

Return to In-Person Instruction (IPI) Plan

June 10, 2021



Background Information

- Governor Holcomb signed Executive Order 21-15 stating, "as of July 1, 2021, local school boards and/or the relevant governing bodies of all public and private K-12 educational institutions will be responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary..."
- On April 22, 2021, US Department of Education released the following requirements for the LEA Return to In-Person Instruction Plans; required to be developed by the LEA, seek public comment, and post on a public website within 30 days of receiving ESSER III funds.



Background Information

- Leadership Team of Principals met in May and Central Office Administrators met in June to review and develop.
- Dearborn County Health Department provided input and support.
- IPI plan was discussed with the Sunman-Dearborn Educators Association leadership on June 3, 2021.



IPI Plan Items Addressed

- Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures
- Health Protocols for Students and Staff
- Attendance Guidelines for Students



Appendix A - School/Classroom Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures

All areas will receive enhanced cleaning and sanitizing each day.

- School and Classrooms
- Office Areas
- Restrooms
- School Buses
- School Clinics after each student use
- Water Fountains will remained closed



- COVID-19 Symptoms and Student and Staff Requiring Exclusion from School
 - A fever of 100.4° F or greater
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
 - o Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
 - Loss of taste or smell



- Student/Staff Close Contact within School
 - Persons who have been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) of someone within the school setting (classroom, lunch room, common areas, etc.) with confirmed COVID-19, up to 48 hours prior to being symptomatic or prior to the test date for asymptomatic, are not excluded from school. Parents of students and/or staff members will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms. In addition, students and/or staff members identified as close contact within the school setting should follow quarantine protocols outside of school. Student/staff members are excluded from extracurricular activities. The student/staff member may return to extracurricular activities after at least ten (10) calendar days have passed since the date of close contact.



- Student/Staff Close Contact Outside of School
 - Persons who have been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) of someone with confirmed COVID-19, up to 48 hours prior to being symptomatic or prior to the test date for asymptomatic, may return to school if the following conditions are met:
 - At least ten (10) calendar days have passed since the day of close contact;
 or
 - At least seven (7) calendar days have passed since the day of the close contact; and
 - The student/staff has received a negative COVID-19 test; and
 - The test was administered on or after five (5) days of quarantine.
 - If a person becomes symptomatic, they must follow the "Tested Positive Symptomatic" protocol from the day they become symptomatic.

^{*}Please note - contact tracing and exclusion from school will only occur if required by the Indiana State Department of Health



Preventative Measures

- Handwashing and avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth are also important steps a person can take to avoid becoming sick or spreading germs to others.
- Ample hand sanitizer provided throughout the building.
- The school will reinforce healthy habits regarding handwashing during key times and regularly scheduled breaks. Some of these key times include:
 - Start of the school day
 - Before eating
 - After using the restroom
 - After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After using shared equipment
- Water fountains will not be utilized in school until further notice. Students and staff are encouraged to bring up to two (2) disposable bottles of water to school each day or a filled, reusable water bottle with a leak-proof seal, labeled with their name.



Appendix C - Attendance Guidelines - Students

Attendance policies have been modified to allow for extended absences for any student who is COVID-19 positive, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or has been in contact with someone COVID-19 positive or who is exhibiting COVID-19 positive.

- In addition to the existing excused absences, the following excused absences will be used:
 - COVID-19 Symptoms
 - o COVID-19 Positive
 - o COVID-19 Close Contact



Appendix D - Letter from Dearborn County Health Official



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To: Dr. Andrew Jackson, Superintendent 1 Trojan Place, Suite B St. Leon, Indiana 47012

I have reviewed the Covid-19 Return to In-Person Instruction (IPI) Plan and find it acceptable. The plan meets all the current state and county health requirement, and has the approval of the Dearborn County Health Officer.

Thank you for continued cooperation and willingness to work with us in this ongoing situation.

Sincerely,

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