

District Safety Mitigation Plan

The District continues to develop its plan for returning to school. The District continues to follow the latest updates from the District Health Department #10, Medical Director Dr. Jennifer Morse, it's insurance carrier, and legal council.

On September 20, 2021 the Board of Education approved the updated Safety Mitigation Plan to address athletics and exemption forms.

- **Fever:** Low grade fevers will require students to stay home for 24 hours until fever free; Continue use of student sick rooms to isolate those that are ill at school.
- **Transportation:** Students who become ill at school will be required to be transported home, unless mandated by a special education IEP.
- **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:** Will be emphasized and the appropriate protocols will be taught.
- **Contact tracing:** Will be conducted following the DHD10 protocol. People that have been fully vaccinated, or diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last three months will not be required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.
- Continuous **deep cleaning** will continue to be implemented as best possible; Ensure proper cleaning and disinfection.
- **Vaccinations:** Vaccinations of students and staff are not required; however, the District will support and promote the DHD10 in the implementation of vaccination clinics to support students and families; but again, will not mandate vaccinations.
- **Weekly meetings with Dr. Morse:** Continue meeting with her team to review data pertinent to the District, our region, and receive updated guidance.
- **Facial coverings:** Strongly recommend and encourage the use of facial coverings for students and staff. Facial coverings are required on public transit, including school buses until lifted by the federal government. The District will work with Dr. Elizabeth Hill (Clinical Professor at U of M) and Dr. Morse to develop on and off ramps using data and metrics. Masks may still be used as a safety mitigation measure if data warrants the need to do so in working with medical experts on this decision.
- **Physical distancing:** The District will strive to support physical distancing in all daily activities of at least 3 feet to the best extent possible.
- **Ventilation and airflow:** The District will encourage practices that improve ventilation and air flow.
- **Athletics:** Student-athletes who are competing in indoor sports can remove their face covering when competing on the court. When not directly involved in competition (on the bench, etc.) facial coverings are to be worn.
- **Mask/Facial Covering Exemptions:** Policy/practices to be determined.

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