

North Miami Community Schools

2021 In-Person Instruction Plan



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Contributors

Information and input has been collected and considered from each of the following sources:

1. North Miami School Board and Staff
2. Health Officials (National, State, and Local levels)
3. Indiana Department of Education
4. Feedback from school community
5. Communication with other School District leaders

Main Objectives

To educate students in a safe environment with no restrictions to in-person learning. We have learned that students need to be in school in order to thrive, and we feel that our plan will allow us to create a safe environment where we can promote the social interactions that are so vital for our students' development. We will continue to monitor CDC/IDOH guidance.



Key Components and Procedures




- **Conduct self-screening** (prevent sick people from attending school)
- **Covid vaccination** - encouraged for students and staff, but not required.
- **Positive COVID-19 case** - if staff member or student is identified, parents of any close contact will be notified and have the option of staying home/self quarantining.
- **Provide distance learning options** (as needed until students return in person)
- **Promote hygiene** (hand washing)
- **Increase cleaning** (disinfect surfaces)
- **Maximize distance** (as feasible)
- **Encourage outdoor activities, weather permitting** (classroom activities, PE, elementary recess will be allowed)




North Miami: Screening - Exclusion - Reporting

Current Statistics for Miami Co.	Source: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm
Parent Screening Measures before a child leaves home	<p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever of 100 or greater or chills • Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing • New Loss of Taste or Smell • Congestion or Runny Nose • Cough • Muscle or Body Aches • Headache • Sore Throat • Nausea/Vomiting • Diarrhea <p>Any student/staff should stay home from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 listed above based on CDC Guidance that is not otherwise explained.</p>
Medical Inquiries	Parents and employees notify the school if a student has tested positive for COVID-19. When a parent or employee tells the school that a student/staff member is ill, the school may ask whether the person is exhibiting symptoms of Covid 19. If the person is obviously ill, the school may inquire about the symptoms exhibited, and may exclude the person from school property

North Miami Decision Making Model

	Low to No Spread	Substantial Spread
<p>Instructional Model</p> 	<p>Traditional Learning - Students attend traditional school every day.</p> <p>School buildings are open with additional cleaning, safety, and protective measures in place. Teachers will provide instruction based on a traditional schedule.</p>	<p>Possible short term closures with distance learning implemented.</p>
<p>Entering School Buildings</p> 	<p><u>MSHS Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Arrival Procedure - Students will be asked to spread out in the lobby, cafeteria, and/or main gym bleachers until the 8:00 bell. <p><u>Elementary Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Arrival Procedure - Car riders will sit in the old gym. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. 	<p>Visitor Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors are limited to the office area during school hours. • Visitors will be screened for Covid symptoms.

<p>Practicing Prevention</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote healthy habits, ensure that staff/students self-screen ● Teach and reinforce good hygiene practices like hand washing, covering coughs, etc. ● Reporting process in place to track symptoms, absence, COVID cases, and communicate with the health department. ● Protocols established for students who begin to feel sick at school, including isolation rooms in each building. ● Practice social distancing when feasible. ● Sanitation stations are strategically placed throughout buildings. ● Seating charts will be maintained. ● Encourage outdoor classroom setting. ● Water fountains available for bottle filling only. Students may bring water bottles from home. 	
<p>Face Covering/ Face Shield Guidance</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students and staff will no longer be required to wear face coverings in North Miami School Buildings ● Currently, federal guidelines require masks on public transportation. NM will continue to monitor these federal requirements and will make adjustments to our guidelines when requirements change. 	
<p>Cleaning and Disinfecting</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain and sanitize facilities, including high touch surfaces such as bathrooms, lunchrooms, classrooms, playground, etc. ● Interior doors will remain open as much as possible. ● Soap and hand sanitizer are available throughout the building and in each classroom 	

<p>Transporting Students</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents conduct health screening prior to placing students on the bus. Do not send children to school if they are sick. • Assigned seats on buses. • Students/drivers are encouraged to use personal hand sanitizer. • Bus is cleaned and disinfected between each route. • Currently, federal guidelines still require masks on public transportation. • Airing out buses when not in use. 	
<p>Serving Meals</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cafeteria is cleaned between each meal service. • Food should not be shared. <p><u>MSHS Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize the lobby and gym to spread students out. • Stagger release times <p><u>Elementary Specific</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize both the cafeteria and the old gym to spread students out. • Have students sit in every other seat at the tables. 	
<p>Athletics/ Extracurricular Activities</p> 	<p>We will follow all IHSAA guidelines</p>	