

Lapwai School District Health & Safety Protocols

—  2020-2021  —



Elementary Library Partitions

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

Student Illness & Health Checks

Periodic health checks will occur throughout the school week. Schools are equipped with infrared non-contact thermometers and non-invasive temple thermometers.

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

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.

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.

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 & Cleanliness



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.

Hygiene & Cleanliness

Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces.

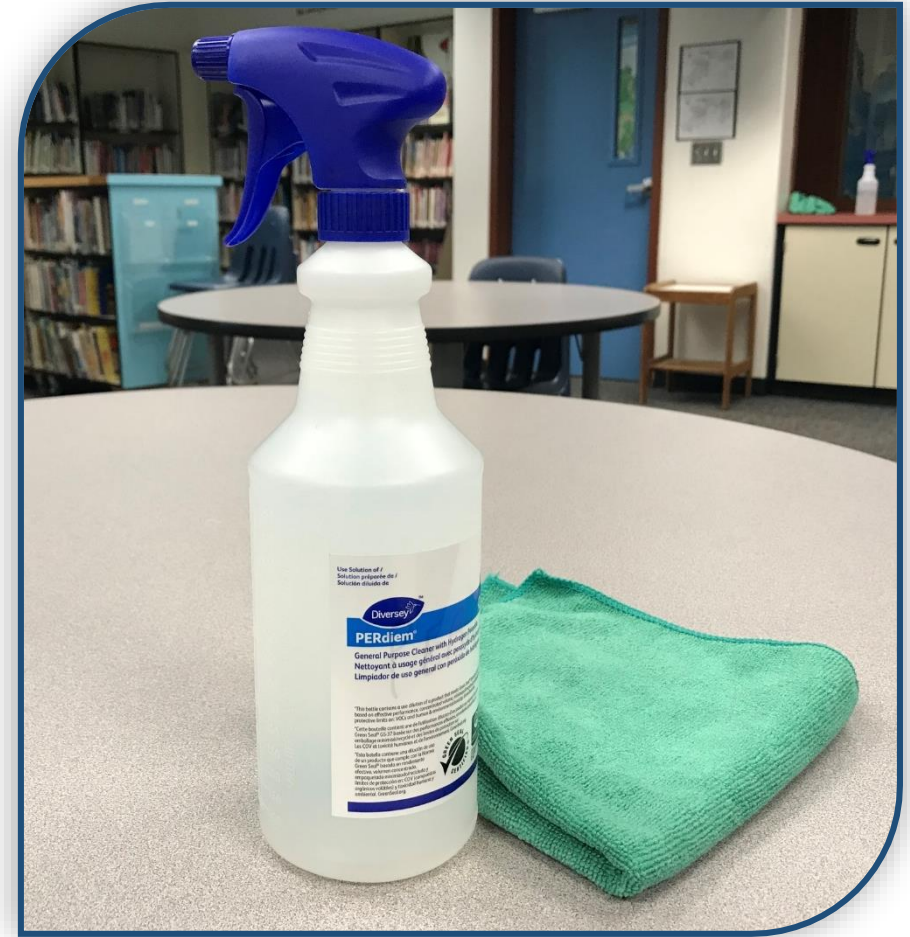


Hygiene & Cleanliness

It is recommended students wear personal protective equipment such as masks as provided by the parent/guardian.

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.

Building high-touch surfaces will also be sanitized frequently throughout the day such as railings and door handles.

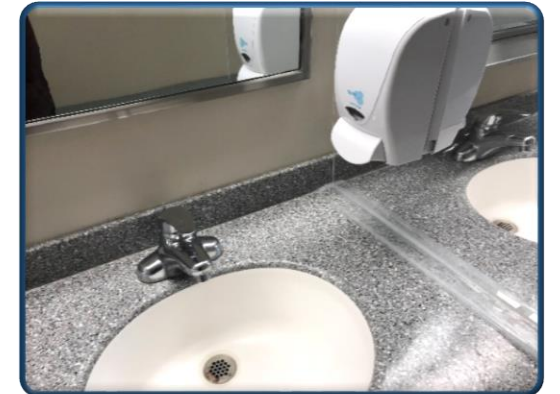


Hygiene & Cleanliness

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.



Hygiene & Cleanliness

Classrooms doors will remain open during the day to increase air circulation and limit the need to touch door handles.

Building HVAC fans will remain running constantly during school hours to increase air circulation.

Annual training for custodians will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.



Hygiene & Cleanliness

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.



Hygiene & Cleanliness



Students will be seated with the greatest social distancing possible in each instructional space. Additional desks have been purchased and provided.

Social distancing needs will be taken into consideration prior to approving open enrollment requests.

Seating arrangements will encourage students to face the same direction.

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.

Schools will pursue virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, and special performances.

Nonessential volunteers, visitors, guest speakers and other external groups will be limited to virtual contact with students.

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

School bus transportation will include required assigned seating. To the greatest extent possible, households will be seated together.

Students will be provided hand sanitizer upon entry to the bus.



Seats and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized on busses following each use. The district has purchased an electrostatic sprayer to ensure thorough disinfection.

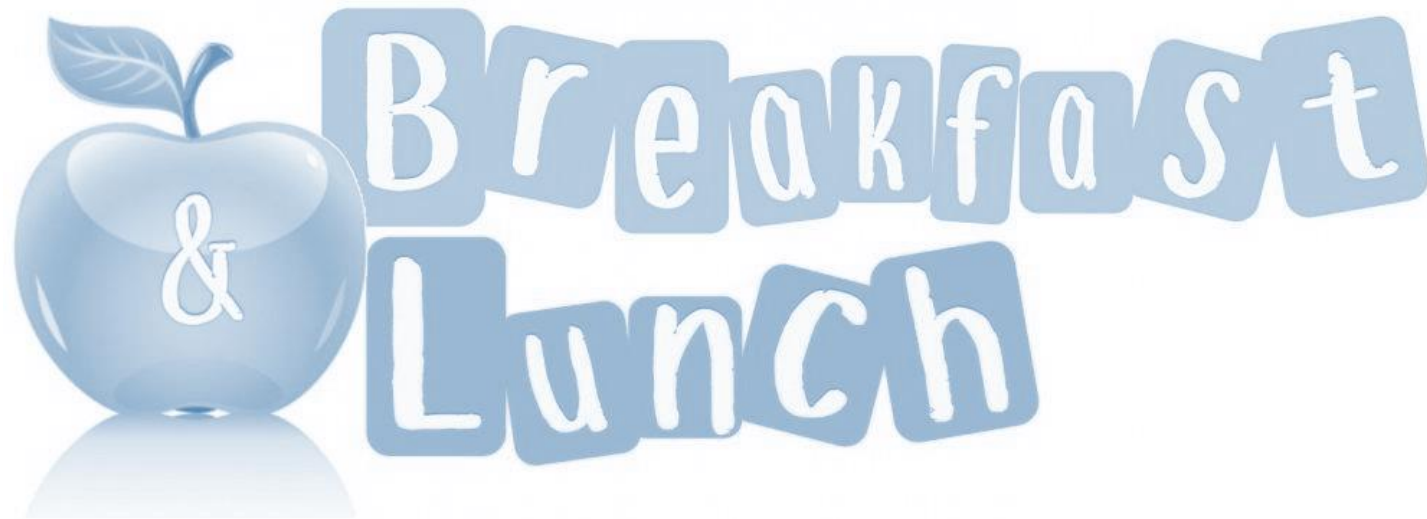
Weather-permitting, windows will remain open to increase air circulation.

Annual training for bus drivers will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

Food Service

Breakfast will be grab and go options allowing most students to eat in their classroom/homeroom.

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 & Communication

Should additional closures become necessary, schools will prepare to accommodate methods for remote learning similar as approached this spring.

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



Plan Review & Evaluation

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



Middle-High Office Partitions

Frequently Asked Questions

Will school start on time?

School is scheduled to start as planned on August 26th unless otherwise notified. As with all components of the plan, this is subject to change based on local data and guidance from health officials.

How frequent are the periodic health checks?

Local data will determine the frequency. Should risk rise the frequency will increase.

Can I send hand sanitizer to school with my child?

Yes, yet it is widely provided by the district. Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces. 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.

Elementary Office Partitions



Frequently Asked Questions

Do you expect school closures this year?

Although we are planning for remote learning needs should they be absolutely necessary, our primary focus is prevention. Our goal is to resume teaching and learning at school with precautions and resources to increase safety.

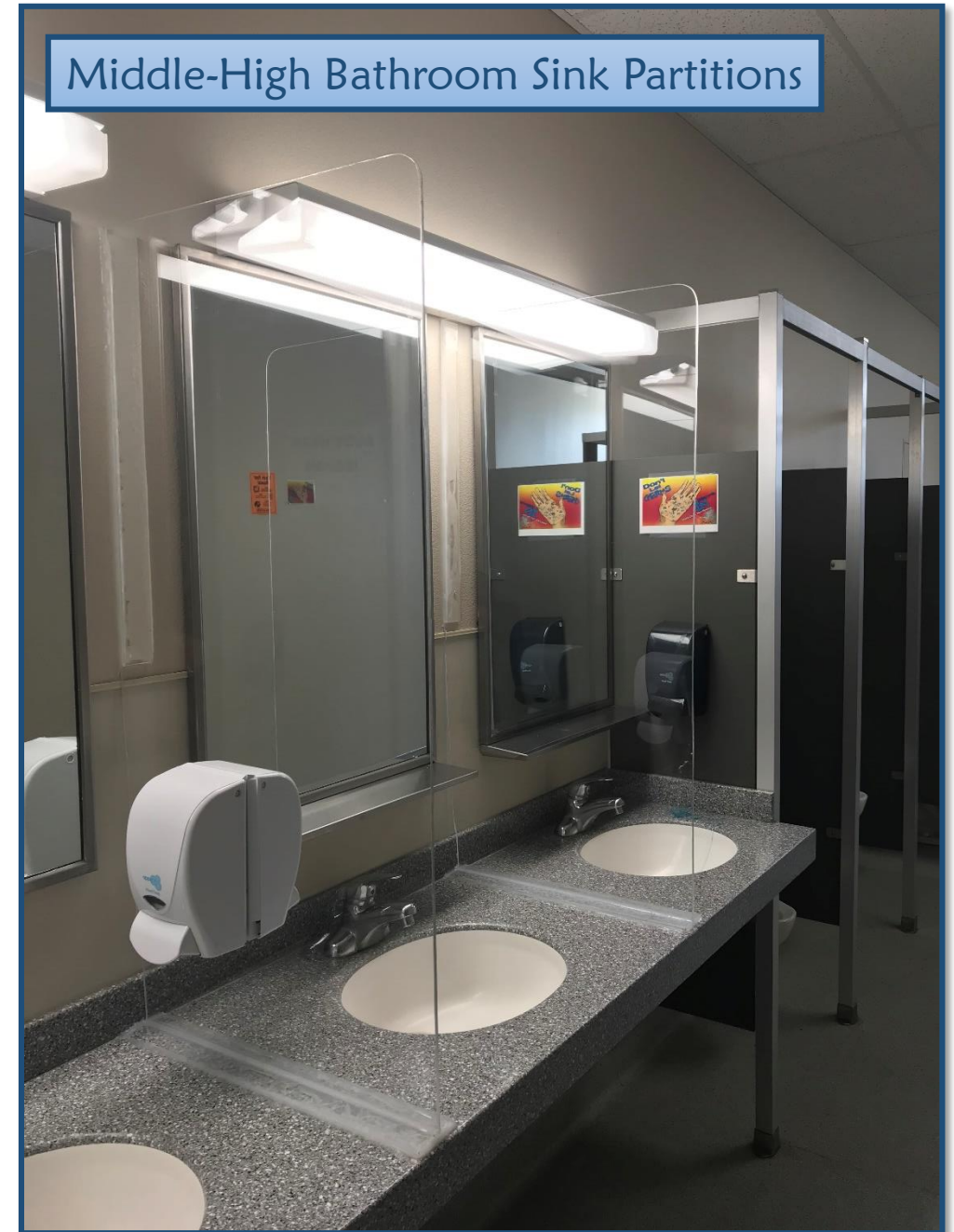
Why are masks not required?

Local data and guidance from health officials could change this expectation. Currently, masks are recommended.

Are parents/guardians allowed in the building?

Parents and guardians are welcome with masks recommended. Please use the hand sanitizer in the lobby upon entering. Report directly to the office and check in.

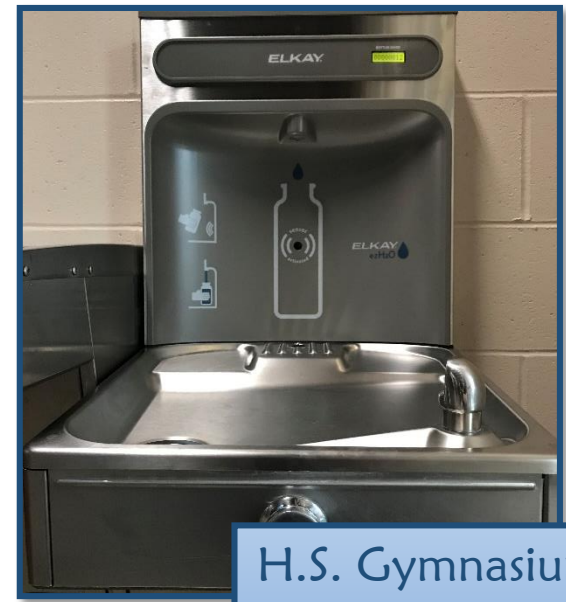
All other guests will be required to schedule an appointment prior to entering by calling the school.



Frequently Asked Questions

What resources are available for social and emotional health this year?

- Both schools are equipped with school counselors:
 - Kristen Bateman, Elementary
 - Josh Nellesen, Middle-High
- Lori Ravet, Special Education Director, is also our School Psychologist
- Nimiipuu Behavioral Health provides Heather Foster office hours at the Middle-High
- Shawna Leighton's role as Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist supports at-risk youth districtwide
- Suicide prevention training will be mandatory for all district staff, in every role, including bus drivers, custodians, cooks, etc.
- The Elementary is equipped with Julie Clark as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Coordinator
- The Middle-High is equipped with Iris Chimburas as Dean of Students
- Instructional staff receive training on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Education
- The Nez Perce Tribe Education Department provides a mentoring program
- The Lapwai School District Attendance Committee (LSDAC) surrounds families with resources and support
- Culturally responsive care is a priority for the Lapwai Middle-High School Indian Education Department and Indian Parent Committee
- The Lapwai School District Board of Trustees has approved expenses for all of the above, making social and emotional wellbeing a priority



H.S. Gymnasium Water
Bottle Refilling Station