

Northfield School District COVID-19 Procedures

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Purpose: The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures for handling COVID-19 in the district. These protocols apply to all employees, students, volunteers, and visitors except where stated otherwise. The district has considered the social, educational, political, and financial implications of these procedures. Vaccination is strongly recommended to protect against serious illness from COVID-19. [You can find a vaccination clinic here.](#)

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are optional inside Northfield School District facilities.

Cleaning and hygiene

- There will be routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in classrooms and common spaces.
- Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.

Staying home when sick

- People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home.
- [Testing](#) is recommended for people with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) as soon as possible after symptoms begin. Every home in Minnesota is eligible to [order four rapid at-home COVID-19 tests](#) once a month for free, while supplies last. If a person with COVID-19 symptoms tests negative for COVID-19, they should consider getting tested for other respiratory illnesses that could be spread to others, such as flu. If tested using an antigen test, negative tests should be repeated following [FDA recommendations](#).
- Those at risk for getting very sick with COVID-19 who test positive should consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible treatment, even if their symptoms are mild. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19, to other people.
- People may return to school when they feel better and are fever-free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours.

Reporting

- COVID-19 cases will be reported by each building following Minnesota Department of Health procedures.

Questions

- Please direct any COVID-19 questions to the [nurse at the school your child attends](#).

Feedback

- Please direct any feedback about this plan to [Superintendent Matt Hillmann](#).