



GHV 2021-2022 RETURN TO LEARN PLAN



Purpose

The Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District will be implementing the following Return to Learn Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Our district will follow guidance from [The State of Iowa](#), [Iowa Department of Education](#), [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH), and [Hancock County Health Services](#) (HCHS). Please note that things remain fluid and the information contained in this plan may change with little advance notice. Any updates to this district guidance will be communicated to district stakeholders as soon as possible.

Learning Model

Full time in-person instruction will be provided for all students in grades pre k-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. Students are to attend physically on-site and will be expected to participate in a daily face-to-face synchronous instruction, reteaching, and an educational experience in a traditional school year.

Masks and Cloth Face Coverings

HF 847, signed by Governor Reynolds on May 20, 2021, 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. Face masks are optional for students, staff, families, and visitors while in school per [Iowa House File 847](#).

Staying home when sick and getting tested

The Iowa Department of Public Health's guidance is to approach COVID-19 like other childhood illnesses.

Link to Child illness and exclusion from IDPH:

[Common Child Illnesses and Exclusion Criteria for Education and Child Care Settings](#)

Isolation and Quarantine Orders

IDPH will not issue isolation and quarantine orders for COVID-19 positive or COVID-19 exposed individuals. The district will follow IDPH and not require isolation or quarantine.

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.



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How long should COVID-19 positive students, teachers, or other staff members stay home?

COVID-19 positive persons can return to normal 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.

All other sick students, teachers, or other staff members should stay home in accordance with existing school procedures, generally until 24 hours after their symptoms resolve.

(IDPH, August 5, 2021)

Events and Activities

All extracurricular activities will return to normal operations with no limitations on attendance.

Resources

[Frequently Asked Questions 9-2-2021](#)

[Iowa DE COVID-19 Webpage](#)

[IDPH Issues Updated COVID-19 Guidance to Schools and Child Care Settings](#)

[IDPH Common Child Illnesses and Exclusion Criteria for Education and Child Care Settings](#)

[IDPH COVID-19 and K-12 School Update for Fall 2021](#)