a transition to full-time in-person instruction.
- Current WUS students hoping to transfer to VAAC may complete and submit a request form.
- Current WUS students attending VAAC may opt to return to WUS or finish the year at VAAC.
- Students who enroll in VAAC remain enrolled with WUS

Visitors

- Limited to essential tasks with principal pre-approval

Other components of the State of Michigan Operating Schools Safely January guidance:

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) System

- All filters are changed regularly according to manufacturer specifications

Water Fountains, Filling Stations and Testing

- Water fountains will remain closed
- Water filling stations available
- Water tested in October/November 2020. Determined to be clean and safe for drinking.

The Board of Education Extended COVID-19 Learning (ECOL) Plan Reconfirmation process will continue on a monthly basis by reviewing data provided to us by ACHD, our instructional model, public comment, and participation (attendance) rates. The ECOL Plan will be discussed at the next Board Work Session on Monday, February 22, 2021. The next ECOL Reconfirmation is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Regular Board Meeting. Public comments will be welcome, following public comment guidelines listed on our website, at each meeting.

Although obsolete, for previous instructional models and reconfirmation documents, please see the Extended COVID-19 Learning Reconfirmation documents located on our district website under COVID-19 at www.waylandunion.org

Document Public Comments:

Monday, February 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:

- None.

Review Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates

Jan/Feb	All Students
Week 1 **1/25 -1/29**	In-Person by District: 97.13% In-Person by Building: Baker: 97.0% Dorr: 97.43% Steeby: 96.91% Pine: 97.95% WUMS: 96.94% WUHS: 97.16% CCA: 91.87% Virtual (VAAC): 71.54% (1/27-2/2)

Week 2 **2/1 - 2/5**	In-Person by District: 97.74% In-Person by Building: Baker: 98.89% Dorr: 98.05% Steeby: 98.6% Pine: 98.07% WUMS: 96.97 % WUHS: 94.47% CCA: 94.9% Virtual (VAAC): *Not available until February 10, 2021*

**In-Person is based on attendance*

**Virtual is based on two completed two-way interaction cycles*

Updated and BOE approved 2/8/2021