

2022-23 UNITED CSD RETURN-TO-LEARN PLAN

To prepare for the 2022-23 school year, United CSD reviewed the 2021-22 Return-to-Learn plans as required by the Iowa Department of Education. The Return-to-Learn plan was created in June of 2020 and implemented for the 2020-21 school year, with the understanding that the plan could change based on changes made by state or federal authorities.

United CSD adjusted the 2022-23 Return-to-Learn plan based on a Sept. 13, 2021, federal court ruling. The Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction against the enforcement of Iowa Code section 280.31, which banned Iowa school districts from issuing mask mandates for students, staff, and community members present on school grounds.

Our updated Return-to-Learn plan is effective Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, and will remain in place until the end of the school year unless brought back to the United Board of Education with recommended changes. District leadership will present a plan for the second semester to the Board prior to Jan. 12, 2023.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 TRACKING

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home for 10 days and be 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications prior to returning to school or work. Individuals who test positive will be given COVID-19 resources.
- Contact tracing will ONLY BE COMPLETED within the immediate household of the positive individual, and those individuals are highly encouraged to quarantine. The Iowa Department of Public Health adjusted COVID-19 surveillance to follow the influenza model. This means districts cannot independently contact trace. Any contact tracing and follow-up would need to be led by the Boone County Health Department.
- Individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are highly encouraged to receive one. Numerous organizations offer free vaccines within Boone and Story Counties.

BUILDINGS AND BUSES

- Students and staff will be asked to stay home if they feel ill and/or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Student absences will be recorded in PowerSchool, and staff absences will be recorded through their standard leave process.
- All individuals, including students, staff, and visitors, are encouraged to wear face masks while indoors.
- Hand sanitizer and handwashing stations are available and encouraged.
- In 2021, United upgraded the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems to improve air quality.
- Water bottle stations are available in the building. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will continue in all areas.
- High-touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be provided for each space in buildings.

IN CLASSROOMS

- Teachers are able to take students outside for fresh air.
- Students will participate in recess and P.E. with their peers.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Volunteers will be on an invitation-only basis from a building administrator/teacher/program. All volunteers are encouraged to wear face masks when indoors.
- Assemblies, concerts, field trips, and events must have mitigation strategies created and submitted to building administrators for review. Building administrators will submit final proposals to the Superintendent for approval.