



Return To School Plan 2020-2021

We are eager to begin a new school year growing in Christ! In order to reopen our school, Good Shepherd gathered information from our school families, consulted with local health authorities, monitored public school plans, and sought advice from neighboring WELS schools and WELS leadership. Based on this input, the Good Shepherd Board of Lutheran Schools has adopted this plan to begin school August 24, five days per week, with face-to-face instruction with the following procedures in place.

KEY POINTS



- Limit the Spread of Covid-19 by cleaning and disinfecting.
- Preserve an educational climate that nurtures spiritual, academic, and social growth.
- If distance learning is needed, provide a platform for this.
- Prioritize student and staff health.

Health Checks



- It is critical that students remain at home if they are sick. Families must keep their child at home if the student has a fever of 100.4 and above. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school.
- Temperature checks may be taken during the day.

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Physical Distancing



- Will do our best to have students 3-6 feet apart while understanding that physical distancing in school is not always possible.
- Lunches will occur in classrooms.
- The Hot Lunch Program will be available for parents who choose to participate.
- Recess will occur, and when possible, student numbers will be minimized.

Mitigation Strategies



- All classrooms and halls have been equipped with hand sanitizing stations.
- A strong emphasis will be placed on regular handwashing.
- Additional sanitizing will be done especially on high-touch surfaces.
- Bottle fillers will be on; drinking fountains will not be used. Students need a bottle.
- Bathroom and locker traffic will be minimized.

Face Masks



As of August 1, the entire state of Wisconsin is under a face covering mandate. Certain adults and children are exempt from this mandate for various reasons. You may find this and other information in the mandate [here](#), and a document for FAQ [here](#): We are following these procedures unless this mandate changes:

- Preschool aged children are not included in the order.
- If parents determine that their child is exempt, it would be appreciated if you could let your child's teacher know.
- Note that the governor's order tells us to presume the best about those not wearing masks and as Christians we want to follow the 8th commandment and put the best construction on our neighbor. For that reason, we will not be questioning those who do not wear a mask.
- Per the mandate, teachers will not be required to wear masks while teaching.

Indoor Sports Procedures per WELS Athletic League



- 2 spectators per player
- Physical distancing
- Masks are required for spectators
- Will be reevaluated as the season progresses
- Increased efforts will be available for hand sanitizing

Chapel and Assemblies



- The church will be sanitized before and after Wednesday chapels.
- It is understood that students will be spaced out during chapels and assemblies as much as can be expected considering student ages and the activity being held.

Building Entry/Exit

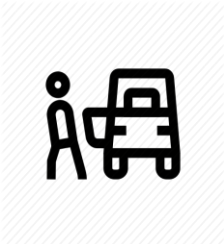
Parents are asked not to enter the building unless it is necessary. Parents who enter the building will be expected to check into the school office, physically distance, and must wear a mask. While some individuals are comfortable with little physical distancing, there are others who are not. We ask parents to be aware of this and be respectful out of concern for our brothers and sisters.

Drop off Procedures

- 3K-5K parents may bring students and siblings into the building using the downstairs door. They should physically distance and must wear a mask.
- Grades 1-8 parents should drop off their children at the upper school entrance.

Pick up Procedures

- 3K-5K parents may enter the building to pick up children and older siblings in the lower hall. Parents are asked to physically distance and must wear a mask.
- Grades 1-8 parents are asked to wait for their children outside of school. Students will be dismissed by classroom and walked to the parking lot by classroom teachers and staff.



Positive Covid Cases

Note: Guidelines in this area are constantly changing.

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, then the student must quarantine at home for 10 days plus 24 hours of being symptom free. The school would inform school parents of this situation and the classroom in which it occurred. The classroom would continue to hold classes as usual.
- If a student is quarantined at home, the school will have a system in place to deliver online instruction.
- If a teacher tests positive for COVID-19, then the teacher must quarantine at home for 10 days plus 24 hours of being symptom free. The school would inform school parents of this situation and the classroom in which it occurred. A substitute teacher will be placed in the classroom while the classroom teacher is out.
- At this time there are no set orders defining when a classroom or school would close due to a certain number of COVID-19 cases. The Principal in consultation with the Washington/Ozaukee Public Health Department, faculty, and Board of Lutheran Schools will make that determination when/if it is necessary.
- If school is closed, we will switch over to virtual learning, and then return to face-to-face instruction as soon as possible.

Closing Thoughts

- The above procedures have been put into place so we can begin with face-to-face instruction and minimize the risk to exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
- If distance learning is needed, a platform will be provided.
- Some families may feel we did not go far enough, or we went too far, but please understand, that we have attempted to put in place the best procedures under the circumstances. If you have a special health or safety concern, please contact Principal Dan Schultz.

- Finally, these procedures are being put into place in August, but as we know, things may change quite rapidly.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you.”
Jeremiah 29:11

We move forward confident that we are safe in God’s hands.

Good Shepherd Board of Lutheran Schools