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Faribault Public Schools 2021-22 COVID-19 Protocols

This document outlines Faribault Public Schools' current COVID-19 protocols. They are subject to change based on the evolving public health situation. Families will be immediately notified of changes to COVID-19 protocols. Statewide and/or federal protocols may supersede certain district protocols. (Document updated June 8, 2022)

Vaccination

Vaccination for those 12 and older is the best tool we have to fight COVID-19. All three of the available vaccines are safe, free and highly effective. The vaccines have gone through the same safety steps and studies as the other vaccines our children routinely get. While a fully vaccinated person may be able to pass the disease to others, the health experts we've consulted with tell us a vaccinated person is much less likely to become infected, and if they do, their illness is less likely to be severe.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are strongly recommended but not required for students and staff in early childhood through adult education.

Mandatory masking would go back into effect at the building level should the rate of influenza-like illness among students at a single school reach five percent.

Physical Distancing

Staff will take reasonable steps to provide spacing between students whenever possible.

Self-screening

Students and staff are encouraged to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily before coming to school. Those experiencing any symptoms should follow [MDH guidance](#) to determine if they should attend school.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and common areas will continue. Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.



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Handling confirmed cases

The district health and safety manager will report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health. Staff and families should self-report to the school if they or their student have tested positive for COVID-19.

Quarantine

Close contacts are not required to complete a quarantine period. It's strongly recommended they monitor for symptoms and stay home and seek testing if they're feeling ill ([MDH quarantine guidance](#)).

Isolation

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate themselves by staying home from school until all three of the following are true: 1. They are asymptomatic or symptoms are improving, 2. It has been at least 5 days since they first felt sick or tested positive, and 3. They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medicine. Face coverings are still required by the Minnesota Department of Health for an additional five days for students and staff returning to school or work from isolation.

Transportation

Face coverings are not required for students and staff riding in school buses and other vehicles, per the latest CDC requirements released on Feb. 25.

Visitors and volunteers

Visitors and volunteers are welcome. All sites and programs will keep a roster of visitors and volunteers (name, contact information, date, time, program, site, etc.) as practicable.