

## Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2022-2023

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District (SKRRSD) will continue to offer in-person learning to all students, as it did for the entire 2021-2022 school year. We will continue our efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff for the 2022-2023 school year by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements. As they evaluate the pandemic data and adjust requirements, SKRRSD's plan will be adjusted to align.

The district shall continue efforts to keep a high standard of safety and cleanliness to ensure we are able to stay in person for the foreseeable future.

These standards currently include:

1. Face Coverings - **are no longer required except for specific instances after a positive Covid-19 case or a household exposure.**
2. Social Distancing is no longer required. District staff have been **strongly encouraged** to maintain a 3-foot distance between student workstations.
3. 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.
4. **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).
5. 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 with Northome and Indus schools:

**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...)**. Individuals returning after the 5-day isolation/quarantine will be required to wear a face covering/mask for five additional days. Persons who are unable to wear a face cover will remain in isolation or quarantine for the full 10 days and have the option to remain distance learning.

## CHANGE:

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 10 consecutive days and are not exhibiting any symptoms (fever, cough, tiredness, body aches etc...). Household exposures that choose **NOT** to wear a mask for 10 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 are 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.

6. Reporting - The School Nurse or designee will continue any required reporting processes.

What the SKRRSD will **NOT** do under current expectations:

1. Currently, the SKRRSD is **NOT** planning to require face coverings indoors or outdoors for the 2021-22 School Year.
2. The SKRRSD will **NOT** require students to have a Covid-19 vaccination to attend school.
3. We do **NOT** plan on implementing any restrictions that are not **mandated** by the federal or state government.

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.