

HOW TO PREPARE



Stay connected...

Talk with your children about the importance of taking emergency drills seriously and following instructions from school staff and safety officials in the event of an actual emergency.

Update contact information in **ParentVUE**, including emergency contacts (please see below)

Opt in to text alerts through School Messenger (our communication tool) by **texting “Y” or “Yes” to 67587**. You will receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger.



Update Your Contact Information:

- Log in to **ParentVUE**.
- Select the **My Account** button in the top right corner.
- To add/edit student emergency contact information, select the student, click the **Student Info** button and then the **Edit Info** button. Make your changes and then click **Save Changes**.

Important notes:

- Parents/guardians will always be contacted first in an emergency. Please do not add yourself as an emergency contact. Emergency contact(s) will be called if we cannot reach parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Please only designate one phone number per adult as a Primary number (otherwise the system won't display the numbers in the correct order).
- If you check the “Release To” box under an Emergency Contact's name, you are giving consent for your child to be released to the friend/relative you have designated; that is, you are authorizing that your child can be picked up by this person.

ORONO SCHOOLS

How Families Can Prepare for a School Emergency

Orono Schools is committed to making its schools safe for students and staff. We work closely with state and local safety officials – including the Minnesota School Safety Center, police, fire, emergency medical services and public health officials – to ensure that we are well prepared and that children are protected. We have a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan that helps our staff and our public safety partners respond swiftly should an emergency occur.

Your partnership and close attention to updates and instructions during a school emergency are essential.



WHAT TO DO DURING A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

WAIT

Do not come to campus or go to the scene of an emergency, even if it is your first instinct as a parent. Your presence may interfere with the emergency response.

As difficult as it is, do not respond to your child's request to leave school or come to campus.

Do not take action until you have received instructions from school officials through official channels.



SEEK INFO

Be on guard for rumors or speculation by unofficial sources.

Listen for a phone message, email and/or text from the district (at home, office or on cell).

Visit www.oronoschools.org. Pop-up notices will be used to communicate updates.

Tune in to local television such as KMSP-TV (9), KARE-TV (11), KSTP-TV (5) and WCCO-TV (4).



Scan the QR code to visit the Orono Schools Safety & Security webpage.

REASSURE

If your child contacts you, tell your child to remain calm and to follow instructions from school officials.

Remember, they may only know pieces of the larger picture.

If you have questions about safety and security measures in Orono Schools, please email info@orono.k12.mn.us.