



Centerville Community School District

Return to Learn Plan

Updated: 9/1/2022

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to inform the families, staff, and other community stakeholders about the procedures and policies that the district has put in place to ensure that our students can safely return to and remain in 100% face to face instruction. This plan was originally developed in July of 2020 using guidance of the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Education, the CDC, local health agencies and professionals, and input from CCSD families, staff, and stakeholders. This update of the plan is being completed in September 2022 to communicate the ways that the district will be using new guidance from the local, state, and federal health organizations and adhering to state law changes that have taken place since the adoption of the original plan.

Continuous Review of This Plan

The Iowa Department of Education requires that districts review these plans every six months through September 30, 2023 to ensure that the guidance that is provided is aligned with current IDPH and CDC guidelines and local procedures and policies. If it is determined that changes are needed, the district will accept public comment and the new plan will be approved by the school board. If no changes are needed, the plan remains posted through September 30, 2023 in its current state.

Student Enrollment and Attendance

Students enrolled at Centerville will attend and participate in face-to-face learning following practices and procedures that were in place prior to the pandemic with relation to attendance, absence, illness, and other aspects of in-person learning. The Centerville CSD has a desire to protect our students from childhood illness including COVID and, as such, encourages parents to closely monitor the health of their children and consult with a physician when in doubt. The original policies with regard to student illness for non-COVID illnesses have returned to pre-pandemic practices. Further information can be found in the district and building handbooks.

Classroom and School Environment

The district will be returning to pre-pandemic operations with relation to the structure and environment of the classrooms and school environment. There is no longer a short-term remote learning option available for students. Parents who have health-related concerns can consider signing up, full-time, for our district's virtual school option. Further information on that can be found by contacting the school district administration building. The virtual school option is not a short term solution for students. If your child has a short-term absence, you may communicate with the office of your child's school building to find out how best to help him or her to stay up-to-date with his or her school work.

Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities

The Centerville Community School District highly values the participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities by our students. As such, we seek to make participation in these activities safe and fun for our students. Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular activities will follow the recommendations of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, the Iowa High School Music Association, the Iowa High School Speech Association and other governing bodies in conjunction with recommendations of local, state, and national health organizations.

COVID-19 In the School Setting

We ask that you maintain an open line of communication with the nurse at your child's school if your child would have a positive case of COVID-19. While the guidelines from state and federal health agencies do not call on schools to do contact tracing, we do want to work with you to reduce the risk to our students and staff as much as possible. Students with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be marked excused for five days from the onset of symptoms in the case of a symptomatic case or five days from a positive test for cases of asymptomatic COVID-19. After these five days, the CDC recommends that students who are no longer symptomatic may resume in-person schooling and are recommended to wear a cloth face covering for an additional five days.

Mitigation Strategies

The district will continue to follow Iowa Department of Public Health and CDC recommendations where applicable and allowed by state law. Most mitigation strategies have returned to pre-pandemic mitigation levels. We will continue, however, to use special cleaning tools in the case of student illnesses in the classroom and will encourage frequent handwashing of students. As guidance changes from the local, state, and federal health agencies the school district will seek to follow the mitigation strategies allowed by law to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. We will periodically communicate with parents about ways that they can help us to reduce the risk of transmission for our students and staff as well.

ESSER III Fund Expenditures

In conjunction with Return to Learn planning, districts have to develop a plan for how they will spend the federal funds related to pandemic relief (ESSER III). Over the course a 3-year period, the district will have received \$2,894,446 in ESSER III funding from the Federal Government to support our Return to Learn plan and address ongoing needs caused by the pandemic. Districts are able to use the funding over this 3-year period, expiring September 30, 2024.

The funds have and will continue to provide:

- HVAC Projects to improve the air quality in our school buildings.
- Mental health supports for students to overcome concerns related to the pandemic.
- Additional nursing staff to support student health needs through the duration of the pandemic.
- Student tutoring, summer school, additional staffing, and supplies to make up for learning loss related to the pandemic.

Questions Regarding This Plan

If a stakeholder of the district has any questions regarding this plan, they should contact the Centerville Community School District administrative office at 631-856-0601.

Changelog to Plan

- 7/23/20 - Initial plan developed.
- 9/1/22 - Updated format of plan. Updated guidance regarding mitigation strategies, responses to positive cases, and classroom environment considerations. Eliminated items no longer allowed by state law and no longer applicable to current guidance from local, state, and federal health agencies. Added information on ESSER III fund expenditures.