



Linn-Mar Community School District

Return-to-Learn Plan 2023-24



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*The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund requires school districts to review and/or update their Return-to-Learn Plan every six months until September 2023. This document serves as the required update for the Linn-Mar Community School District as of **July 10, 2023.***

Overview

For the 2023-24 school year, the Linn-Mar Community School District will continue in-person, traditional learning. The district will also continue to reference guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Linn County Public Health (LCPH), and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding COVID-19 safety protocols.

Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors and volunteers are welcome in all of the district facilities.

Social Distancing

No social distancing measures will be implemented at the start of the school year but will be put in place as deemed necessary in the future.

Online Learning

Students that were enrolled in the online learning program during the 2022-23 school year that did not fail classes will be allowed to continue participating in the program during the 2023-24 school year. For questions on Edmentum contact Nathan Wear, Associate Superintendent, at nathan.wear@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Technology

Every student is assigned a district-owned learning device. PreK-K students are assigned an iPad. Students in grades 1-12 are assigned a laptop. Additional information regarding device pick up is provided to families by the individual schools. If a family needs support to access internet services at home, they are encouraged to contact the media specialist at their student's school to check out a hot spot.

Transportation

The district no longer requires face masks to be worn on district transportation. Protocols include the disinfecting of buses, windows and vents opened to allow for air circulation whenever possible, and the availability of hand sanitizing stations.

Extracurricular Activities

All extracurricular activities will operate with no limitations on attendance.

Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing is encouraged. Hand sanitizer stations will be available in all district facilities.

Facility Cleaning

Increased emphasis regarding cleaning and disinfecting district facilities on a daily and weekly basis will occur. Additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be followed throughout the school year. Examples include, but are not limited to, hand sanitizing stations, disinfecting wipes, and increased time for student handwashing.

Facility Rentals

The district will continue the practice of opening facilities for use by outside groups. Visit the following link for additional information on LM facility rentals/use:

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/district/departments/support-services-facilities/>

COVID-19 Reporting and Information

The district will continue to reference guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Linn County Public Health (LCPH), and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding COVID-19 safety protocols and/or reporting.

Students who are exhibiting COVID symptoms, awaiting COVID test results, or are diagnosed positive should notify the school nurse and/or health assistant immediately.

Students and staff members waiting on results from a COVID-19 test should remain home until the results are received to assist in limiting exposure to healthy individuals.

COVID in PK-4th grade classrooms will be communicated through a letter to families per the same guidelines as other communicable diseases and according to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

For questions, students/staff should contact their individual building's health office.

Stay Home When Feeling Ill

Even though attendance is a priority for students and staff, we do encourage everyone to stay home if they are not feeling well:

- Fever of 100.0 degrees or above with signs and symptoms such as sore throat, rash, vomiting or diarrhea;
- The illness prevents the student from participating comfortably in activities and/or academics as observed by the school staff; and
- Exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms:
 - High risk symptoms including fever/chills, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or a loss of taste or smell; and
 - Other symptoms including sore throat, headache, body aches, fatigue, runny nose, congestion, rash, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Students with COVID-19 symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for further evaluation and testing.

Visit the following link for information on the district's COVID-19 Health Services Procedures: <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/covid-19-information/health/>

Continuity of Services

If school is interrupted due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, the district will continue to provide educational services to ensure that student learning continues in a safe manner. Any decisions regarding the potential interruption of school services will be made in accordance with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Linn County Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Education.

- Academics – In the event school is interrupted due to COVID-19, the district will ensure continued learning by utilizing one of the following methods:
 - If school is not able to be held on a daily basis, the district will move to an A/B hybrid model of learning. In the A/B hybrid model, students will attend school every other day with the same cohort of students. This model will allow for smaller class sizes and better social distancing. On days that students are not engaged through in-person learning, they will complete work assignments via their school-assigned devices to ensure continued learning.
 - If COVID reaches a point that school cannot be held in-person, the district will move to a fully online model of learning. Students will access learning through their school-assigned devices.

- Social/Emotional Health – Students will continue to have access to school counselors and at-risk support staff, in addition to classroom teachers. These supports will continue regardless of which learning model the district is utilizing.
- Nutrition Services – Meals will be available for students throughout the 2022-23 school year. If school is not able to be held in-person, designated meal pickup locations will be available for families to access.