

To: Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members

From: Bill Strom, Superintendent MLPS

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The two most challenging COVID years are behind us! With your help MLPS has kept students safe and held IN PERSON learning during this trying time. Below are essential highlights to our 22-23 plan.

Our 22-23 COVID Learning Plan

- We plan to be In-Person Learning for the 2022-2023 School Year. We will let you know if that changes.
- If MN governing officials mandate “COVID changes” for MN Schools we will adjust accordingly.

Face Covering / Masks

- Face coverings / masks are recommended, but not required, for students, staff, and visitors while in the school buildings, buses or school events.
- If you wish to wear a face covering, please do so.

Symptoms, Quarantining & Contact Tracing

- We recognize that the common cold, the seasonal flu, allergies, and other medical issues resemble the symptoms of COVID.
- If COVID symptoms develop at school, the individual will be sent home. It is recommended (not required) that they have a COVID test.
- If the COVID test is positive, the individual will stay home (isolate) for 5 days.
- “Close contacts”, or individuals who have had contact with one who tests positive for COVID, will be informed and recommended, but not required, to quarantine (not attend school).
- Let’s work together! We ask parents to partner with school staff as we monitor the health of your child.

Ventilation, Cleaning & Building Space

- We will continue to disinfect, keep learning spaces clean and provide students with hand sanitizers.
- We will operate our limited HVAC systems at full capacity for more frequent air exchange in each building.

COVID Vaccination

- All Minnesotans age 6 months and older are eligible to receive a free COVID vaccine. Vaccination is not required to attend the Mountain Lake Public Schools.
- Contact your healthcare provider, local pharmacies, and Des Moines Valley Health / Human Services for vaccination information.

Let's Review! COVID-19 Symptoms include:

- More Common Symptoms
 - Fever of 100.4 Degrees or Higher
 - Loss of Taste or Smell
 - New Cough That Gets Worse
 - Difficulty/Hard Time Breathing
- Less Common Symptoms
 - Sore Throat
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Chills
 - Muscle Pain
 - Extreme Fatigue/Feeling Very Tired
 - New Severe/Very Bad Headache
 - New Nasal Congestion/Stuffy or Runny Nose

Let's keep working together to continue our IN PERSON learning plan, keep students safe, and reduce COVID transmission in our school, community and surrounding area.