

North Border School District #100

Return To In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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On April 30, 2021, Governor Burgum rescinded the COVID-19 Emergency executive order. This decision was made due to the significant progress made mitigating the pandemic, both through implementing strategic measures and fulfilling mass vaccination throughout the state. With school board approval, the North Border Public School District ended its mask mandate for both the Pembina and Walhalla school buildings on Tuesday, May 11. Although our school's return-to-learning plan is a living document and will continue to grow as circumstances change, we are assured that the following updates will most effectively serve our school community as we begin school in August.

Although we are optimistic that our return to school this fall will look like years' past, we remain vigilant of the ever-changing nature of the pandemic and its effects on schools. For this reason, **this plan will be updated no later than every six months** -- sooner, if necessary.

North Border Public School will continue to provide the same quality education to all of our students throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Furthermore, we will be investing in initiatives that will help accelerate our students' learning as we recover from the pandemic.

- 1. Research-based reading curriculum for our K-3 students
- 2. Research-based social-emotional learning curriculum for our K-8 students
- 3. ESP (Extended-School Program) for our K-8 students
- 4. Various supplemental learning experiences for all K-12 students



What we will continue to do as school and district personnel:

- 1. Encourage proper hand hygiene/sanitization.
- 2. Maintain awareness of illness/symptoms in the student body and contact the student's family immediately if a student exhibits symptoms.
- 3. Continue to develop and monitor our district's return to learning every six months.
- 4. Provide quality education to all North Border students, regardless of the spread of infectious disease in our school community.
- 5. Encourage families to take necessary precautions specific to their family's needs. North Border Public School supports each family's decision to vaccinate against COVID-19, and the district

supports families' decisions to wear face coverings as well. For those who choose to wear face coverings, below are the CDC's recommendations for proper face covering:

- a. CDC's Guide to Face Coverings
- 6. Seek guidance from local, state, and national healthcare officials.
 - a. North Dakota Smart Restart Guidance
 - b. North Dakota Public Health
 - c. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



What you can do:

- 1. Keep your child home if he or she has a fever, cough, cold or flu symptoms, and return only when these symptoms have subsided.
- 2. Keep children at home for 24 hours after they are fever free without the use of over-the-counter products.
 - a. Symptom Checker
 - i. * Children should not attend school if they have fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain OR loss of taste and/or smell.
- 3. Create a family plan in case your child is sent home from school due to illness.
- 4. Continue to communicate regularly with the school.
- 5. Follow the school's website and social media for timely updates.

North Border School Operation Plan

School-Based Operation Status	➤ Schools are open.
Educational Delivery	➤ Traditional face-to-face instruction.
Instructional Information	 7-12 teachers/classes will be using Google Classroom. 1:1 technology will already be available (4-12). Inventory will be secured, user agreements/insurance signatures will be taken for devices (4-12).
Health Protocols	Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's health and keep their child home if necessary.
Physical Distancing/Group Sizes	➤ Maintain appropriate physical distance when possible.
Cleaning Protocols	 Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will take place. Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas will take place. Sanitation wipes will be provided in every classroom.
Food Services	➤ Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

Access to Buildings	 Visitors will be allowed in the school buildings. FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS All facility use agreements will continue to be approved by the school board and school superintendent.
Transportation	> Normal bus routes will be run.