

LaMoure Public School

Fall 2020

Reopening Plan



HOWL TOGETHER, LOBOES!

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Letter from the Superintendent:

July 22, 2020

It is with great excitement that we are planning to reopen our school in August, with accommodations. I do want to give a huge shout out and thank you to all of you for your understanding and support during the last quarter of the preceding school year. It was less than ideal, there were many hurdles to overcome and education was not at a level that we are accustomed to or deserve. With all your help and with the great efforts from our teachers and students we did, however, get through it and made the most of a unique learning opportunity.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and provide you with the North Dakota Smart Restart plan that is being implemented by LaMoure Public School. The "Return to School" committee put a plan together that will get us back into school while keeping the safety and well-being of our entire staff and student body the top priority. We understand that this is not an ideal situation to be in and the plan will not be perfect and popular with everyone. With your support and understanding, we feel that it is the best option to get our students back into the building and deliver a high quality education. In order to be truly engaged, we need as much face-to-face interaction as we can provide. Please keep in mind that this is a working document. What looks good in August may not be what is best in October. We can, and likely will, make adjustments to this plan. If, and when, adjustments are made, we will communicate the changes to all of you. Our goal is to have everyone back in school and to provide them with a top-notch education while keeping everyone safe.

If you don't feel comfortable with having your children in school, face to face, or with the guidelines that are set, please communicate that with the administration. There are primary parts to this reopening plan:

1. Face to face, with accommodations, in the building.
2. Hybrid Learning approach
3. 100% distance learning.

You, as parents/guardians, have the right to choose whichever route you feel is best for your family. If a family / student chooses 100% distance learning, we are requiring that students be committed for a full semester or year. Please contact the school if you are choosing 100% distance learning.

With all of us working together, we can accomplish our goal of providing a high quality education while keeping everyone safe and healthy. If you ever have any comments or concerns, please feel free to call or stop in.

Mitch Carlson / Superintendent

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Communication

We believe communication between the parents and families and the school district will strengthen the educational opportunities, experiences, and outcome for our students in the district. Therefore, we will communicate important information in a clear, consistent, and timely manner to our students, parents/families, staff, and community members.

Our methods of communication will include:

- E-newsletters/Friday Fliers
- LaMoure school website
- Social Media- Facebook
- Digital Applications- Remind App, See Saw, Google Classroom, Class Dojo
- Instant Alert Phone Notification System

HEALTH GUIDANCE SYSTEM

The North Dakota K12 Smart Restart Fall 2020 provides guidance and direction in preparing a reopening plan. We anticipate changes as the current COVID-19 situation evolves and will continue to communicate these changes promptly. The K12 Smart Restart categorizes re-opening into five phases:

Blue / New Normal	Most normal activities can resume with standard precautions and awareness of guidelines.
Green / Low Risk	Low case counts are reported. Public health and private healthcare are able to diagnose, treat safely, and isolate cases and their contacts.
Yellow / Moderate Risk	Heightened exposure risk; transmission is controlled. Cases are reported by contained by rapid testing and robust contact tracing
Orange / High Risk	Significant transmission; high risk for exposure due to widespread community spread of infections.
Red / Critical Risk	Highest disease burden; significant and uncontrolled community transmission, multiple outbreaks.

Educating Students in Any and All Environments

LaMoure Public School has planned and prepared for the continuum of four learning plans during the 2020-2021 school year. In alignment with the North Dakota K-12 Smart Restart Fall 2020, the school district will provide students with learning plans. Throughout the school year, students at any time may be required to quickly transition from one learning plan to another. Any student that begins the school year not attending school in-person, will be placed in the remote learning plan.

Health Officials will determine what risk level a school, and county is currently in.

You can monitor that status by the following link:

<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>

Blue

In-person learning without restrictions. Students would return to school and all restrictions lifted.

Green

In-Person learning with restrictions.

Students return to school following the new safety requirements and the reopening modifications to accommodate health and safety requirements.

Examples of Restrictions may include:

- *No field trips, large-group gatherings, assemblies, etc.
- *Utilizing alternative school spaces to accommodate physical distancing guidelines
- *Reducing the mixing of student groups (i.e. students restricted to grade level groups)

Yellow

Hybrid Learning

Students would alternate between in-person and remote learning to accommodate additional physical distancing. This plan is also designed for the students excluded from school due to illness, quarantine, or other COVID related reasons.

Examples of Hybrid Learning

*A/B grouping that isolates groups of students who attend school in-person on different days of the week.

*Class sizes will be reduced by splitting the student body into two sections.

Monday and Wednesday, students with the last names beginning with A-K.

Tuesday and Thursday, students with the last name beginning with L-Z.
Friday will be a day for reaching our high-risk population.

Families residing in the same household will be in the same section.

All students are required to complete their assignments and participate in instruction through means determined by each class.

Red / Orange

Remote Learning

Student learning will be delivered using online and paper resources away from the school campus. Students will use their school-issued devices to participate in online-learning from their LaMoure teachers using Google Classroom or SeeSaw.

Some students may be on campus during this phase with proper safety protocols in place.

Optional Virtual Learning Plan, The Virtual Learning Academy: This is an option for any family who does not want to send their child(ren) into the building for face-to-face instruction. Contact your building principal if you are choosing this method for your family. Students must be enrolled by Friday, August 14th. Once in the program, you are committed for the semester.

LaMoure High School families will enroll in ND Center for Distance Education (NDCDE) classes per semester; instructors will not be LaMoure Public School staff. LaMoure High School will cover the cost of these courses. Academic support will be provided solely by NDCDE, and it will be the responsibility of the family/student to monitor progress and grades in each course, as well as communicate with their instructor. Each student will take a minimum of 6 classes per semester, which include a combination of core classes required for graduation and electives.

LaMoure Elementary School Families choice to enroll in SE Dakota Learning Academy; instructors will not be LaMoure Public School staff. It will be the responsibility of the family/student to communicate with academy instructors and monitor progress/grades in each course. Each student will be required to take and pass six courses.

Health and Safety

Covid-19 spreads when people are in relatively close proximity through respiratory droplets generated through coughing, sneezing or talking to an infected person. The most effective measures include physical distancing, hand washing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces and face covering when necessary.

Wellness

- Students or staff who are sick should not attend school in-person.
- Seasonal allergies are prevalent. However, if your child develops symptoms they don't usually have, they should stay home until they are healthy.
- Any individual with a fever of 100.4 or greater should not be sent to school and stay home until the fever reduces.

Hand Hygiene

Handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer will be used at the following times:

- Arrival to school
- Before and after eating
- After using the bathroom
- Before and after handling facial coverings
- After playing outdoors
- Prior to switching rooms or locations
- Before dismissal

Face Coverings

- Disposable and cloth masks will be available to students
- Masks will go home for families to wash. It is the family's responsibility to wash and return to school with their mask.
- Masks or shields (staff only) should be worn when social distancing is not feasible

Green Risk Zone: Masks are required when in close contact for 15 minutes or more.

Yellow Risk Zone: Masks are required while in the building. When in an office or classroom setting and a distance of more than six feet can be maintained continuously, masks are recommended.

Physical Distancing

These additional strategies will be used to reinforce physical distancing:

- Classroom configuration
- Students kept in groups
- High risk activities (singing, exercise) will practice social distancing
- Utilize outdoors while weather permits
- Cancel field trips, assemblies, and large group gatherings
- Limit nonessential visitors
- Reduce the number of students in the common areas

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Staff and students will perform routine cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas throughout the day (door handles, desks, tables, and chairs)

Every night the school will be cleaned with a sanitizing fogger.

Non-irritating disinfectants will be used.

The health and safety of our students and staff are the top priority when reopening schools for in-person learning the fall.

LAMOURE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION & CONTACT TRACING

1. The North Dakota Department of Health (ND DoH) will provide a Case Investigator/Contact Tracer for all cases.
2. Upon notification of a positive case, the ND DoH will work with the COVID-19 Coordinator to determine close contacts of the positive case. The Coordinator will also provide contact information contact tracer.
3. Positive case: When a positive case is identified, ND DoH will be in contact with the positive case to determine isolation time and release from quarantine.
4. Close contacts: A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or longer (cumulative). The COVID-19 Coordinator will assist in determining close contacts within the school. Close contacts must quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure. ND DoH and the COVID-19 Coordinator will determine the release date.
5. If a student becomes sick during the day, they will be escorted to the isolation room where they will wait to be picked up. Their parents will be contacted immediately for the student to be picked up.

NOTE- Individuals with positive screening responses are NOT automatically placed in a 14-day quarantine period. However, if individuals with positive responses refuse to be evaluated by medical personnel and provide that notification to the school, they must sit out and monitor for further symptoms for 14 days from the onset of symptoms to ensure recovery.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

LaMoure Public School will follow the guidance from the ND High School Activities Association Return to Competition recommendations.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rVuP8ThM8YG8Cy26RUr577ougZCO016cOKtUbLLMwrU/edit>

Indoor Seating

- Maximum Capacity 500 -includes players, fans, workers and officials (Blue and Green)
- Maximum Capacity 250 –includes players, fans, workers and officials (Yellow)
- No Activities in Orange and Red

Frequently Asked Questions

What will be the visitor/volunteer policy of the school district in 2020-2021?

LaMoure Public School will restrict and limit all visitors and volunteers from entering our schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our students and staff. Parents/families intending to enter the school to pick-up a child or attend a meeting must call ahead prior to arriving to the school. This will be in effect until we are in the blue range of risk.

All prearranged visitors must wear a mask while in the building in green-red zones. Both the business manager's and the administrative assistant's office will be limited to one person at a time.

What time should I drop my student off for the school day?

We are encouraging parents to drive their child to school when possible. Bus service will be available. Although there is no set time to drop off a student, to avoid congestion, traffic, and to minimize crowds, we are asking students to come to school prepared to learn at the latest time possible without being late for class. The school will start serving breakfast at 8:00 a.m. this year.

What are my options if I'm not comfortable sending my child to school for in-person learning?

All students will be provided an online learning option in 2020-2021 to meet the individual needs of students and families due to COVID-19. Please contact the school at 883-5396 for more information.

What is the color spectrum for the North Dakota Smart Restart Risk Level?

The North Dakota Smart Restart Risk Levels are a representation of the risk level within the state of North Dakota. There are 5 colors, increasing in severity based on positive cases of Covid-19. Blue represents the least risk, then green, yellow, orange and red represents the highest risk.

Who determines the color for LaMoure County?

The state of North Dakota, along with public health officials, determine the color of the state and each county. As of this writing, the entire state of North Dakota is in green. The color is

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currently representative of the entire state. The Department is looking at giving each county a designated color in the near future.

Who is enforcing the mask wearing, the hand washing and the sanitizing during the school day?

The staff of LaMoure Public School will be enforcing the mask-wearing, the hand-washing and the sanitizing during the school day. The rigorous cleaning routines within the building will be taught to teachers, administrators, support staff and students. If a student is non-compliant, they will be quarantined, and their parents will be contacted. The student will need to practice the expected safety routines of LaMoure Public School before being released to participate with other students and staff.

Will elementary students still get recess?

Yes, elementary students will still receive their recess time. Grade levels will be staggered and kept at a social distance from other classes while transitioning from inside to outside and vice versa. Recess equipment will not be sanitized.

What will lunch look like for our children?

All students will practice social distancing during lunch. No guests will be allowed during lunch. Lunch periods will be staggered, and students will be spaced out to ensure social distancing.

If a student chooses the virtual learning, can they still participate in extra-curricular activities?

Yes.

Can I wear a face shield as compared to a face mask?

This will be determined on a case by case basis if a face shield is appropriate for wearing for each individual person.

I have a medical reason for not wearing a mask, what should I do?

Please bring the documentation to the school from your health care provider indicating this. Proper pre-cautions will then be taken in the classroom on a case by case basis.

BEFORE SCHOOL CHECKLIST

Parents are asked to review this daily health checklist by answering these questions before sending their child to school.

Parents do not need to send the questionnaire to school.

1. Has your child had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Does your child have a new or worsening shortness of breath?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Does your child have a new or worsening cough?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or greater?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Does your child have chills?

Yes _____ No _____

6. Does your child have a sore throat?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?

Yes _____ No _____

If **YES** to any of the questions, **STOP!** Do not send your child to school. Contact your healthcare provider. Contact your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

If you are able to answer **NO** to all questions, **go to school.**