



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT School Health & Safety Protocols 2020-2021

Relationships Before Rigor - Grace Before Grades - Safety Above All

The health and safety of Lapwai students is always our highest priority. The Lapwai School District has exhausted every effort and gone to the greatest lengths possible to ensure the safest return for students and staff this fall. The following protocols include guidance from the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, and Idaho Public Health. The plan will remain subject to change based on local data and guidance from Idaho Public Health, Nimiipuu Health and the Nez Perce Tribe.

The decision-making process for the Lapwai School District will include referring to the guidance and best practices outlined in the Idaho Back to School Framework:

www.sde.idaho.gov/re-opening/

In an effort to ensure the safest learning environment possible, the local plan outlined below exceeds state expectations. Please expect additional updates as we approach the 2020-2021 school year. Your questions are welcome. Please feel free to contact Dr. David M. Aiken, Superintendent: (208) 843-2622

Level of Transmission: Framework for Decision Making

The following guidelines are subject to change based on guidance from district, state, and tribal health officials. As a general guideline, our district will reference the framework below:

Definitions:

Category 1: Green No Community Transmission	Category 2: Yellow Moderate Community Transmission	Category 3: Red Substantial Community Transmission
Evidence of isolated cases, case investigations underway, no evidence of exposure in large communal setting, e.g., healthcare facility, school, mass gathering.	Widespread and/or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.	Large-scale community transmission, healthcare staffing significantly impacted, multiple cases within communal settings like healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Categories as determined by district, state, and tribal health officials.

We are presently in Category 2: Yellow: It is currently required for all students, staff and parent visitors to wear face masks. Exemptions and the use of face shields without a mask will require a written physician, nurse practitioner, or mental health professional excuse. Exemptions may also be identified in an IEP or 504.

Level of School Operations

School Buildings Open With Physical Distancing and Sanitation	School Buildings Open With Physical Distancing and Sanitation: Short Term Targeted Closures Optional, Yet Only If Absolutely Necessary	Targeted, Short-Term, or Extended Building Closure
Masks Recommended as Provided by Parent/Guardian	<p>Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian</p> <p><i>Exemptions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Written Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Mental Health Professional Medical Excuse IEP/504 Accommodations <p><i>Face shield provided for exempt students</i></p>	Masks Required as Provided by Parent/Guardian

Athletic and Extracurricular Programs

Events Open to Public	<p>Events Open to Public Unless Otherwise Notified</p> <p>Possible Limited Access as Announced</p> <p>Events Live Streamed to the Greatest Extent Possible</p>	<p>Possible Interruption to Season</p> <p>Guidance From Health Officials Will Influence Public Access</p>
<p>Masks Recommended</p> <p>Social Distancing Required</p> <p>Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating</p>	<p>Masks Required</p> <p>Social Distancing Required</p> <p>Clearly Designated Home and Visitor Seating</p>	Masks Required

Event access subject to change based on guidance from district, state, and tribal health officials.

Additional Category Guidance - Idaho Back to School Framework:

www.sde.idaho.gov/re-opening/

Student Illness and Health Checks

1. Periodic health checks will occur throughout the school week. Schools are equipped with infrared non-contact thermometers and non-evasive temple thermometers.
2. Students and staff with any of the following symptoms are required to stay home:
 - a) Temperature of 100 Degrees or Higher
 - b) Diarrhea or Vomiting
 - c) Multiple Symptoms of COVID-19: Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or Body Aches, Headache, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion or Runny Nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea
3. Parents are requested to notify the school when their child is staying home due to illness. These absences will be excused. Missing work will be provided for students absent due to illness.
4. Students identified with any of the symptoms above while at school will be quarantined and provided a mask. Parents/guardians will be contacted and required to pick-up the student promptly.
5. Students with the symptoms above will be granted reentry when their symptoms have subsided and they remain free of fever for 72 hours. The District reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing their return to school.

Hygiene and Cleanliness

6. It is currently required for all students, staff and parent visitors to wear face masks. Exemptions and the use of face shields without a mask will require a written physician, nurse practitioner, or mental health professional excuse. Exemptions may also be identified in an IEP or 504.
7. Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces.
8. Schools will create schedules for frequent hand hygiene. All student and staff restrooms are equipped with soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels. Partitions have been installed between restroom sinks for their protections as well.
9. Classroom high-touch surfaces and desks will be sanitized frequently throughout the day. Instructional spaces will be provided with a nontoxic peroxide-based cleaner. The disinfectant is hospital-grade and registered by the EPA for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Peroxide-based cleaners are also respiratory and environmentally friendly. All cleaners must be stored properly and inaccessible to students during instructional hours.

10. Building high-touch surfaces will also be sanitized frequently throughout the day such as railings and door handles.
11. Students will be explicitly taught and reminded to:
 - a) **Cover:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - b) **Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
 - c) **Wash Hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
 - d) **Hand Sanitizer:** Please use hand sanitizer at the installed dispensers.
 - e) **Avoid Touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Staff are required to abide by these recommendations as well.
12. Classrooms doors will remain open during the day to increase air circulation and limit the need to touch door handles.
13. Building HVAC fans will remain running constantly during school hours to increase air circulation.
14. Water bottle filling stations have been installed in each lobby and school hallway. This will encourage hydration and reduce cross contamination. Suggested student supplies will include refillable water bottles labeled with their name.
15. Annual training for custodians will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Limiting Cross Exposure

16. Students will be seated with the greatest social distancing possible in each instructional space. Additional desks have been purchased and provided.
17. Social distancing needs will be taken into consideration prior to approving open enrollment requests.
18. Seating arrangements will encourage students to face the same direction.
19. To the greatest extent possible, school supplies and learning tools will be unique to each student and stored separately. Shared materials will be disinfected after use.
20. Schools will pursue virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, and special performances.
21. Nonessential volunteers, visitors, guest speakers and other external groups will be limited to virtual contact with students.

22. Priority in student scheduling will include limiting cross exposure. This will include keeping the same cohort of students together whenever possible. Plans will include staggering times in common areas such as passing in hallways and use of playgrounds and cafeterias. Proper hand sanitization will follow use of playground equipment.

Transportation

23. School bus transportation will include required assigned seating. To the greatest extent possible, households will be seated together.
24. Students will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry to the bus.
25. Seats and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized on busses following each use. The district has purchased an electrostatic sprayer to ensure thorough disinfection.
26. Weather-permitting, windows will remain open to increase air circulation.
27. Annual training for bus drivers will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Food Service

28. Breakfast will be grab and go options allowing students to eat in their classroom/homeroom.
29. Whenever possible, scheduling for lunch will limit cross exposure by keeping the same cohort of students seated together and distance between groups. Tables and all high-touch surfaces will be sanitized after each use.

Closures and Communication

30. Should additional closures become necessary, schools will prepare to accommodate methods for remote learning similar as approached this spring.
31. Please ensure your family contact information is kept updated with the school. Parents/guardians will be kept informed in numerous ways including:
 - a. Autodialing Phone Messages
 - b. Facebook: Lapwai School District #341
 - c. Website: www.Lapwai.org
 - d. Nez Perce Tribe Communication Announcements
 - e. Superintendent's Weekly Update

Plan Review and Evaluation

32. The Lapwai School District Crisis Response Team will review and evaluate health and safety protocols quarterly.

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