

Northfield School District Summer School and Program COVID-19 Protocols

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The following guidelines are rooted in the Minnesota Department of Education [COVID-19 prevention guidance for summer school](#) and [COVID-19 prevention guidance for certified child care, youth programs, and camps](#). These protocols are subject to change without advance notice if the public health situation necessitates it. Other statewide protocols may supersede the information below for specific programs. **Based on Executive Order 21-23, Early Ventures staff and Kid Ventures participants and staff will be required to wear face coverings inside school buildings and [follow the decision tree guidance](#) until at least June 30, 2021.**

Component	Protocols
Face coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is strongly recommended that all people present inside school buildings wear a face covering if they are not vaccinated. However, face coverings are not required inside school buildings. (Early Ventures and Kid Ventures participants must wear face coverings until June 30, 2021) All people are required to wear face coverings on all public transportation, including school buses. It is required that students and staff wear a face covering when entering a school nurse's office. Students who display a less common symptom may be asked to wear a face covering for the remainder of the programming day. Symptomatic people will be required to wear a face covering and isolated while waiting to go home or visiting the nurse.
Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For programs held indoors, staff will take reasonable steps to provide safe spacing between participants as practicable.
Cleaning and hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in classrooms and common spaces. Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.
Handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district COVID-19 coordinator will report cases of COVID-19 to MDH. Symptomatic people will be required to wear a face covering and isolated while waiting to go home or visiting the nurse. It is recommended staff and families self-report to the school if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or recently had a close contact to someone with COVID-19.
Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms of illness and protect others by staying home when you are feeling ill. A student, participant, or staff who tests positive for COVID-19 will be not be allowed to participate until all three of the following things are true: People who test positive for COVID-19 should stay at home until all three of these things are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better; and, It has been 10 days since they first felt sick or tested positive; and, They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fever. A student, participant, or staff member with a member of their household who has tested positive for COVID-19 must follow the Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs to determine if the individual needs quarantine. A general notification will be shared with families when their student is part of a program/classroom that includes someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Staff will share the Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs for families to determine if their child will quarantine. No contact tracing will be conducted.
Visitors and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors and volunteers are allowed in the buildings. All sites and programs are required to keep a roster of visitors and volunteers (name, contact information, date, time, program, site, etc.)
COVID waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID waivers are required from all program participants and outside renters.