

**Stanwood Camano School District Elementary COVID Safety Plan:  
Cedarhome, Elger Bay, Stanwood, Twin City, and Utsalady Elementary Schools  
For In-person learning starting 9/2/2021**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a working document for each building to create procedures for safely bringing elementary students back into the building. Stanwood-Camano School District will provide full time in person education for all interested students using the following layered mitigation measures: Masking, social distancing, improved ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, staying home when sick, testing as indicated, contact tracing with quarantine and isolation, communicating with the Department of Health.

**STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Social distancing is one of our layering strategies to limit COVID exposure. To that end we will endeavor to keep students with their class cohorts as much as possible indoors. While students are on the bus, when they arrive, and as they are leaving campus classes members of different classes will be with students from other classes outdoors. There is no longer a mandate to screen staff and students, and temperatures will not be taken for non-symptomatic people.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Students and staff will be expected to mask while on school property. For Students or staff that are unable to wear a traditional cloth or paper mask an acceptable barrier will be sought. Staff members who work in a higher risk area will be provided appropriate PPE for the level of risk in their assignment. Teachers will be given the freedom to take mask breaks as needed and will be encouraged to seek opportunities to have their classes outdoors as able for instruction.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Per the most recent guidance from the Department of Health we will “maintain physical distance of 3’ or more between students in classroom settings to the degree possible and reasonable, that allows for full time, in person learning for all students. We will maximize opportunities to increase physical space between students during all scheduled activities and limit interactions in large group settings. A school's ability to do so will depend on students' ages, developmental and physical abilities, and available space.”

**BREAKFAST / LUNCH/ SNACKS**

Each school will adopt a plan for students to eat meals in a way that adheres to the guiding principles of the latest Department of Health guidelines. These strategies include: Masks, Maximizing distance between students, vigorous hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, ventilation, physical barriers, promotional materials, crowd flow strategies.

**BATHROOM**

Cleaning and disinfection will happen per custodial protocols. Strategies for keeping students from gathering in shared bathrooms will be determined as needed at each building.

**HEALTH ROOM**

The nurse team has been working with operations, maintenance and district office officials to locate secondary health room spaces in each school. These spaces will make it possible to isolate symptomatic individuals while they wait for assessment and pick up. Training will be provided on the procedure for sending ill students to these spaces. An illness/isolation health room and a treatment/medication/injury health room are both available.

## **USE OF SHARED ITEMS**

To the extent possible we will be limiting the use of shared items, discouraging use or removing items that are difficult to clean or disinfect, keeping student's belongings away from others, and ensuring adequate supplies to minimize sharing. The use of lockers and cubbies will be allowed, and keeping student's possession distanced will not be a priority. Teachers should minimize congregating near lockers and cubbies.

## **RECESS**

Outdoors is proven to be safest and masks can be removed outdoors, if social distance is maintained, providing breaks for students and staff. Masks off requires 6 feet social distancing; masks on may maintain 3 feet social distancing. When maintaining 6 feet distance, students may remove their masks and play freely outside. Schools will endeavor to create zones where congestion is expected, requiring masking, specifically play structure areas,. Per OSPI guidance "masks are strongly recommended when outdoors in crowded spaces or when in close contact with people from outside one's household for a sustained period of time. Schools will support students and staff who choose to wear a mask or face covering outdoors." Playground staff will remind unmasked groups to keep their spacing. Students will be expected to clean hands before and after recess.

## **PE/MUSIC/COMPUTERS**

PE and music will be conducted outdoors as much as logistically possible. When students are participating in PE indoors they will be masked. For indoor music and anything that requires increased exhalation, triple layer "singer's masks" will be required. Students will continue to use personally assigned chromebooks as much as possible.

## **QUARANTINE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OF SICK STUDENTS AND STAFF**

When a person with symptoms is identified we will be in contact with district officials and the public health department for advice on who will be quarantined, contact tracing assistance and return to school timeline. Individuals will be contacted as needed with quarantining info and any testing recommendations. Students will not be penalized for extended absences due to COVID-19 quarantine or isolation. Efforts will be made to ensure that students at home are able to participate in class activities online as able. When students need to quarantine, school staff will look for ways to integrate students at home into virtual opportunities to participate in class time and instruction. In the circumstance that the entire class is quarantining, the entire class will go into "online-learning" for the duration of the class's quarantine.