

Lourdes Public Charter School  
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

**Mental Health Support**

Our small school with a maximum of 49 students, three certified teachers, and two teacher assistants creates a family atmosphere. Each teacher has the opportunity to interact with every student. Students are taught in groups of 2-7 students and each classroom has less than 20 students. Relationships are established. This allows ample time for interaction and also provides students time for one-on-one interaction between peers and staff members. Because of the family atmosphere in school, often peers or older students are asked to assist a fellow student. Older students are asked to demonstrate proper school behaviors at the beginning of the school year, and in preparing for a different school events. All of these encounters are monitored by a staff member.

Mental health services are available through Linn County Health Department. The contact information is made available on request. The school nurse is made available to assist families in making the proper contacts.

**Health and Safety Strategies**

All staff members are vaccinated. Any volunteer entering the school must be vaccinated. At this time it is the parents' decision to have their children vaccinated.

All teachers have been instructed by the school nurse on the proper use of face masks for students and staff. Each teacher is to then instruct students on the proper use and continue to do so throughout the day, week...

Masks will not be worn outside.

Until the mandate from ODE is lifted masks will be worn by staff, students, and guests.

The small student enrollment allows for the 3' social distancing in all classrooms. We do not have lunch room so students will maintain this distancing at their desks during meal time when masks are to be removed. Each student will have a plastic bag to put their mask when not in use. Teachers will supervise recesses so that as much as possible students will be social distancing.

This year the school will maintain two cohorts, k-3 and 4-8. (both under the recommended size for cohorts). When there is occasional mixing of the cohorts the proper logs will be maintained, proper cleaning and sanitizing, and social distancing.

Each classroom has an outdoor entrance and screened windows. At break times and at the end of the day the windows are opened and/or doors are opened for ventilation. Fans are used in the event of hot weather.

Hand sanitizer/handwashing is required when students enter the building in the morning, before and after recess, and before leaving the building. Hand washing/hand sanitizer is required before and after eating. School is providing sanitizer with aloe and vitamin E.

Students are instructed in respiratory etiquette. School has hand sanitizer stations but they may have hand sanitizer at their desks to use after coughing or nose blowing.

Students are instructed on how to properly wash hands after using the rest rooms.

Schools are not required to provide Covid-19 diagnostic testing or screening so Lourdes will not be offering this service. However, the school will provide information about where to receive the testing if it is necessary.

If a student or staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19 the school administrator will coordinate with the Linn County Health Department to review the situation. They will determine quarantine length.

Lourdes has designated an appropriately supervised and adequately equipped space for providing first aid and isolating the sick or injured student. This space has been reviewed by the school nurse for proper equipment, notices, and contact information.

If the school administrator receives information or a staff member/student informs her that they been exposed to COVID-19, the administrator will seek advice from the school nurse and/or the Linn County Health Department and proceed with the directives given.

Under Oregon State Law IEP's are established and directed by the sponsoring school district. Lourdes follows the directives given on the student's IEP.

Lourdes Public Charter School has established in their protocol that all students are instructed at their level of learning. The blended classroom structure enables this style of instruction. Our goal is that students to at least achieve the basic knowledge required for elementary school. All students are treated fairly with an established behavior standard for all. Positive disciplinary methods are employed so learning is the final goal.

### **Distance Learning Plan**

Based on the current state metrics, we are planning to begin the 2021-22 school year with on-site learning only. We will only provide CDL if a student is quarantined, is recovering from COVID-19, if a medical condition requires longer than 10 days for recovery, or if the State requires schools to return to CDL.

Whether we provide on-site or distance learning our curriculum will be consistent and continuous throughout the entire school year. Students will be issued textbooks and materials that are used in our on-site curriculum. For distance learning we will be preparing weekly learning packets with textbooks and written assignments, however there will also be online daily instructional videos, online activities, and online office hours for student questions. . Students will be accessing AR, Destiny, ZOOM, Kahn Academy, Scholastic, and various sites assigned by the teachers to extend learning in particular subject areas.

Students who choose to abstain from wearing face coverings, or whose families determine they will not wear face coverings will not be allowed to attend Lourdes.

Survey was conducted to assess families' access to technology. The school is planning to provide equipment if needed.

