

# APPLE CREEK SCHOOL RE-START PLAN

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## INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

Students will receive face-to-face instruction with no masks required.

## APPLE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT- Distance Learning

Apple Creek will not offer a Distance Learning option.

## HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### ND Identified Positive Case:

All students and staff in the classroom or close contact with a positive case will be notified. Parents/guardians and staff asked to monitor child or self for symptoms.

### ND Identified Close Contact Case:

### School Strategies:

- Social distancing encouraged.
- Maximize space between students as much as possible when social distancing cannot occur.
- Recommended mask use by staff, students, and visitors.
- Continue hand hygiene and other flu/cold protocols.
- Guidance for sending student/staff home:
  - School staff determines the child is unwilling or unable to participate due to illness.
  - School staff determines that they cannot care for the sick child without compromising their ability to care for the health and safety of the others in the group or classroom.
  - The child has a fever (axillary temperature 100°F) along with difficulty breathing, changes in behavior, lethargy, irritability, or persistent crying.
  - The child experiences vomiting two or more times in the preceding 24 hours, unless determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is able to remain hydrated and participate in learning and other activities.
  - The individual has diarrhea and cannot self-contain stool.
  - Loss of taste and/or smell

**In the event of a significant spike in COVID-19 cases, Apple Creek School could resume the Enhanced COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies listed below by school board action.**

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### ***ENHANCED COVID-19 MITIGATION***

**Positive Case:** Isolate at home for 10 days

**Household close contact:** Quarantine 14 days past last contact with case while infectious (10 days) \*may be released from isolation after 10 days if remaining asymptomatic, may test on or after day 5 and may return after day 7 if negative.

**Close contact:** Quarantine 14 days from last contact \*may be released from isolation after 10 days if remaining asymptomatic, may test on or after day 5 and return after day 7 if negative.

#### **School strategies:**

- Distancing 6 feet as much as possible
- Distance 3 feet when 6 feet is not possible
- Masks recommended when not able to distance 6 feet
- Increased hand hygiene
- Increase surface sanitizing practices
- [School attendance decision tree](#)
- [Exclusion guidelines](#)
- [Contact tracing per CDC/ND DoH guidance](#)
- Mask to mask close contacts and monitor for symptoms vs quarantine per ND DoH

## **COMMUNICATION**

School-community communication will be sent on an as-needed basis to inform parents/guardians of any relevant developments or changes to operations. Other communication channels, such as the school website and social media accounts, will be routinely updated to reflect up-to-date information pertaining to the school.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

Apple Creek School does not participate in the federal school lunch program. School will continue to contract services with local vendor for option of school lunch meals to students and staff. This program does maintain the nutrition standards of the school meal programs- including a strong emphasis on providing fruits and vegetables, fluid milk, whole grains, and sensible calorie levels, while allowing students to choose the school meal or a home meal provided by families.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Apple Creek School does not provide school transportation.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Special Education personnel will ensure that each student on an IEP will receive the services and accommodations they require and as outline in the IEP. Should a student(s) be unable to attend school due to COVID-19 restrictions, the individual student's contingency plan would take effect immediately.

## **RESOURCES**

[ND Department of Public Instruction](#)

[Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

[ND Department of Health](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

## **PANDEMIC MEASURES**

Operational changes could occur as the result of worsening pandemic conditions. The following levels represent different types of responses that could be implemented if deemed necessary by the school board action\*:

Level 1- All Distance Learning- (no students in schools).

Level 2- Distance Learning with Limited Face-to-Face instruction for identified students.

Level 3- A combination of Distance Learning and Face-to-Face instruction for all students.

Level 4- Face-to-Face Instruction for all students with Health and Safety Protocols.

Level 5-All Face-to-Face Instruction for all students (No masks required).