



Clarinda Community School District

Return to Learn

2021-2022

Dear Cardinal Families,

The administrative team, school nurse, Page County Public Health, nutrition staff, custodial staff and others have been keeping current on the latest guidance from the Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health, and CDC. We have been mindful of creating a safe learning environment for our students and staff. Similar to last year, we will invest time and energy on the tasks under our control and will shift our strategies based on data.

We have three main goals in our Return to Learn Plan. We want to keep students and staff safe, provide high levels of instruction, and stay in an in-person model when possible.

On August 5th, Dr. Ann Lebo shared Department of Education guidance aligned with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). With this in mind and per advice from legal counsel, our collaborative team determined mitigation efforts and identified strategies for our students, staff and families:

- Stay home, if you are sick. This is the best way to keep others and yourself healthy, as allergy and cold symptoms can be the same as COVID-19 and variant strains.
- Stay home from school until 24 hours after symptoms and fever have resolved.
- Do not use fever reducing medication prior to sending your child to school. Staff members will be expected to send students with symptoms to the nurse's office right away. Families will need to pick up sick students from school promptly. Temperatures will not be taken upon entrance to school buildings.
- Bring bottled water to school or utilize the cups/fill stations in each building. Staying hydrated is critical.
- Practice handwashing and sanitizing routines at school, home and in the community. Practice covering your cough with your elbow to minimize bacteria and virus spread.
- Masks will be available for staff or students, and the district strongly encourages employees and students to wear masks on buses and in school buildings. (Please note, the district received legal counsel regarding mask requirements. Also, the district improved HVAC systems for improved air quality.)