

Back to School Plan 2021-2022



- The following document outlines the COVID-19 policies that will be in place when Good Shepherd students return to school. Basically we will operate under the same policies that were in effect at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Understanding that this is a fluid situation, the School Board will amend this plan as they deem necessary.
- Good Shepherd will plan for on-site instruction, 5 days per week.
- Good Shepherd will continue to follow effective cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- Good Shepherd will implement reasonable and feasible safety protocols and procedures so we can do our part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and make our school a safe place for our students and teachers.

God will guide us through the 2021-2022 school year just as he has in previous years. His Word gives us comfort when the psalmist writes, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

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Face Masks



Scripture encourages us to have respect for others as we deal with this polarizing issue. Romans 12:18 says, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

At Good Shepherd, the Board of Lutheran Schools has decided that we will reopen school in the same way we ended the 2020-2021 school year. Mask usage throughout the day for students and staff will be a personal or family decision. We will continue to monitor COVID occurrences and make adjustments as necessary moving into the future. Keep in mind that masks may still be mandatory on bus or field trips.

Positive Test Quarantine/Close Contact

Note: Guidelines in this area are constantly changing. Parents are encouraged to contact the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department (WOPHD) for guidance. That link is here and the phone number is 262.335.4462.

- If a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, he or she will need to isolate at home:
 - o For a 10-day isolation from onset of symptoms/positive test.
 - o Students may return to school after 10 days if they have been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours and their other symptoms are improving or gone.
- If a student tests positive, the school will inform the parents of students in that classroom.
- If a teacher tests positive, the school will contact those classrooms where instruction takes place.
- Close Contacts: Siblings and family members who are a close contact of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine at home for:
 - o A 10-day quarantine from last close contact without testing, or
 - o The quarantine can be shortened to 7 days after their last close contact, with a negative test result (PCR or antigen) collected on day 6 or 7.
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, even if you are <u>fully vaccinated</u>, the WOPHD recommends that you should get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after exposure and monitor for symptoms.



Health Checks

- It is critical that students remain at home if they are sick. Families must keep their child at home if the student has a fever of 100.4 and above. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school.
- o Temperature checks may be taken during the day.

Physical Distancing



- Will do our best to have students 3 feet apart while understanding that physical distancing in school is not always possible.
- o Lunches will occur in classrooms.

Mitigation Strategies



- O All classrooms and halls have been equipped with hand sanitizing stations.
- o A strong emphasis will be placed on regular handwashing.
- o Additional sanitizing will be done especially on high-touch surfaces.
- Bathroom and locker traffic will be minimized.

<u>Indoor Sports Procedures</u> per WELS Athletic League will be shared in the Sports Meeting.

Building Entry/Exit

o Parents are asked not to enter the building unless it is necessary. Parents who enter the building will be expected to check into the school office.

Closing Thought

• The above procedures have been put into place so we can begin with face-to-face instruction and minimize the risk to exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Some families may feel we did not go far enough, or we went too far, but please understand, the Board of Lutheran Schools has attempted to put in place the best procedures under the circumstances.

We move forward confident that we are safe in God's hands!

Good Shepherd Board of Lutheran Schools