



# OUR SAFE RETURN TO LEARN

2021 - 2022

The Lower Kuskokwim School District's top priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff and families. The goal of LKSD Schools is to ensure a safe return to school for all students and staff. Here are some of the multi-layered mitigation strategies that will be implemented to meet this goal.



## **FACE MASKS**

Face masks are required to be worn by everyone at school unless exempt for medical reasons. The proper and correct use of face masks is essential to having any in-person learning. If a student does not have a face mask or lost theirs, one will be provided.



#### PHYSICAL DISTANCING

LKSD schools will have the following measures in place to ensure students stay at least 3 feet apart while in classrooms, hallways, and at all other times.

- Classroom seating / desks spaced 3 feet apart
- Signage to serve as reminders to stay 3 feet away from others outside the classroom
- One way routes in some hallways



### HAND HYGIENE & RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Hand hygiene supplies will be available throughout the school and classrooms. Students and staff will be required to wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival to school / classroom. Time for hand hygiene will be scheduled throughout the day including before eating and before returning to classroom after recess. Students will be encouraged to follow these practices:



- Cough and sneeze away from other people, even while wearing a mask
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- · Wash or sanitize hands hands frequently
- · Maintain physical distancing from others



#### INCREASED CLEANING

Increased routine cleaning and disinfection in collaboration with maintenance staff including areas such as frequently touched surfaces, communal spaces, buses and shared objects to maintain healthy facilities, including improving ventilation throughout classrooms and schools. Electrostatic cleaners are also available at each site. Electrostatic cleaners are an effective and efficient to disinfect all surfaces and hard-to-reach places that may have been missed.



## DIAGNOSTIC & SCREENING TESTS

Schools will cooperate with public health to support screening testing and contact tracing strategies to mitigate transmission of COVID-19. Protocols and actions plans are in place to manage various COVID-19 related scenarios.

