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**Safe Return to School Plan**  
**LaMotte School**  
**2021-2022**

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This document will change as the conditions in our community change. You will be notified of changes. This has been approved by the Board of Trustees. If you would like to communicate with any of the trustees, please send your emails to [boardmembers@lamotteschool.com](mailto:boardmembers@lamotteschool.com) You are also welcome to contact me through email at [lburke@lamotteschool.com](mailto:lburke@lamotteschool.com)

August 12, 2021

Dear Families,

The following is a plan for our Safe Return to School, 2021-2022. This document has been prepared with input from parents, staff, board members, Gallatin County Health Department, Montana State Governor's office, and the CDC. All decisions have been weighed with the safety of YOUR child and our community in mind. Keeping our students safe and in school will be dependent on the fidelity of which all of us follow the protocols we have established. **Let us please work together as a team to keep everyone safe and healthy.**

Please remember that our situation is fluid and we may have to change our procedures at any time. It is our goal to keep you informed as soon as possible when change is imminent. As well, it will be very important that you communicate with the school if you have any concerns. We can't address problems if we don't know about them.

Thank you for your grace as we navigate through these trying times. We did a great job last year keeping kids in school and everyone as healthy as possible, let's keep that going!

Mrs. Burke

Principal/Superintendent

## Safety - People

<b>Face Covering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Masks are optional at LaMotte School based on parental discretion.</li> </ul>
<b>Handwashing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students will wash hands frequently and will be taught proper washing technique.</li> <li>❖ Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and hallways.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Distance will be maintained at the greatest degree practical in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<b>Visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ When the students and staff are masked, visitors will be allowed in the school with masks worn properly.</li> </ul>

## Illness Monitoring and Procedures

<b>What are the symptoms?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The following checklist includes symptoms to watch for and consult your healthcare provider about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fever or chills</li> <li>➤ Cough</li> <li>➤ Headache</li> <li>➤ Muscle aches</li> <li>➤ Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea</li> <li>➤ New loss of taste or smell</li> <li>➤ New runny nose or congestion</li> <li>➤ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>➤ Sore throat</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Students with these symptoms at school will be isolated until parents pick them up.</li> </ul>
<b>Isolation (Positive Cases Staff/Students)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Requirement determined by Gallatin County City Health Department.</li> </ul>
<b>Exposure to Positive Case (Based on Close Contacts via Contact Tracing)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Inform parents</li> <li>❖ Reference from the GCCHD. <a href="#">See here.</a></li> </ul>
<b>Don't kids get sick all the time?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>It will be very important that parents do NOT send kids to school that are not feeling well. Please act on the side of precaution.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Antigen testing will be available to any student or staff. Students must have written permission from a parent before any testing will be done.</li> </ul>

