

2022-2023 Baldwin USD 348 Return to School Practices

USD 348 continues to be committed to providing a safe environment for all students and staff and to effectively help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, in order to keep our schools open and safe for in-person learning.

USD 348 asks families to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, (fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, headaches, muscle pain, fatigue) as well as other infectious disease symptoms before sending a student to school.

Passive Contact Tracing

Families are to communicate with the school nurse if there is a positive case in the home.

- A home antigen test may be used to verify a positive case with the school nurse.
- The district nursing staff will offer anyone considered a close contact, who wants to know if they are positive for COVID, a rapid antigen test.
- Testing **will not** occur without parent permission.
- Close contacts are encouraged to wear a mask and continually monitor for symptoms for 10 days following exposure.

Communication of Positive Cases

- The district will continue to post on the website when there is a positive case in the district and the location.
- Should a positive COVID case occur, all families of that classroom will be notified that their student would be considered a close contact.
- Should a family wish to have their student tested to know if they are positive for COVID, a rapid antigen test will be made available.
- No testing will occur without parent permission.

When community levels are high, USD 348 will follow CDC's, KDHE's and Lawrence Douglas County Public Health's recommendations in implementing increased mitigation strategies for the safety of our staff and students and to be able to continue providing in-person learning.