



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2022-23

August 2022

As we enter the 2022-23 school year, North Shore School District 112 acknowledges the importance of balancing the interest of returning our procedures to pre-COVID conditions as much as possible and continuing to keep some mitigation measures in place to keep students, staff, and families healthy.

Cleaning

The District is invested in maintaining clean and healthy facilities. When needed, additional cleaning will take place.

COVID-19 Testing

If students develop symptoms at home, please test prior to sending them to school. At-home test kits are widely available, and families who test at home should communicate with the school nurse. Families who cannot afford home test kits can get kits from the District office.

Rapid antigen testing will be available at each school's health office, with parent/guardian consent, for students who develop symptoms during the school day.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette is taught and encouraged throughout the school.

Instruction during Isolation/Quarantine

For students who are absent due to the need for isolation or quarantine, assignments will be accessed through the Otus Learning Management System or from packets sent home by the teacher.

Masking

Masking continues to remain an option in North Shore School District 112. We encourage each individual to do what is best for their family and expect personal choices

to be respected. Individuals who wish to wear a mask at school, should bring a mask from home. Masks will also be available in the health office and at the front desk of each school.

Masking is highly recommended for:

- Individuals who are returning from a positive COVID-19 test on days 6 through day 10

Notifications

Families will still be notified if there is a situation in their child's class that potentially could be identified as a COVID outbreak.

- According to IDPH and the CDC, this would be defined as (1) multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff within a core group or (2) at least three cases within a specified core group.

Positive COVID-19 Test

A positive COVID-19 test will continue to require isolation for 5 days. Masking is highly recommended upon return for a positive test for the following 6-10 days.

Self-Certification

Before sending your child to school daily, please monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. By sending your child to school, parent(s)/guardian(s) are certifying their child does not have [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

Ventilation

During the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, the District invested in Indoor Air Quality by improving ventilation, exhaust, and humidity control systems across the District. These investments are still in place today at all campuses.

Current COVID-19 public health guidance for schools:

[IDPH COVID-19 Interim Guidance for Schools](#)

[IDPH & ISBE Join Summary of CDC's Operational Guidance](#)

[Interim Guidance on Testing for COVID-19](#)

[CDC Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care](#)

Community members are encouraged to submit comments or questions with Dr. Holly Colin, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services. 224-765-3000