

Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2023-2024

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will continue our efforts to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for our students, educators, and other staff for the 2023-2024 school year by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements.

These standards include following the steps below:

1. Health Screening - All students and staff are asked to conduct a daily self-screening and stay home if necessary. This is considered a good general health practice.
2. **All students and staff should stay home if they are sick** until at least 24 hours after their fever* (temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher) is gone. Temperature should be measured without the use of fever-reducing medicines (medicines that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).
3. Quarantine--Following direction from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), South Koochiching-Rainy River ISD #363 has modified our guidelines regarding 5-day isolation and quarantine for COVID-19. The following guidelines are now in operation within the SKRR School District.

South Koochiching-Rainy River will require a 5-day isolation for a positive Covid-19 case. After the 5 day period, students and employees returning to school **must not have symptoms (coughing, fever, tiredness, body aches etc...).**

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control are now recommending that instead of quarantining if you are considered a “Household Exposure” to a positive COVID-19 case, that students and staff will be permitted to come to school if they wear a mask for 5 consecutive days and are not exhibiting any symptoms (fever, cough, tiredness, body aches etc...). Household exposures that choose NOT to wear a mask for 5 consecutive days will not be allowed to attend school.

Reporting positive cases, quarantine and isolation:

- South Koochiching-Rainy River will ask students and/or staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 to quarantine or isolate for 5 days from the positive test date if asymptomatic, or from the day of first symptom.
- Please notify health service at your students' school if symptoms or positive tests for COVID-19 occur. School will NOT conduct contact tracing initially unless circumstances require.
- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home for a minimum of five (5) days from the time symptoms started and/or the time they tested positive for COVID-19. They may not return to school until after that time and symptoms must be improving.
- Students in quarantine or isolation will be able to utilize remote learning. If they are able, all students must complete required work or assignments. Please contact the building principal or school nurse with questions.

All of these expectations are subject to change as MDH and the CDC may revise their protocol throughout the year, or extra safety precautions need to be implemented due to a school or community outbreak of Covid-19.