

Gardner South Wilmington High School #73

Return to Learning Plan 2021-2022

July 16, 2021

- In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021 declaration, GSW #73 will be open fully for in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-22 school year. School hours will be traditional, 8:00-3:00.
- As long as supported by local health data, mask usage will be encouraged for unvaccinated individuals, but there will be no universal mask mandate for students/staff.
- Remote learning will only be offered to those students under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the IDPH. The remote learning experience will be at the discretion of the individual teachers.
- Masks are required while on any form of district transportation, including school busses. This is for students, staff and drivers.
- Individuals will not be required to disclose their vaccination status to the school. Parents, students and staff may wish to voluntarily disclose their vaccination status to avoid a mandatory quarantine for close contact with a COVID-positive person.
- The school will use the following mitigation measures to begin the school year:
 - Continue to symptom screen at the door each morning
 - Continue with increased cleaning/disinfecting
 - Continue increased hand washing/sanitizing
 - Continue social distancing as much as possible, including during lunch
 - Avoid congregating and large gatherings as much as possible
 - Air purifiers will be installed in every room with HEPA filters
- Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated should quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do NOT have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested. Quarantine decisions will be made and communicated by Grundy County Health Department officials.
- District Administration will continue to monitor local health data and consult with local public health officials. Should local health data require increased mitigations (i.e. mask mandate, increased social distancing, changes in lunch, remote learning, etc.) the district will not hesitate to make such changes to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.