



*Navigate Care Consulting recommends that schools offer full-time in-person learning for all students. In order to support a safe and reasonable in person experience, see below for some health and safety mitigation measures. Individual school districts, however, may decide to practice more or less stringent measures. Currently, the only state mandate is Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 that **requires** schools to [report](#) positive cases to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The District's COVID Response Team will continue to monitor COVID-19 school and community data to determine the need to adjust strategies. This plan is subject to change based upon any future requirements from MDH and Minnesota Department of*

FACE COVERINGS

- ❖ Face coverings are optional in schools and facilities.
 - People who become symptomatic at school should wear a face covering and will be isolated while waiting to go home.
 - It is no longer mandated to require face coverings on bus transportation.

ISOLATION (keeping ill individuals away from healthy individuals)

- ❖ Individuals with [symptoms or a positive test](#) should [isolate](#) in their home for a minimum of 5 days from positive test OR start of symptoms, if present (whichever is earlier). Individuals should also be feeling better and not have a fever in the last 24 hours.
 - If isolating due to symptoms, the individual may return sooner than 5 days if they can produce a negative test OR a letter from their healthcare provider (must have no symptoms for 24 hours).

QUARANTINE (keeping healthy individuals who were exposed away from other healthy individuals)

- ❖ [Quarantine](#) after exposure is no longer recommended. If directly exposed (close contact for >15minutes), you might consider the following:
 - Wear a mask for 10 days indoors after your last contact exposure, especially around immunocompromised individuals.
 - Take a [test](#) on day 5 (at least) after your last contact exposure. If positive, begin the isolation protocol above.
- ❖ Contact tracing is no longer recommended. Schools will continue to alert families and staff if there are any positive illness *trends* in the school.

SCREENING

- ❖ All students, staff, visitors and facility users should conduct a [daily self screening](#) before coming to school/work. Individuals should continue to report illness or positive tests to their school's attendance line.
- ❖ If an individual becomes ill at school, a [procedure](#) should be followed to decrease exposure to others.

MISC

- ❖ There is no physical distancing requirement in school buildings or on transportation.
- ❖ COVID-19 vaccination is **not** a requirement for students or staff.
 - There is no longer separate guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- ❖ Schools will continue to promote personal hygiene best practices to limit the spread of illness and provide 1-to-1 devices/supplies, whenever possible, to minimize sharing materials.
- ❖ Cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces in schools/facilities will continue.
- ❖ COVID-19 "symptomatic" testing may be available, only with written parent consent.
- ❖ Visitors and volunteers are allowed in school buildings and facilities.