

Maquoketa Valley Return to Learn Plan Fall 2023

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This is the current Return To Learn Plan for the Maquoketa Valley School District. We continue to receive guidance from the Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Delaware County Health and Keystone AEA. This plan will continue to evolve as we get more guidance and respond to community questions.

In-Person Learning

We will have in-person learning this year for all students. We will not be providing an online option unless we have students who need this option for medical reasons. These arrangements must be made on a case-by-case basis. We will support students who must have an extended absence with options such as online interaction or sending homework home. These situations will be decided on a case by case basis.

Our priority is to keep students and staff safe so that we may continue to offer in-person learning at Maquoketa Valley. The following strategies will be in place to give us the best chance at keeping our school open and for students to participate in extracurricular activities. We appreciate your support and will need everyone to do their part to help our entire school community safe. We will continue to update this document with more information as it becomes available.

Face Coverings

Iowa Governor Reynolds signed HF 847 on May 20, 2021 which prohibits a school district from adopting or enforcing a policy that requires employees, students, or the public to wear a mask while on school property. As such, masks will be optional for students, teachers, and visitors. We will support students in our school whether they choose to wear masks or not.

Mitigation Efforts

Our efforts will include but not be limited to the following:

- Desks will be cleaned daily.
- Alternative classroom seating arrangements will be used to create as much space as possible between students.
- We will have hand sanitizer in each classroom, spread throughout the building in heavy traffic areas and at all building entrances
- Classroom doors will be left open as much as possible to reduce the number of hand touches on the doors.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle. If they do not have one, one will be provided by the school.
- Frequent teaching and instruction for students on healthy practices, this includes increased opportunities for handwashing and updated Wildcat Way expectations.

Health Considerations

- COVID-19 vaccinations and proof of vaccinations are not required for employees, students, or the public.

- It is important for parents to screen their children before they come to school and keep them home if they are displaying symptoms of any illness. See the attached document called "[Childhood Illness Plan](#)".
- If a student or teacher becomes symptomatic they should stay home while ill and consider getting tested.
 - IDPH states COVID-19 positive persons can return to normal school activities after:
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
 - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
 - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*
 - *Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

Visitors

- Visitors will be allowed as we start the school year. We will assess the situation and make changes if necessary.