

Central Lyon Community School

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Dear Central Lyon Families,

In partnership with public health of Lyon County, and based upon recommendations from <u>Governor Reynolds</u> and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Central Lyon Schools will be implementing the following mitigation strategies to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Increased Mitigations Strategies

In addition to the suspension of non-essential visitors and activities as enacted last week, the following <u>CDC</u>, <u>IDPH</u> and <u>Iowa</u> <u>Department of Education (IDOE)</u> recommendations for mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 will be instituted:

- Students and staff with increased risk of severe illness should stay home.
 a. The underlying medical conditions that may be at-risk of serious COVID-19 complications are attached.
- 2. Curbside Pick-up & Drop-Off of Students
 - a. Parents are asked to drop-off their students off between 8:00-8:10 a.m.
 - i. Breakfast will continue to be served from 7:45-8:10 a.m.
 - b. If you need to accompany your student into the building, all visitors must enter the building through the office and should not continue any further.
 - c. If you need to speak with a teacher or staff member, the secretary will contact the needed staff member and they will meet with you in the office conference room.
 - d. If your student needs to be escorted to/from the school bus or a family vehicle, a Central Lyon staff member will be made available to assist the student.
- 3. Students will report directly to classrooms when they arrive at school.
 - a. Elementary & Middle School students will report to their teacher or advisor's classroom; High School students will report to their DEAR teacher's classroom.
- 4. Limiting of students congregating in groups of more than 100
 - a. Classroom arrangements may be altered to promote social distancing
 - b. Large middle & high school classes may be split into smaller sections to promote social distancing
 - c. Modifications to lunch shifts: to include students eating in classrooms
 - d. No assemblies larger than one (1) grade level

Screening of Students & Staff

As a reminder to those who have recently traveled or planning to travel in the coming weeks:

- Upon return from travel outside of the United States:
 - Students and staff are required to self-isolate for 14 days.
 - After the 14-day self-isolation has concluded, the student and/or staff member must contact public health and the school before returning to school.
- Upon return from travel *within the United States beyond two (2) hours of Central Lyon Schools*, students and staff members should ask themselves the following questions:
 - Have I traveled to a region of the nation that is known to have community spread?
 - Have I been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Do I have a fever of 100 degrees or greater?
 - Do I have a cough?
 - Am I experiencing shortness of breath?
 - If the answer to any of the questions is YES, the student or staff member should 1) stay home, 2) contact public health (472-8200), and 3) phone their primary care physician for further instructions and monitoring.
 - If the answer to all questions is NO, the student or staff member must report to their respective office at Central Lyon to have their temperature taken prior to entering the school building.

As stated Friday, this is a rapidly changing situation and we will monitor and adapt our plans as new information and guidance is provided. Central Lyon Schools will continue to provide updates for families to keep our students, staff, and residents safe.

Sincerely, Brent Jorth Superintendent