

# 2023-2024 Lewiston – Altura School District Safe Learning Plan



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This Plan is in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A Safe Learning Plan (reviewed every six months) is required in order for the district to receive funding that has been made available as a result of the pandemic.

## DISTRICT PRIORITIES IN REGARDS TO A SAFE LEARNING PLAN

- Maintain as much ‘normalcy’ in routines and student activities as possible.
- Protect students and staff from COVID-19 or other variants – **especially to avoid in-school transmission**
- Prioritize protecting students who are unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Assure all staff and students feel supported and respected if s/he chooses to wear a mask.
- Significant changes to the Safe Learning Plan will be discussed and determined by the School Board in a public meeting.

<b>STUDENTS OR STAFF WHO TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19</b>	<p>If the person is fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and other symptoms are improving, the person may return to school on Day 6. Since individuals are most likely contagious through day 10, positive persons are strongly recommended to wear a mask on Days 6-10.</p> <p>If an individual has symptoms and is awaiting COVID-19 test results, the person may not come to school or activities.</p>
<b>CALCULATING NUMBER OF DAYS</b>	Day 0 is first day symptoms emerge.
<b>ABSENCES</b>	<p>A student or staff member who is ill and misses 3 or more consecutive days of school, will not be allowed to return until they have one of the following: a negative COVID-19 test, an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider, or quarantine at home for a total of 5 days from the first day of school absence (return on Day 6).</p> <p>Absences in excess of 6 days may require a doctor’s letter to verify the ongoing COVID-19 symptoms preventing school or work attendance.</p>

<b>MN State High School League Activities</b>	The district follows the MSHSL guidance and requirements.
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## **ABSENCES, REPORTING SYMPTOMS IN THE CASE OF ABSENCES and COVID-19 TESTING:**

- Parents and staff must provide the office with complete and accurate information for the purpose of an absence from school. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in the absence being recorded as unexcused.
- Test results (positive or negative) must be confirmed with the school nurse or office staff, in order for absences associated with COVID-19 testing to be marked as excused.