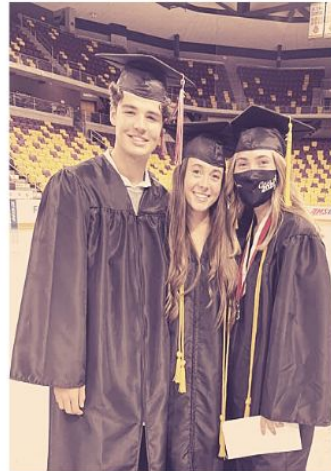


Safe Learning Update

Regular School Board Meeting

November 16, 2021

2021-22 Safe Learning Plan



ISD 709

Guiding Principles

FOR SAFE IN-PERSON LEARNING

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

ISD709.org/Equity

Current COVID Rates

- 7/11-7/24 - 4.49
- 7/25-8/7- 8.82
- 8/1-8/14 - 11.15
- 8/8 - 8/21 17.47
- 8/15-8/28 - 20.39
- 8/22-9/4 - 25.30
- 8/29-9/11 - 35.62
- 9/5-9/18 - 42.02
- 9/12-9/25 - 41.27
- 9/19-10/2 - 46.92
- 9/26-10/09 - 60.33
- 10/03-10/16 - 59.25
- 10/10-10/23 - 54.50
- 10/17-10/30 - 68.23

Last Year

10/11-10/24 - 54.26

10/18-10/31 - 105.02

Vaccine Clinic Updates

The State of Minnesota and Duluth Public Schools provided first round voluntary vaccination clinics for 5 to 11 year-olds. From November 4th - November 12th, we offered a clinic at each of our elementary and middle schools.

During that time, more than 1,630 5 to 11 year olds received their first dose vaccinations!

The second doses will be administered during the week of November 29th. For the second clinics:

- Families will receive sign up information from their elementary or middle schools. .
- A parent or guardian must provide written permission and must be present during the vaccinations.
- The clinics are intended for students ages 5 to 11 only.
- People ages 12 and older are encouraged to visit mn.gov/vaccine to use the Find My Vaccine map to locate and contact providers near them.

Need for Increased Safety Precautions

The Minnesota Department of Health shared a letter today to express our concern with high cases of COVID 19 in Minnesota school children. They indicated the importance of “doubling down” on our safety layering in the areas of:

- Promoting vaccines
- Universal masking
- Physical distancing
- Staying home when sick
- Testing
- Contact tracing
- Ventilation
- Notification
- Additional layers of safety

Need for Increased Safety Precautions

It is important that we continue to stress the importance of student and staff mask wearing. It is also important that we review and consider revision of plans for large in-person events.

Our primary mission at this time is to continue to be able to offer safe in-person learning for our students. By reinforce the importance of mask wearing, we can accomplish this goal.