



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan 2023-2024

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

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	Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian <i>Exemptions:</i> 1. Written Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Mental Health Professional Medical Excuse 2. IEP/504 Accommodations <i>Face shield provided for exempt students</i>	Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian

Athletic and Extracurricular Programs

Events Open to Public	Events Open to Public Unless Otherwise Notified Possible Limited Access as Announced Events Live Streamed to the Greatest Extent Possible	Possible Interruption to Season Guidance From Health Officials Will Influence Public Access
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Recommended Social Distancing Required Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating	Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks Required Social Distancing Required Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating	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. Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.

- 11. Building HVAC fans will remain running constantly during school hours to increase air circulation.
- 12. Water bottle filling stations have been installed districtwide. This will encourage hydration and reduce cross contamination. Suggested student supplies will include refillable water bottles labeled with their name.
- 13. Annual training for custodians will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Limiting Cross Exposure

- 14. Additional desks have been purchased and provided to allow for social distancing.
- 15. Local COVID data will be taken into consideration prior to approving open enrollment requests.

Transportation

- 16. School bus transportation will include required assigned seating. To the greatest extent possible, households will be seated together.
- 17. Students will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry to the bus.
- 18. Seats and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized on busses regularly. The district has purchased an electrostatic sprayer to ensure thorough disinfection.
- 19. Weather-permitting, windows will remain open to increase air circulation.
- 20. Annual training for bus drivers will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Food Service

- 21. Tables and all high-touch surfaces will be sanitized after each use.

Closures and Communication

22. Should additional closures become necessary, schools will accommodate methods for remote learning.
23. 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

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

Narrative

Student Academic Needs

25. Both schools hold Leadership Team Meetings with support from district administrators to engage in data analysis, goal setting, and action planning to advance growth in student achievement.
26. 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.
27. 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

28. 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.

29. 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

30. The District has 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.
31. The District has purchased Calm App access for staff. This social-emotional support tool provides mindfulness, meditation, sleep, and relaxation resources.

Process and Timeline for Review and Revision

32. Community and stakeholder input will be gathered no less frequently than every 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
33. The Lapwai School District Crisis Response Team will also review and evaluate health and safety protocols every six months.
34. Community and stakeholder input will be gathered during the Annual Celebrating Families in Our Community Event each fall.
35. Community groups will be engaged in opportunities for input including:

Lapwai School District Board of Trustees	Family Engagement Teams
Nimiipuu Health	Lapwai Community Coalition
Nimiipuu Behavioral Health	
Indian Parent Committee	
Nez Perce Tribe	

School COVID Positives: Quarantine and Isolation

36. The most recent guidance from the Center for Disease Control will be utilized for determinations related to the need for and duration of quarantine and isolation.
37. When the school is aware and notified of COVID positivity among a student or staff member, health officials will begin rigorous contact tracing, notifying parents of students in close contact.

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Nimiipuu Health: www.nimiipuuhealth.org

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