

Denison Community School District
Return-to-Learn Plan
Addendum
2023-2024

October 2023 (reviewed no revision)

Denison Community Schools is committed to fulfilling its mission of providing quality learning today, in order to prepare our students for tomorrow. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, the District remains focused on the safety, health and well-being of our students, families, and staff as we move forward this school year.

Denison Community Schools will maintain our extensive 2020-2021 Return-to-Learn Plan as a resource should the need arise, however this addendum goes into effect upon Board approval. State and Federal law require school districts to regularly review their Return-to-Learn Plan and our District will do so on a regular basis. We will continue to partner with the Crawford County Public Health Department, Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Education as we move through the 2023-2024 school year.

At the current time, the Denison Community School District plans to operate under much of its normal, pre-pandemic processes and procedures and will continue to follow all state and federal laws, including requiring all students to attend school 100% in person and personal choice mask usage for all students, staff and visitors.

The District will ensure a continuity of services for academics, social emotional health, mental health, school activities, and other student needs and programming through our Multi-Tiered Systems of support for learning, school counseling program, school nurse and health assistants, food service and/or other departments and services as needed by our students, families and staff.

The Denison Community School District will continue to support the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors through the following mitigation practices:

- Increased circulation of outdoor air through our HVAC systems and more frequent air filter maintenance
- Encouraging frequent hand washing, covering of coughs and sneezes, and staying home when not feeling well
- Increased availability of hand sanitizer in common areas and public spaces
- Custodial cleaning practices will be focused on health, which includes an emphasis on disinfecting surfaces where bacteria and viruses are more likely to be transmitted
- Maximize space when and where possible in school buildings
- Students and staff with a positive test can return to school after meeting CDC and/or IDPH criteria