



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

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*Lapwai School District
Planning Toward Full-Day In-Person Learning on Monday, March 1st*

The Lapwai School District continues to work closely with health officials to ensure the safest approach to learning possible for our students, staff and their families. We are grateful to report our approach to health and safety is working with zero contact tracing leading back to instructional time.

Beginning January 21, 2020, the Nez Perce Tribe changed its COVID-19 response to correspond with Stage 3 of the Idaho Rebounds guidelines. The Covid-19 positive testing rate is the lowest it has been on the Reservation since September at 9.2% with only 7 active cases as of January 19th. The widespread distribution of the vaccination has included extending the opportunity to Lapwai School District staff as well. Our partnership with Nimiipuu Health has provided unprecedented access to CDC health officials including a Senior Advisor, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Contact Tracer, Health Communications Specialist, and Infection Prevention and Control Specialist. We also continue to consult weekly with Nimiipuu Health Medical Director, Dr. Hartwig, and Idaho Public Health District Director, Carol Moehrle.

As local data remains reassuring, we can anticipate safely returning to full-day in-person instruction beginning Monday, March 1st. Stringent protocols for disinfection will continue. The remote only learning option will continue as well. Masks will remain required with the greatest social distancing possible in the classroom. The rigorous health and safety protocols which will remain in place are posted on our website at Lapwai.org.

Please expect additional updates to follow as we continue to consult with health officials and plan the safest transition back to full-day in-person learning possible. Please contact your child's school or the Superintendent with questions.

Remote and Blended Learning Options Will Continue

Remote and blended learning options will continue through the remainder of the school year. Please reach out to your child's school for details.

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Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.