Northfield Public Schools 2021-22 COVID-19 Safety Protocols Exit Criteria last updated 01.24.2022

Universal masking and quarantining protocols shift to recommended masking and optional quarantine for those identified as close contacts <u>at school</u> to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when:	
The school influenza-like illness rate is less than five percent (5%) on average per week.	
K-12 Student Vaccinations (both doses) + COVID-19 Infections in the last 90 days (immunity rate)	**Seven (7)-day case rate/100,000 county residents for <u>three consecutive weeks</u>**
Less than 60% **and**	less than 50 per 100,000 residents
At least 60% **and**	less than 100 per 100,000 residents
At least 70% **and**	less than 125 per 100,000 residents
At least 80% **and**	less than 150 per 100,000 residents

Notes:

- The earliest date that the district would consider any exit strategy is Jan. 31, 2022.
- The seven-day Rice County case rate is published every Thursday by Rice County Public Health on their website.
- The district's latest 2021-22 COVID-19 protocols will be used for those identified as close contacts within their household and for students or staff who test positive for COVID-19.
- Programs for pre-Kindergarten students will continue to use universal masking protocols until these students are eligible for vaccination. Students under the age of two are not required to wear a face mask. This document does not apply to programs held at the Northfield Community Education Center.
- Student vaccination rates are calculated based on data from the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC). Individual student names are not included in the report that is used to determine the vaccination rate.
- When all three conditions are met, universal masking and quarantine protocols shift to recommended masking and optional quarantine on the following Monday.
- If the seven (7)-day case rate/100,000 county residents exceeds the threshold that corresponds with the current immunity rate for two consecutive weeks, universal masking and quarantining protocols will be re-implemented the following Monday.
- Students should continue to stay home when symptomatic, even when safety protocols are reduced.

Immunity Rate Calculation Description

<u>K-12 Student Vaccinations (both doses) + COVID-19 Infections in the last 90 days:</u> This calculation will be a simple, unrounded percentage:

total K-12 students vaccinated + total K-12 students with COVID-19 infections in the last 90 days

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total K-12 students (latest enrollment report)

The total K-12 student count will be based on the most recent enrollment report's "Full-time only (excluding EC and part-time/independent)" data point.