

# **Evaline School District 2021-22 Return to School Plan**

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to see students and staff back in the building soon. It is the goal of the Evaline School District to remain open to in-person schooling to the greatest extent possible by creating safe learning spaces. The District will follow all issued orders made by relevant governmental agencies. We are going to strive to keep school as normal as possible while following the required governmental guidance.

**Stay home when showing symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested.** Staying home when showing symptoms of COVID-19 is the first line of defense related to the spread of the virus in the school setting. Individuals are strongly encouraged to be tested for the virus when symptoms have occurred.

## **Masking**

The District will follow all legally issued orders made by relevant governmental agencies. At this time, there will be a universal indoor mask requirement that includes all individuals inside the school.

A proper mask is a face covering made of two or more layers of woven fabric with ties or straps that goes around a persons' head or behind their ears (cloth or disposable are acceptable). Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times. We will provide signage as these requirements change in the future. Gaiters do not fit the above description and are not allowed at school.

Transportation: Universal masking is currently required by federal regulation for everyone utilizing district transportation.

Masks are not required outdoors.

## **Social Distancing**

The District will continue to implement social distancing of 3 feet to the greatest extent possible.

## **Isolation and Quarantine**

The District will continue to conduct contact tracing to determine if there are individuals who are close contacts to a positive case within the school setting. The District will notify families of identified close contacts, but asymptomatic close contacts will not be required to quarantine if they have worn their mask properly.

## **Isolation**

If a person tests positive for COVID-19, they can return to school (regardless of vaccination status) when the following criteria is met:

- 10 days since symptom onset, or since positive test collection date if no symptoms are present. (up to 20 days for those who are severely ill or severely immunocompromised), AND
- 24 hours after fever resolves without fever reducing medications, AND
- Symptoms have improved

If a person tests negative for COVID-19, they may return to school as long as they are not a close contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

If a person with COVID-19 symptoms does not get tested or see a healthcare provider and given an alternative diagnosis, they should follow the same isolation guidance as a person who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

## **Quarantine**

When someone has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time in case they were infected or contagious.

People who may be exempt from quarantine:

- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated and do not have symptoms do not need to quarantine but should get tested 3-5 days following exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in all public indoor spaces for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate and follow appropriate guidance if they test positive.
- Close contact who had confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months, have recovered and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop.

## **Cleaning/HVAC**

District cleaning guidelines will follow recommendations from the appropriate health departments. This mainly consists of generalized cleaning with the additional disinfection of all hard surfaces and touch points on a daily basis. Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be made available in each classroom and other areas. The supplies will be safe and appropriate for the areas they are placed in. Hand sanitizing stations will be located through common areas and hallways, including inside entrances.

## **Distance-Based Learning**

The district will provide a continuity of learning when students are home due to testing positive for the virus, isolated as a close contact to a positive case, or during times of temporary pauses to in-person instruction at the classroom, grade, school or district level. We will make individual plans if distance learning is required due to isolation/quarantine.

If school is mandated to have remote school, we will go back to the practice from last year with google classroom, Dojo, zoom, etc. This will be mandated and a last resort option.

Disclaimer: This plan supersedes any previous reopening plans, and is valid for the 2021-22 School year only.