



**North Cedar Community School District**  
102 East North Street, PO Box 247, Stanwood, IA 52337

First Day of School - August 26, 2020

North Cedar Community Schools Return to Learn Plan (R2L)

Since the pandemic began in March, the school has focused on using the most up to date information from local and state sources. As we prepare for the new school year, we will continue to do the same to work towards our goal of providing a safe, working and learning environment for both our students and staff.

Over the past several weeks, our Return to Learn District Leadership Team has been meeting to organize and gather information and make recommendations for a safe return to school. We have been reviewing guidance from local, county, state, and federal agencies/authorities. Our school District Leadership Team along with our R2L Sub-Committee Teams will continue to utilize guidance to develop our routines and procedures to keep students and staff safe at school.

As North Cedar Schools plans for returning to school in the Fall, we have put together our Return to Learn Plan. ([linked here](#)) We hope to begin school on August 26th as regularly scheduled. We believe our students are most safe learning while they are in school under the guidance of our educational and support staff.

Under the current requirements, we will deploy a cleaning and disinfecting protocol on a daily basis. Students will social distance where appropriate and when possible. It will be the parents' and students' decision as to wearing PPE, (Personal Protective Equipment), such as a face mask. In the next week our staff and families will receive a survey from our District Leadership Team. In reviewing the data from these surveys, it will help the District Leadership Team make adjustments to the plan attached to this letter to address areas of concern or confusion.

We are limiting visitors and parents into our school buildings during the first few months of the school year as we monitor the situation of COVID-19. Open House and Unpack Your Backpack Night will look different. Please expect to hear from your school and/or teaching staff regarding these events. Also with changes occurring weekly the school will communicate new information as we get closer to our start date.

Also please understand that our current plan is fluid. We anticipate changes as we navigate through requirements from our county and the state Department of Health, the Iowa Department of Education, the Governor's office, and our decisions for a safe school day.

The plan as it stands today, with the current information we have, is to start school face to face on the regular start date of August 26th. We have created a distance learning plan and are finishing up our hybrid plan in the event we need to reduce the number of students in the building at one time. All three of our plans will fulfil the state's continuous learning plan.

We hope each of you are able to find time to rest and stay safe and healthy the rest of the summer. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the district office or our administrative team.

Best,  
North Cedar Administrative Team