

*East Noble School Corporation will open the 2021-2022 school year with in-person instruction only and follow basic protocols for preventing the spread of COVID and any other communicable illnesses based on guidance provided by the Indiana Department of Health and the Noble County Health Department.*

### **Health, Safety, and School Environment Protocols**

#### **MASKS**

At ENSC masks are optional, except on buses where a federal mandate is in effect. When making your choice, be aware that the CDC, NCHD and the AAP recommends mask wearing while indoors or in crowded outdoor areas.

#### **STAY AT HOME IF SICK**

Families must regularly screen their children and keep them home if ill or presenting COVID related symptoms. Students presenting symptoms at school will be sent home.

#### **QUARANTINING**

Using guidance from the Indiana Department of Health and Noble County Health Department, unvaccinated students and staff exposed to the COVID virus will be expected to quarantine at home. Fully vaccinated students and staff will not need to quarantine unless experiencing symptoms.

#### **DIVIDED CLINIC LOCATIONS**

There will be a separate area for students displaying symptoms who are waiting to be picked up and another area for medication distribution, etc.

#### **HAND WASHING**

Regular hand washing and hand sanitizer usage will be encouraged throughout the school day.

#### **WATER BOTTLES**

Students are encouraged to bring a personal clear container daily and utilize the bottle fillers located throughout the building.

#### **VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Visitors and volunteers will not be allowed into ENSC buildings.

#### **SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

Facility usage for groups outside of East Noble School Corporation may be held following basic health and safety protocols in place.

#### **CLASSROOMS**

When distancing is not possible, students and staff may choose to wear a mask during movement in the classroom and hallways. Basic safety protocols will be in place and air handlers will operate continuously to increase air movement throughout the buildings.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Athletic teams will follow the IHSAA guidelines. Afterschool clubs and activity participants may choose to wear a mask. Basic health safety protocols will be in place.

#### **CAFETERIA ADJUSTMENTS**

Visitors for lunch will be limited. Cleaning will be completed between lunches. Staff will be using a cashless system. Families are asked to send money to be placed into the student account. If cash is used, the change will be placed into the student's lunch account for future use.

#### **RECESS**

Hand sanitizer will be used when dismissed for recess and used again when entering the building.

#### **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Students riding the bus will have assigned seats. Students must wear a mask as mandated by the federal government. Windows will be open for cross ventilations as weather permits. Hand sanitizer will be available as students board the bus.

These 2021-2022 Return to School plans are based on conditions as of August 9, 2021. As the Indiana Department of Health, Noble County Department of Health, CDC, and Gov. Holcomb change/reduce restrictions, East Noble School Corporation will change these plans to align with the new mandates/reduced restrictions.