



September 8, 2021

Greetings North Marion Parents and Families:

We are thrilled to see you back to school today! Our staff members have been working hard to prepare! Our goal is to rebuild, reconnect, and to engage all students in in-person, five-days-per-week learning for the entire school year. We know that in order to do this, we will need to work hard to follow important COVID-19 health and safety practices and procedures.

Importantly:

- Be sure to screen your child for [signs of illness](#) each day before sending your child to school. If your child is sick, please do not send your child to school. Students exhibiting symptoms of illness at school will be accompanied to a health room for further examination and may be asked to return home. With parent permission, on-site testing is available for students who develop symptoms at school.
- Students and staff will be required to wear appropriate [face coverings \(masks\)](#) at school while indoors (with some exceptions). To meet safety guidance, masks must be double layered, tightly woven, solid material without slits, mesh, valves, or punctures. Masks must fit well, must be worn properly (over mouth and nose), and should be comfortable while fitting snugly. There will be organized opportunities for mask breaks at school, and there may be some outdoor learning opportunities during which masks may not be required. It is important to remember that we are wearing masks to protect and care for others.
- We will continue to ask students and staff to practice physical distancing to the extent possible and to practice good hand hygiene. Materials will be made available for students to wash and sanitize hands as often as necessary.

We would also like to remind you that we have written a [formal plan](#) to prepare for the new year. We are also offering a [Reopening web page](#) with regular updates. Please see your building principal with any other questions you may have. We will adapt as the situation around COVID-19 changes and we receive guidance from the Marion County Health and Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon Department of Education. Thank you and please take care.

Sincerely,

Ginger Redlinger

Superintendent

North Marion School District