

2021-22 Ogden CSD RETURN-TO-LEARN PLAN

To prepare for the 2021-22 school year, Ogden CSD reviewed the 2020-21 Return-to-Learn plans as required by the Iowa Department of Education. The Return-To-Learn plan was created in June of 2020 and implemented for the 2020-21 school year, with the understanding that the plan could change based on changes made by state or federal authorities.

Ogden CSD adjusted the 2021-22 Return-to-Learn plan based on a September 13, 2021, federal court ruling. The Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction against the enforcement of Iowa Code section 280.31, which banned Iowa school districts from issuing mask mandates for students, staff, and community members present on school grounds.

Our updated Return-To-Learn plan is effective Monday, September 20, 2021, and will remain in place until the end of the first semester unless brought back to the Ogden Board of Education with recommended changes. The district leadership team will present a plan for the second semester to the Board prior to January 14, 2022.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 TRACKING

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home for 10 days and be 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications prior to returning to school or work.
- Contact tracing will **ONLY BE COMPLETED** within the immediate household of the positive individual, and those individuals are highly encouraged to quarantine. **The Iowa Department of Public Health adjusted COVID-19 surveillance to follow the influenza model. This means districts cannot independently contact trace. Any contact tracing and follow-up would need to be led by the Boone County Health Department.**
- Individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are highly encouraged to receive one. Numerous organizations offer free vaccines within Boone County.

BUILDINGS AND BUSES

- Students and staff will be asked to stay home if they feel ill and/or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Student absences will be recorded in Infinite Campus, and staff absences will be recorded through their standard leave process.
- All individuals, including students, staff, and visitors, are encouraged to wear face masks while indoors. Face masks are available in each building.
- Face masks are required on all school buses.
- Hand sanitizer and handwashing stations are available and encouraged.
- In 2020, Ogden upgraded some HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems to improve air quality.
- Federal emergency relief funds will be used to continue HVAC updates across the district as part of ongoing construction work.
- Water bottle stations are available in all school buildings. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles.

- Cleaning and disinfecting will continue in each area. This will occur on an enhanced schedule in elementary buildings.
- High-touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day.
- Plexiglass barriers will remain in some office spaces that have public-facing interaction. Face shields will continue to be made available to students and staff as an extra layer of protection.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be provided for each space in buildings.

IN CLASSROOMS

- Teachers are able to take students outside for fresh air.
- Students will participate in recess and P.E. with their peers.
- Breakfasts will be eaten in the cafeteria. Elementary students will eat in the cafeteria at assigned tables. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria. Elementary students will eat in the cafeteria with their class and have assigned seating. Hand sanitizer will be available. Parents and guests will not be allowed to eat with students at school.
- Volunteers will be on an invitation-only basis from a building administrator/teacher/program. All volunteers are required to wear face masks indoors.
- Elementary assemblies, concerts, field trips, and events must have mitigation strategies created and submitted to building administrators for review. Building administrators will submit final proposals to Superintendency for approval.
- Child care will proceed with normal enrollment numbers.
- Extracurricular activities will take place. Students who participate in athletics and/or activities are encouraged to wear face masks while indoors. Ogden CSD will continue to reference guidance from several state and local agencies.
- Spectators and visiting teams are encouraged to wear face masks while indoors on district property.