

Fordville-Lankin Public School Families,

The American Reserve Plan (ARP) requires school districts to develop an In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for our students. This plan will address how the district will ensure continuity of services and a description of the policies and practices for following health and safety strategies. The following guidelines are intended to provide protection for employees, students, and the community.

This plan utilizes various aspects of the previous Distance Learning Plan and the Health and Safety plan developed by stakeholders. The plan has been updated and will continue to be reviewed at least every six months or as needed. We understand that this is a living document and may need adjustments over time. We are committed to creating a safe learning environment for students and staff while continuing the education process. You are encouraged to review this plan and to contact Mr. O'Brien (michael.obrien@k12.nd.us) or Mr. Jorgensen (mitch.jorgensen@k12.us).

Continuity of Services

School Building Access:

The Fordville-Lankin Public School will be open for all in-person classes for the 2021-2022 school year. Staff, students, parents, and community members will be allowed in the school for in-person learning, athletics, work-out room, meetings, and other events.

- All extracurricular activities will not have a limit on attendance levels.
- Summer school will be in-person.
- Face-Coverings will be worn according to the Walsh County Health Department. Currently, masks are required only when social distancing is not possible.

Educational Delivery:

- School will be conducted in a traditional face-to-face format where all students will be in their classrooms with a teacher.
- Distance learning will not be conducted as during the 2020-2021 school year where students could distance learn. The only approved distance learning that will take place

are classes taken through the ITV system, approved online Dual Credit Classes, or in the case of bad weather where in-person school is not possible.

- All attendance policies and regulations will be enforced.

Technology:

Fordville-Lankin Public School is a 1:1 school where each high school student gets a Chromebook, and each elementary student gets an I-pad to use for their educational and technology learning requirements. Teachers will use their approved curriculums to instruct students with the goal of all students achieving proficiency on their state standards.

After School Program:

Fordville-Lankin Public School will continue with its After School Program for grades 1st-6th on Monday through Thursday. Students in grades 7th-12th can schedule after school support as needed. In addition, all students can also schedule support from their teachers between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:30 am each morning as needed. The After School Program provides additional support at no charge to the students.

- Masks are encouraged for students and staff.
- Only students who have a need for the program should use the program.
- The classrooms and computers will be sanitized after any morning support and after students have left the classrooms or library for the day.

Food Service:

Fordville-Lankin Public School will run its normal lunch and breakfast program providing healthy meal options to all students.

- Food Staff will be encouraged to wear face-coverings during lunch service.
- A hot breakfast and lunch will be served in the lunchroom. Students will practice social distancing while in the lunchroom.
- A sneeze barrier will be in place while going through the lunch line.
- Encourage students to bring water bottles and refill them from the water fountain.
- Provide disposable drinking cups at the water fountains to use if students do not have a water bottle.

Transportation:

Fordville-Lankin Public School will provide busing to every student enrolled at our school, if the family would like to utilize the services. Transportation is provided daily by qualified/licensed bus drivers. Transportation is also provided to students who need transportation for athletic practices that do not take place at the Fordville-Lankin School.

- Buses will run the same routes they did before the Pandemic.
- Families of students are encouraged to sit together.

- All staff and students were encouraged to wear face coverings while riding the bus.
- Buses will be regularly sanitized.

Academic, Social, & Emotional Needs / Mental Health & Other Needs

Students' Academic Needs:

Fordville-Lankin Public School will meet the academic needs of the students in the following ways:

- Provide a full schedule of in-person learning with highly qualified teachers.
- Use curriculum and assessments aimed at helping students reach proficiency in all state standards.
- Provide supplemental learning opportunities for students such as computer science classes, guest presentations, field trips, interactive on-line field trips, VR Experiences, and other interactive technologies.
- Utilize technology and teaching techniques that help the whole student learn and meet a variety of learning styles.
- Review school curriculum annually.
- Offer Dual Credit and ITV courses for advanced students and offer CTE courses not available at our school.
- Provide North Dakota Multi-Tier System of Supports (NDMTSS) support to our students.
- Provide special education services to those students with special needs and disabilities.
- Utilize data from NDSA, NWEA Testing, STAR Math and Reading Assessments, and Benchmark Tests. Interpret assessments and observe how to use evidence-based curriculums that would meet all students' needs.

Students and Staffs Social/Emotional/Mental Health Needs:

- Provide counseling services in school for students and staff.
- Utilize our mental health curriculum that can be taught to all students weekly by the school counselor.
- Host monthly meeting to discuss and talk about student's needs, attitudes, and demeanor as observed by teachers.
- Utilize school technology to provide Telehealth to students in a secluded setting.
- Provide flexibility in attendance policies for students receiving mental health services outside the school.
- Continue yearly training for staff on recognizing mental health issues and how to report/handle situations.

Policies

Best Intentions:

Despite taking every reasonable precaution there is no guarantee that our school will be without risk as it relates to COVID-19 and other infection diseases. There is a possibility the virus or other infectious disease, at some point, may be present on our buses, in our classrooms, and at our activities. In certain situations, social distancing is not possible in a school setting and at these times we encourage everyone to wear masks. This plan is designed to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. We want to stress that Fordville-Lankin School cannot guarantee that a student or staff member will not become infected with a virus or other infectious disease in the school setting.

Face-Coverings encouraged under the following conditions:

- 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.
- Proximity is longer than 15 minutes.
- Dealing with ill/sick individuals.
- Other scenarios that may arise and be a cause of concern.
- Physical Distancing.
- Social Distancing where possible.
- Recommend teacher have classes outside if weather, temperature, and curriculum permit.
- Control movement where possible (classes, hallways, communal areas).
- COVID19 hygiene education.
- Upper Valley Special Ed (UVSE) will continue as pull-out services.

Face coverings/Masks/Shields: When an outbreak occurs in our community, the following rules may be used:

1. **Anyone, at any time, may wear a mask if they so choose for their own safety.**
2. Staff members who are not vaccinated, may be required to wear masks. When in their room and alone, the coverings may be removed.
3. Face coverings for students may be required for those who are unvaccinated, when in hallways, communal areas, and any time students cannot maintain the social distancing of at least 6 feet.
4. Face coverings during classroom instruction for all students (unvaccinated) is required in most cases (exceptions for medical conditions where a physician deems a student unable to wear a face covering).
5. While on school transportation, school covering will be required when necessary.
6. All visitors are required to wear a mask while in the building.

Protect yourself and others:

Wash your hands often



- Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol that is found throughout the school.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands often throughout the day.

Avoid close contact



- Keeping a social distance, at least 6 feet, from others is especially important for people who are at a higher risk of getting sick.
- Alternate or modified schedules, adjustments to use of communal areas, use of outdoor spaces and other actions that increase physical separation may be considered.
- The sharing of instructional materials should be limited as much as possible.
- Physical separation on busing, one student per seat, 6 feet apart, if possible, will be recommended but cannot be guaranteed.
- Parents, guardians, and visitors will pick up a student outside of the school doors or enter the school if wearing a mask.

Cover coughs and sneezes



- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when your cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw tissues away and wash hands or use hand sanitizer to prevent spread.

Clean and disinfect



- School staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Shared materials (not recommended) should be cleaned.
- Classrooms will be cleaned regularly by teachers and custodian.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.



- All students and staff will be required to wear a face mask where social distancing will not be possible.
- Educators will teach students how to properly wear a face covering so they are prepared to use them on school buses and situations where they are close to others.

Monitor your health daily:

- Be alert for Covid related symptoms.
- Parents are asked to screen their children each day before sending them to school. Use the screening guidance provided by NDDPI.
- Staff and students who are sick should stay home.
- Temperatures of all staff and students will be taken as needed.
- Temperatures of symptomatic students or staff will be taken at the school office.
- Symptomatic students will be isolated, and their guardians contacted.
- Refer to Covid Screen Checklist under resources

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities/Ventilation:

- Fordville-Lankin Public School janitor conducts daily cleaning of the school building, equipment, vehicles, and grounds.
- Students help by keeping their own areas clean by using disinfecting wipes on their desks and chairs.
- LEVOIT Air Purifiers with H13 True HEPA Filters were installed in all rooms of the school. These purifiers reduced the chances of dust, bacteria, viruses, etc. circulating around the school.
- Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and nightly disinfecting of school.
- Sanitation wipes are provided in every classroom.
- Hand sanitizing stations at the entrances of the school.
- Grades 7-12 student can wipe down their desk and chairs before leaving the classroom and upon entering with sanitation wipes.
- School facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission, exposure to environmental health hazards, and support student health needs.

Contact Tracing/ Isolation & Quarantining:




Fordville-Lankin Public School will follow guidance from the Walsh County Health Unit on doing contract tracing, isolations, and quarantining regarding employees and students. Fordville-Lankin administration will conduct interviews, utilize school and bus cameras to help contact trace. If a student or a staff member has exposure to the virus in a school setting, the school will notify parents and staff members in the following ways:

- Notify all parents and staff that exposure has taken place in the building through our REMIND App and/or e-mails to all families.
- Parents of students who have had close contact to the virus or staff members who have had close contact with the virus will be notified individually through phone calls or socially distanced conversations immediately upon the school being notified.

Quarantining:

- If a student or staff member becomes ill or demonstrates a history of exposure, they will be required to wear a face mask and be isolated from others immediately. Students who need to wait to be picked up by a parent will isolate boys/girls locker room until pickup. Students and staff who drive will be removed from their classrooms and sent home immediately and parents notified.
- Students and staff will follow the NDDoH procedures to be tested /isolated/quarantined if necessary.
- Students and staff may return to school when they are symptom free, have completed their isolation or quarantined period as assigned by the NDDoH.
- Close contact is defined as being within 6ft of another individual for 15 minutes or longer.

Positive Covid students or staff members:

<p>If You Test POSITIVE for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status)</p> <p>Day 1-5 Day 6-10</p> <p> Stay home</p> <p> If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving, you can leave your house—continue to wear a mask around others.</p> <p><i>If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.</i></p> <p> cdc.gov/coronavirus</p>	<p>Positive Cases:</p> <p>These should be coming from the NDDoH and identified either by a letter or email from NDDoH. However, they are positive, the protocol on them is straight forward.</p> <p>Day 1-5 – Staff and students are to be isolated. We will abide by this.</p> <p>Day 6-10 – If the staff or student is not showing a fever, may return to school and wear a mask for 5 days.</p> <p>Monitor symptoms and if the staff/child is sick please refer them to home. Masks are required if they wish to return on Day 6. If the parent or child is not willing to mask, then they are kept out of school till Day 11. At that time, they can return unmasked.</p> <p>** If a student is exhibiting a fever, we can still contact a family to have them return home.</p>
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Household close contacts and close contacts: Fordville-Lankin will follow the latest guidelines according to the North Dakota Department of Health. (Please note: close contact quarantine time periods differ from those of a household close contact.

Diagnostic & Screening Testing:

- Health evaluations to be completed at home per NDDoH screening checklist.
- Provide Staff with a checklist to evaluate themselves.
- Document all history of exposure and close contact of the staff and report to the local health unit.
- Staff identified as substantial risk shall report to the COVID-19 coordinator to implement accommodation if necessary.

Providing Vaccinations:

- Fordville-Lankin Public School disseminated information and promoted vaccination clinics for teachers and staff on March 12, 2021, and April 9, 2021.
- Fordville-Lankin Public School hosted vaccinations for Students ages 16 + and boosters for employees on April 27, 2021, December 20, 2021, and November 27, 2021.

Special Populations (IEP, 504, EL, etc.)

Fordville-Lankin Public School will continue to provide high quality education to all students. The special education teacher will work with the Upper-Valley Special Ed, student parents, and local administration to assess the needs of individual students and how their health and safety may

require special accommodations. These accommodations will be written into the students IEP and followed by all teachers and staff, the same as any other IEP accommodation or adaptation.

Student needs in special populations require the district to respond in diverse ways, as the uniqueness of each student's learning challenges require. Students in these populations may be provided additional services, daily in-person instruction, small groupings to ensure health and safety, and other supports for the home.

Resources:

ND Department of Health Covid Screen Checklist –

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/Employee_Screening_Tool.pdf

ND Department of Public Instruction - <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/familiescommunity/nddpi-updates-and-guidance-covid-19>

ND Department of Health - <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>

Walsh County Health - <https://www.co.walsh.nd.us/health>

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