



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction &
Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022

Relationships Before Rigor - Grace Before Grades - Safety Above All

The health and safety of Lapwai students is always our highest priority. The Lapwai School District has exhausted every effort and gone to the greatest lengths possible to ensure the safest return for students and staff this fall. The plan will remain subject to change based on local data and guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Idaho Public Health, Nimiipuu Health and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Mitigation Strategies

The Lapwai School District continues to work closely with state and tribal health officials in the planning for a safe return to instruction this fall. With local COVID cases rising including the Delta variant, we will be taking a preventative and proactive approach. Masks will be required indoors for students, staff and guests to start and reevaluated after three weeks. This includes indoor athletic events. Masks will not be required outdoors. Staff and students with a written physician mask exemption from last year will be honored again this year.

Level of Transmission: Framework for Decision Making

The following guidelines are subject to change based on guidance from district, state, and tribal health officials. As a general guideline, our district will reference the framework below:

Definitions:

Category 1: Green No Community Transmission	Category 2: Yellow Moderate Community Transmission	Category 3: Red Substantial Community Transmission
Evidence of isolated cases, case investigations underway, no evidence of exposure in large communal setting, e.g., healthcare facility, school, mass gathering.	Widespread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.	Large-scale community transmission, healthcare staffing significantly impacted, multiple cases within communal settings like healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Categories as determined by district, state, and tribal health officials.

Level of School Operations

School Buildings Open With Physical Distancing and Sanitation	School Buildings Open With Physical Distancing and Sanitation: Short Term Targeted Closures Optional, Yet Only If Absolutely Necessary	Targeted, Short-Term, or Extended Building Closure
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Ranging from Recommended to Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian	<p>Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian</p> <p><i>Exemptions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Mental Health Professional Medical Excuse 2. IEP/504 Accommodations <p><i>Face shield provided for exempt students</i></p>	Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian

Athletic and Extracurricular Programs

Events Open to Public	<p>Events Open to Public Unless Otherwise Notified</p> <p>Possible Limited Access as Announced</p> <p>Events Live Streamed to the Greatest Extent Possible</p>	<p>Possible Interruption to Season</p> <p>Guidance From Health Officials Will Influence Public Access</p>
<p>Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Recommended</p> <p>Social Distancing Required</p> <p>Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating</p>	<p>Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required</p> <p>Social Distancing Required</p> <p>Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating</p>	Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required

Event access subject to change based on guidance from district, state, and tribal health officials.

Vaccination Efforts

1. The Lapwai School District is in direct partnership with Nimiipuu Health and Idaho Public Health. Students of eligible age, staff, and their families interested in vaccination may contact our District Office for resources at (208) 843-2622.

Student Illness and Health Checks

2. Periodic health checks will occur throughout the school week. Schools are equipped with infrared non-contact thermometers and non-evasive temple thermometers.
3. Students and staff with any of the following symptoms are required to stay home:
 - a) Temperature of 100.4 Degrees or Higher
 - b) Diarrhea or Vomiting
 - c) Multiple Symptoms of COVID-19: Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or Body Aches, Headache, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion or Runny Nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea
4. Parents are requested to notify the school when their child is staying home due to illness. These absences will be excused. Missing work will be provided for students absent due to illness.
5. Students identified with any of the symptoms above while at school will be safely isolated and provided a mask. Parents/guardians will be contacted and required to pick-up the student promptly.
6. Students with the symptoms above will be granted reentry when their symptoms have subsided and they remain free of fever for 24 hours. The District reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing their return to school.

Hygiene and Cleanliness

7. Mask exemptions and the use of face shields without a mask will require a written physician, nurse practitioner, or mental health professional excuse. Exemptions may also be identified in an IEP or 504.
8. Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces.
9. Schools will create schedules for frequent hand hygiene. All student and staff restrooms are equipped with soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels. Partitions have been installed between restroom sinks for their protections as well.
10. Classroom high-touch surfaces and desks will be sanitized frequently throughout the day. Instructional spaces will be provided with a nontoxic peroxide-based cleaner. The disinfectant is hospital-grade and registered by the EPA for use against SARS-CoV-2, the

virus that causes COVID-19. Peroxide-based cleaners are also respiratory and environmentally friendly. All cleaners must be stored properly and inaccessible to students during instructional hours.

11. Building high-touch surfaces will also be sanitized frequently throughout the day such as railings and door handles.
12. Students will be explicitly taught and reminded to:
 - a) **Cover:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - b) **Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
 - c) **Wash Hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
 - d) **Hand Sanitizer:** Please use hand sanitizer at the installed dispensers.
 - e) **Avoid Touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Staff are required to abide by these recommendations as well.

13. Classrooms doors will remain open during the day to increase air circulation and limit the need to touch door handles.
14. Building HVAC fans will remain running constantly during school hours to increase air circulation.
15. Water bottle filling stations have been installed in each lobby and school hallway. This will encourage hydration and reduce cross contamination. Suggested student supplies will include refillable water bottles labeled with their name.
16. Annual training for custodians will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Limiting Cross Exposure

17. Students will be seated with the greatest social distancing possible in each instructional space. Additional desks have been purchased and provided.
18. Social distancing needs will be taken into consideration prior to approving open enrollment requests.
19. Seating arrangements will encourage students to face the same direction.
20. To the greatest extent possible, school supplies and learning tools will be unique to each student and stored separately. Shared materials will be disinfected after use.
21. When possible, schools will pursue virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, and special performances. In-person field trips are allowed yet will require adherence to district health and safety protocols.

22. Nonessential volunteers, visitors, guest speakers and other external groups are encouraged to consider virtual school contact. When visiting in-person, adherence to district health and safety protocols will be required.
23. Priority in student scheduling will include limiting cross exposure. This will include keeping the same cohort of students together whenever possible. Plans will include staggering times in common areas such as passing in hallways and use of playgrounds and cafeterias. Proper hand sanitization will follow use of playground equipment.

Transportation

24. Masks remained required on busses.
25. School bus transportation will include required assigned seating. To the greatest extent possible, households will be seated together.
26. Students will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry to the bus.
27. Refusal to wear masks or remain in assigned seating may lead to temporary suspension from riding the bus.
28. Seats and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized on busses following each use. The district has purchased an electrostatic sprayer to ensure thorough disinfection.
29. Weather-permitting, windows will remain open to increase air circulation.
30. Annual training for bus drivers will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Food Service

31. Elementary breakfast will be grab and go options allowing students to eat in their classroom/homeroom.
32. Whenever possible, scheduling for lunch will limit cross exposure by keeping the same cohort of students seated together and distance between groups. Tables and all high-touch surfaces will be sanitized after each use.

Closures and Communication

33. Should additional closures become necessary, schools will prepare to accommodate methods for remote learning similar as approached this spring.
34. Please ensure your family contact information is kept updated with the school. Parents/guardians will be kept informed in numerous ways including:
 - a. Autodialing Phone Messages
 - b. Facebook: Lapwai School District #341
 - c. Website: www.Lapwai.org
 - d. Nez Perce Tribe Communication Announcements
 - e. Superintendent's Weekly Update

Children With Disabilities

35. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities will be made with respect to health and safety policies.

Narrative**Student Academic Needs**

36. Both schools hold Leadership Team Meetings for a minimum of four hours per month with support from district administrators to engage in data analysis, goal setting, and action planning to advance growth in student achievement.
37. Instructional staff are engaged in weekly Professional Learning Community meetings to monitor and advance growth in student achievement.
38. Weekly professional development every Friday from 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. to provide time for research-based learning and data analysis is board approved and built into the school calendar. Professional development currently involves all instructional staff including para-educators.
39. Professional development includes a research-based and data-driven approach to increasing student engagement, deepening student learning, and use of intervention and assessment tools.

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

40. The Lapwai School District is currently implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S). P.B.I.S. is a best-practice framework for improving academic and behavioral outcomes for all students. The purpose of this program is to increase academic time-on-task by reducing problem behaviors. The students are explicitly taught how to be respectful, responsible, and safe in all locations on the school grounds. Our goal with PBIS and bullying prevention is to create a safe environment to maximize learning for all students. The elementary is also implementing the P.A.T.H.S. curriculum (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies), which encourages the development of strong social skills, problem solving, positive character traits, and bullying prevention, all which support academics. These research-based tools for teachers minimize learning interruptions and prevent bullying and other behaviors with strategic procedures and prevention techniques. Positive character traits and citizenship are also recognized in both schools with rewards, celebrations, and assemblies.

41. There are growing resources within the district to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment which include:

Lori Ravet: Special Education Director and School Psychologist
Kristen Bateman: Elementary Counselor and School Psychologist
Josh Nellesen: Middle-High Academic Guidance Counselor
Shawna Leighton: Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist
Jennifer Becker: Elementary PBIS Coordinator
Bonnie Franke: Middle-High PBIS Coordinator
Lori Lynn Parrish: Home School Liaison
Jennifer Williams: Guidance Service Specialist

Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

42. The District is pursuing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which is a voluntary, work-based program that offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services to employees who have personal and/or work-related problems.

Process and Timeline for Review and Revision

43. Community and stakeholder input will be gathered no less frequently than ever six months through September, 30, 2023. Feedback, questions, and recommendations will remain welcome throughout the year by contacting the Superintendent at (208) 843-2622; daiken@Lapwai.org
44. The Lapwai School District Crisis Response Team will also review and evaluate health and safety protocols every six months.
45. Community and stakeholder input will be gathered during the Annual Celebrating Families in Our Community Event each fall.
46. Community groups will be engaged in opportunities for input including:
- Lapwai School District Board of Trustees
 - Nimiipuu Health
 - Nimiipuu Behavioral Health
 - Indian Parent Committee
 - Nez Perce Tribe
 - Family Engagement Teams
 - Lapwai Community Coalition

School COVID Positives: Contact Tracing and Parent Notification

Limiting Cross Exposure:

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Rigorous Contact Tracing and Isolation Protocols

Protocols remain subject to change based on local data and guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Idaho Public Health, Nimiipuu Health and the Nez Perce Tribe.

When the school is aware and notified of COVID positivity among a student or staff member:



Health officials will be notified immediately for consultation and contact tracing support.



Health officials will begin rigorous contact tracing, notifying parents of students in close contact:
Generally defined as less than 6 feet, without a mask, for more than 15 minutes
School staff will also be advised regarding health official guidance.



The affected area(s) will be decontaminated prior to students and staff reentering the building.



Students and staff not impacted by exposure will continue school after sanitization. Monitoring symptoms with temperature checks a minimum of twice per day will be required.



Exposed Close Contact With No Symptoms	Exposed Close Contact With COVID Symptoms	Tested Positive for COVID	Tested Negative for COVID
Quarantine for 7 days with testing 48 hours prior to release. Quarantine for 10 days without testing. Testing recommended for those vaccinated 3 to 5 days following exposure	Seek medical evaluation Quarantine until test results received	Isolate for 10 days returning to school after symptom free with no fever for 24 hours from onset of symptoms	Follow the guidance of health officials

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Nimiipuu Health: www.nimiipuuhealth.org

Public Health - Idaho North Central District: www.idahopublichealth.com