

COVID-19 Case Response Plan

Positive Test (Staff/Student)

Notify building Health Office, Building nurse contacts District Health & Safety Manager

Custodians notified for extra cleaning protocol, HR notified for staff absences

Rice County Public Health or MDH case investigation on all positive cases and notification to school district

Notifications sent per public health recommendation

Positive cases isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms. Can return once symptoms improve and fever free without medication for 24 hours

Symptomatic Case (Staff/Student)

Notify building Health Office, Building nurse contacts District Health & Safety Manager

Sick person to isolate within the building, Custodians notified for extra cleaning protocol, HR notified for staff absences

Case investigation by building nurse and Health & Safety Manager, with MDH or RCPH as needed

Sick person to get test or follow-up with healthcare provider; if case is positive, follow positive case flow

Symptomatic person isolates at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms. Can return once symptoms improve and fever free without medication for 24 hours

Contact with a Positive or Symptomatic Case (Staff/Student)

Notify building Health Office, Building nurse contacts District Health & Safety Manager

Case investigation by building nurse and Health & Safety Manager

Person will be encouraged to get tested if close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more)

Person quarantines for 14 days, watches for symptoms even if they test negative, HR notified for staff COVID-related absences

If symptoms develop, follow the symptomatic case flow. If case is determined to be positive, follow positive case flow

Health and Safety Measures

- We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Minnesota Department of Health
- We will be in constant consultation with public health experts to follow best practices including isolation and quarantine protocols, COVID-19 testing, and response to illness scenarios
- Limited access to school/district buildings for visitors/volunteers
- iPads will be provided to all students and staff to limit shared materials
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces of our buildings and classrooms
- Social distancing of 6 feet to the fullest extent possible, including reducing the number of students in bus drop off/pick up locations, as well as spacing desks and tables apart in classrooms
- Reducing congregation (i.e. students will eat meals in their classrooms while keeping a safe distance from others) and discontinuing assemblies
- Encouraging frequent and good hand hygiene, providing hand sanitizer at entrances
- All K-12 students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear face coverings in district buildings and transportation vehicles, unless an accommodation is required
- Keeping students in the same groups or cohorts whenever possible

COVID-19 Terminology

Quarantine keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.

Isolation keeps someone who is sick or has tested positive without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.

Exposure means someone was in close contact (less than 6 feet) with a potential COVID-19 carrier for more than 15 minutes.

Social Distancing means keeping a safe space (6 feet or more) between yourself and other people who are not from your household.

Screening is not the same as a coronavirus test. This step helps to decide if someone actually needs a coronavirus test. It's a series of basic questions about your health condition and recent history. Screening may also include other common healthcare procedures, like taking your temperature.

Health Screening Protocols

Families are asked to monitor their child's health by following a COVID-19 screening checklist for signs of infectious illness every day. If a child is showing any signs of illness and/or has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting for a result they should stay home and their parent/caregiver should call the school building's attendance line describing the specific symptoms their student is experiencing.

Teachers and staff will monitor student health during the school day. Students showing signs of illness during school will be referred to the building nurse for an evaluation of symptoms. A student who becomes ill during the school day will be brought to the designated isolation area in the school building until their parent/caregiver can arrange for pick up per MDH guidelines.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- new onset cough or shortness of breath
- fever (100.4°F or higher)
- chills
- muscle pain
- sore throat
- fatigue
- congestion
- loss of sense of smell or taste gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea

Online resources

[Minnesota Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[MDH Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs](#)

[What to Do if You Have Had Close Contact With a Person With COVID-19](#)

[What to Do if You're Waiting for COVID-19 Test Results](#)

[Faribault Public Schools Preparedness Plan](#)

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