



# FernWaters Public Charter School

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## **FERNWATERS COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND CONTINGENCY PLANS**

Fernwaters Public Charter School has determined the following rankings to identify junctures and communicate response plans for changing pandemic conditions.

**Category 1—Minimal Risk**

**Category 2—Moderate Risk**

**Category 3—High Risk**

**Category 4—Critical Risk**

These rankings will be identified for Lemhi County by Eastern Idaho Public Health. More information is available at <https://eiph.idaho.gov>. During each category school officials will coordinate with local and state health officials and respond to new information and mandates. Fernwaters Public Charter School will support employees and students who choose to wear face coverings during school in Category 1, but face masks will not be mandatory until Category 2.

### **CATEGORY 1— MINIMAL RISK**

#### **Coordinate with local health officials.**

- Require that students and staff stay home if sick.
  - Students staying home sick will only need to make up Language Arts, Reading, and Math.
  - Sick students will be granted due date flexibility.
- Staff self-monitoring recommended. (Please use EIPH Decision Tree.)
- Daily temperature checks for students. Students with temperatures of 100.4° or higher will be removed from general population and sent home.
- Students issued personal supply of classroom materials, like calculator, ruler, protractor, not to be shared with other students.
- Students and staff trained in areas of social distancing, hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and mask-use to mitigate exposure.
- Routine hand washing before school and before lunch.
- Hand sanitizers placed in each classroom.
- No water filling station at school. Students bring their own water bottles.
- All commonly touched surfaces sanitized daily.
- Students provided personal storage space/lockers.
- Face masks optional for students and staff, but not provided by the school.
- Limit visitor access.
- Increase space between students and staff in class and at recess to the full extent possible.
- Teachers may identify students showing symptoms of COVID-19 and isolate them from the general population until the child can be sent

## CATEGORY 2— MODERATE RISK

**Coordinate with local health officials.**

- All category 1 protocols AND...
- Face coverings mandatory for students and staff where 6-feet distance cannot be achieved. (The school will provide 1 face shield per student. Masks are the responsibility of the family.)
- Staff required to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. See EIPH Decision Tree
- Desks/surfaces sanitization twice per day.
  - Once before lunch and once after school.
  - Student custodians will sanitize after school, and student volunteers will be assigned lunchtime cleaning duties.
  - Sanitizing wipes will be placed at each classroom's main entrance, and students can choose to sanitize at transitions.
- Accommodations for vulnerable students and staff
  - For students:
    - A. Lessons audio-recorded where possible, posted online
    - B. Assignments posted on Google Classroom
    - C. Assignments accepted either online or in school dropbox
    - D. Students provided 1 hr/day of online teacher or teacher aide tutoring
    - E. Families wishing to self-quarantine during Category 1 or 2 will be asked to complete a form that explains what the school can and cannot offer.
  - For Staff:
    - A. Teaching staff (certified and non certified) with a medical condition recognized by the CDC as increasing one's risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 may request the opportunity to work from home, providing asynchronous lessons to be delivered over Google Classroom, tutoring quarantined students, writing lessons for substitute teachers, and other tasks TBD.
- No microwave use for student lunches.
- Social distancing to the full extent possible required at all times.
- In classrooms where social distancing can't be achieved, desk sneeze guards will be provided as an optional extra protection for families who request it.

## CATEGORY 3— HIGH RISK

**Continue to coordinate with local health officials.**

**Consider extended school dismissals, using FernWaters Virtual Learning Platform for ALL.**

**(Stay at Home Order in Place)    CATEGORY 4—CRITICAL RISK (Stay at Home Order in Place)**

**Continue to coordinate with local health officials.**

**Consider extended school dismissals, using FernWaters Virtual Learning Platform for ALL.**

**Procedures and Protocols For A Confirmed COVID-19 Case Among Staff/Students:**

**Staff/Student/Guardian Responsibilities:**

If you have tested positive or have been confirmed to have COVID-19:

- Do not report to school/work or enter any school or district facilities.
- Notify your school or immediate supervisor of the positive test and your need to be absent or take leave.

Staff/students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have not been tested but were directed to stay home from school/work may return to work under the following conditions ([per CDC guidance](#)):

- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

**Watch for these symptoms. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.**

According to the CDC, People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills (100.4° or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child has these symptoms, please keep them home for 72 hours after the fever has subsided. School staff will assist in helping your child make up missed work.