



Going Back To School Plan 2021-22

Introduction:

As Idaho Falls School District 91 plans for the coming school year, **we are focused on openings schools, operating as close to normal as possible, closing learning gaps and working together with parents, patrons and staff to ensure our students are successful** and gain the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to be successful beyond high school.

D91's Going Back To School Plan 2021-22 considers input received from parents, patrons, students and staff over the last year. It was reviewed by school administrators and the Idaho Falls Education Association, which represents D91's teachers and certified staff. The plan also incorporates guidance from health officials. **It is a living document and will be updated as necessary.**

D91's Collective Commitments:

- Students are our first priority.
- All students can learn and demonstrate measurable growth.
- Individual learning needs are best addressed through differentiated instruction.
- Students learn best when actively engaged.
- Whole child development requires an enriched curriculum that provides a wide array of opportunities.
- Learning is a cumulative, lifelong pursuit.
- Consistent application of research-based teaching and curriculum maximizes student achievement
- All people have a right to a safe, respectful and orderly educational environment.
- Quality educators make a difference in students' lives.
- Data-based decisions drive and develop academic and professional improvement.
- Our similarities and differences are to be recognized with dignity and respect.
- Expectations, attitudes and efforts directly affect the performance of all people.



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| OUR FOCUS: | <i>D91's schools will operate as close to normal as possible while the district continues to take steps to mitigate risks and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.</i> |
| Districtwide: | <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible teachers and staff are encouraged to be vaccinated <input type="checkbox"/> Parents, patrons and eligible students are encouraged to be vaccinated <input type="checkbox"/> Parents, patrons, staff and eligible students should follow health guidance in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community. |
| Masking: | <input type="checkbox"/> A mask or face covering is recommended indoors and on buses when social distancing isn't possible |
| Schoolwide: | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools, common areas, classrooms and frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned and disinfected <input type="checkbox"/> Sneeze guards and other protective measures will be implemented in offices and other areas as feasible <input type="checkbox"/> Good hygiene practices and regular hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer will be available in schools, common areas and classrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Schools will develop a plan to respond if students and staff fall ill at school |
| Extracurricular Activities: | <input type="checkbox"/> Operate as close to normal as possible while considering guidance from local and state officials |
| Transportation: | <input type="checkbox"/> Buses will be routinely cleaned and sanitized. |
| Students & Staff: | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Follow good hygiene practices such as washing hands frequently, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, etc. |
| Parents & Patrons: | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow health guidelines and good hygiene practices to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community, including getting vaccinated <input type="checkbox"/> Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Those who test positive for COVID-19 should remain home for at least 10 days after illness onset and 24 hours after fever is gone without fever reducing medicine, and the improvement of other symptoms. |

How D91 Will Respond To Confirmed Cases of COVID-19:

An important part of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community is following the health guidance, identifying those who may be sick or infected and working together to keep the virus in check.

Student Confirmed Cases:

If D91 receives notice of a confirmed and documented student case:

- Principal will report the case to the assistant superintendent of elementary or secondary education and review any unique circumstances.
- Principal will conduct contact tracing with teachers and staff as necessary in accordance with most recent guidance.
- Principal will contact impacted students/staff and, if necessary, notify them of the need to quarantine. Decisions about quarantine will be made in accordance with the latest guidance.
 - No quarantine necessary if both parties are wearing masks correctly
 - No quarantine if fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms, but individual should be tested 3 to 5 days after exposure and wear a mask indoors for 14 days or until they receive a negative test
 - Without masks, students/staff would need to isolate for 10 days from the last date of contact or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test
- Principal will notify parents and the school community about confirmed cases.
- D91 will report the number of confirmed student cases district wide.
- Infection rates at individual schools will be monitored. If infection rates indicate the need for a school closure, any closures would be temporary to allow for additional cleaning and/or for individuals to recover.

Staff Confirmed Cases:

If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19:

- The staff member should immediately notify their supervisor and HR.
- The staff member should follow quarantine guidance from their doctor or Eastern Idaho Public Health.
- Staff who are isolating, but cannot perform their assigned duties by telecommuting would need to take leave. HR can provide information on leave options, which could include:
 - Personal sick or vacation time
 - A leave of absence
- Staff member should assist with contact tracing to help identify students and staff who may be impacted.
- D91 will report the number of confirmed staff cases district wide as necessary.
- Infection rates at individual schools will be monitored. If infection rates indicate the need for a school closure, any closures would be temporary to allow for additional cleaning and/or for individuals to recover.

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