



Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Warren Alvarado Oslo School District



All planning is fluid and subject to change. WAO School District 2176 will follow requirements and will consider implementation of recommendations put forth by Marshall County Public Health, CDC, MDH, MDE, and MSHSL. Schedules and programming will strive to return closer to traditional near-normal operations for the fall of 2021. This includes the following:

Schedule

School will be in-person, five days per week following the regular school calendar.

Meals & Food Service

Breakfast and lunch will be FREE to all students again for the 2021-2022 school year. Elementary students have the opportunity to have milk at milk break at a cost. Students at all levels who request a second helping of food at breakfast or lunch will be charged.

We depend greatly on our families continuing to complete their Free & Reduced Meals Application for other funding sources in the school district. We have seen a decline in completion of the applications during the USDA free meals program, which can have a negative financial impact for the school district in Compensatory Aid. Please help us out by completing your household's Free & Reduced Meals Application. We are incentivizing the completion of this form by waiving our district technology insurance fee (\$50 per child). The waived fee is issued for completed forms only. Families do not have to qualify in order for the fee to be waived. Forms were made available in registration packets and can also be obtained in the Elementary and High School offices.

Students K-12 will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria unless notified otherwise. Preschool students will continue to eat meals within their classrooms (this is non-covid related and a programming decision). The school's food service has established material and food procedures that meet the requirements of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Vaccines

The school is not requiring COVID vaccinations for students, staff, visitors or volunteers. The CDC strongly recommends vaccinations for those ages 12 and older. Families interested in information about vaccines (locations, dates, etc.) may contact School Nurse Jane Johnson at 218-745-4646 or 218-745-4441 or Marshall County Public Health at 218-745-5144 for more details.

Social Distancing

Striving to create a physical distance of at least three feet apart between individuals when possible is encouraged at school but not required. Again, social distancing is no longer required.

Face Coverings

Indoors & Outdoors:

Face coverings **will not** be required in school buildings, unless families choose for their child to wear one. Those who choose to wear face coverings will not be treated any differently than those students who do not. All parents/families will have the choice if their child is to wear a face covering. All students will be treated with respect for their individual/family choice.

Transportation:

Face coverings will be required on busses per President Biden's Executive Order. Students will be expected to wear a mask upon entry of the bus and throughout the duration while riding.

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Specialist Classes (Music, Phy. Ed., etc.)

These classes will be held in the specialist classrooms (music room, gym, etc.).

Cleaning, Disinfecting, Sanitizing and Healthy Facilities

Cleaning of our buildings will again be a high priority for the safety of our students and staff. Cleaning routine protocols will continue to support mitigation of COVID using approved disinfecting cleaning products. Products are used in accordance with their labels. Drinking fountains will only be used in the bottle-filling mode; therefore, students and staff are encouraged to bring their own labeled water bottle.

Visitors

Visitors will once again be welcomed at school. Visitors must report to the school offices upon entrance into the building.

Health Self-Screening and Quarantine

All students, staff, and visitors are asked to conduct a daily health self-screening for symptoms of illness and stay home when necessary (when sick). If you are ill, stay home and report any COVID symptoms to the school office. This is a good general health practice and was instrumental in slowing and preventing the spread of colds, flu's and COVID. If you are absent due to an illness please arrange with the school's office to obtain school work missed. Students and parents are also encouraged to communicate with their classroom teachers when missing school. WAO schools will not be providing any form of distance learning unless required. Students and Staff will be notified if considered a close contact to someone with COVID.

Self-Screening Questions

Please evaluate prior to entering any school facilities or transportation. If you answer yes to one or more of the following questions, please stay home until symptoms subside.

1. Do you have a fever? (Temperature of 100.4F or greater)
2. Are you experiencing a new onset cough?
3. Are you having difficulty breathing?
4. Do you have a sore throat?
5. Are you experiencing muscle aches? or body aches?
6. Are you experiencing unusual fatigue?
7. Are you experiencing loss of taste or smell?

Schools continue to be mandated to report positive COVID test cases to local public health and MDH. This is not a local decision: Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 Handling a confirmed case of COVID-19 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, child care facility, or camp to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Reportable Disease Rule www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/index.html

Hygiene Practices

The school will ensure the availability of appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors and place supplies in areas where they may be frequently used.

Handwashing

The school will teach, model and provide time for handwashing and/or hand sanitizing routines in the daily schedule. Staff and students are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially when working with shared items, prior to meals or snack time, or using the restroom.

Respiratory Etiquette

Staff and students are instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing to avoid touching their face, in particular their nose, mouth or eyes with their hands. Tissues should be disposed of and they should sanitize or wash their hands afterwards.

Special Education

Programming and services are based on the individual student's needs as determined by the individual education program (IEP) team and as documented in the IEP or 504 plan. Parents/guardians should contact his/her child's case manager to inquire about appropriate accommodations with respect to health and safety policies and procedures.

District Transportation

All passengers and drivers will wear a face covering while in school vehicles. *This is not a local decision.* A driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus. Students will be expected to wear a mask upon entry of the bus and throughout the duration while riding.

Partnership with Health Agencies

Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School District will collaborate on issues related to COVID with Marshall County Public Health, MDE and MDH. Local COVID infection rates will be monitored closely in collaboration with the listed agencies.

Subject to Change

This plan and all areas of operation for Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Schools are subject to change at any time due to new state and/or federal mandates regarding COVID. And if necessary, the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School Board will make changes to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and community members.