

Albany Area Schools 2022-23 COVID Plan

Subject to change based upon requirements of Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education.

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Accommodations

Teachers will work individually to support students who have extended COVID-related absences.

Face Coverings

Albany Area Schools will continue to support individuals who choose to wear a mask.

Health Screening, Isolation and Quarantine

Symptomatic Individuals/Positive Cases

- If you are ill, stay home.
- As prior to COVID, the school policy remains that individuals must be vomit, diarrhea, and fever free (under 100.4° F without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to follow the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) guidance.
- Schools are required to report all positive student and staff COVID cases to the MN Department of Health.
- Any student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19 should isolate for a minimum of 5 days from the date of onset of symptoms or asymptomatic test date (day 0). Individuals may return to school on day 6 as long as their symptoms have improved, they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and they wear a well-fitting mask at all times while around others through day 10.
 - *Note: Individuals may remove their mask prior to day 10 if they receive two sequential negative antigen tests 48 hours apart.*

Close Contact to a Positive Case of COVID-19

- Individuals who have been identified as a close contact to a positive case of COVID-19 at home, school, or in the community are encouraged to follow the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) guidance.

COVID Testing

At home COVID-19 tests are available free of charge for all students and staff. More information on how to obtain a test can be found on the [district website](#).

Out of School Time

After school and evening events, including school sponsored activities and athletics and outside use of school facilities, must follow the Albany Area Schools 2022-2023 COVID Plan and MSHSL Guidelines.

Visitors

Visitors who are experiencing COVID symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 5 days should not enter our school buildings.

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If necessary, Albany Area Schools will make changes to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and community members, based on factors such as local conditions, state and federal mandates.

Situation Update

Individuals may contact District Nurse Asha Gregory at agregory@district745.org or 845-5045 for more specific information or for current Albany Area Schools COVID-19 data.

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