

COVID-19 Face Mask Decision-Making Guide and Quarantine Plan

Updated weekly on Fridays with the latest county-level data

Spring Lake Park Schools strongly recommends that all students, staff and visitors wear face masks regardless of vaccination status consistent with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Minnesota Department of Health. We will adapt, as necessary, from this base model using two indicators – the [CDC's county transmission data](#), and, at the school level, numbers of people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

District Indicator: County Transmission Rates

Anoka County's 7-day COVID-19 case rate data informs district-wide decisions about COVID-19 mitigation strategies. When Anoka County transmission rates are "High" (with more than 100 cases per 100,000), we will adapt from our base model until transmission rates decline.

February 11, 2022 – Anoka County: Transmission is High with 522.52 cases per 100,000

Early Childhood - Grade 6	Grade 7 - 12+
Base Model: Masks strongly recommended for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. High Transmission: Masks required for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status. Transportation: Masks required at all times per federal guidance.	Base Model: Masks strongly recommended for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. Transportation: Masks required at all times per federal guidance.

Note: The previous metric that Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health used during the 2020-21 school year was a 14-day case average per 10,000. Dividing the current 7-day per 100,000 rate by 5 will give a reasonable approximation to the 14-day per 10,000 rate. The state of Minnesota now recommends use of the [CDC Data Tracker by County](#).

School-Based Indicator

Individual school-level data regarding the number of students with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be used to inform school and classroom level masking. Minnesota Department of Health has recommended using previously existing influenza-like illness guidelines to inform decisions for COVID-19.

February 11, 2022 – School cases: There are 28 active COVID-19 cases reported within our schools. No school is at a critical threshold.

Early Childhood - Grade 6	Grade 7 - 12+
Base Model: Masks strongly recommended for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. High Transmission: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Masks will be required in individual elementary classrooms when there is high transmission, 3 or more students, in that room experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.Masks will be required in an entire school when the school has 5 percent or more students and staff absent due to symptoms consistent with COVID-19.	Base Model: Masks strongly recommended for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. High Transmission: Masks will be required in an entire school when the school has 5 percent or more students and staff absent due to symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Quarantine Plan

Parents must notify the school health office when a child is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19. Staff must notify their supervisor.

- Quarantine **is required** for:
 - Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19
 - Unvaccinated family members of those who test positive for COVID-19
 - Close contacts to a positive case who are unvaccinated and unmasked
 - *We will work with families to minimize the length of any quarantine and return healthy students to school as quickly as possible.*
- Quarantine **is not required** for close contacts who:
 - Are vaccinated and do not have symptoms
 - Are unvaccinated, wore a mask and do not have symptoms and interacted with a COVID-19 positive case who also wore a mask
 - Have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days and do not have symptoms

When the school or district learns of a positive case of COVID-19, we will work with the Minnesota Department of Health to determine any individuals who may be impacted and communicate with them about potential next steps.