



COVID-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan Summer/Fall 2021

Masks: Masks are encouraged, but not required except for on school buses and type III vehicles (mandated by CDC).

Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Medford facilities are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

If you or your child has a fever 100.4 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, you/ they will be required, per MDH decision tree, to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider.

Isolation: If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must quarantine for 10 days during the infectious period.

Communication: Families are REQUIRED to report a positive case of COVID-19 to the COVID-19 Coordinator/Administrator. Families of the program (SAC, athletics, etc.) will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case.

Attendance/Rosters: Daily attendance will be documented for each class/activity.

Contact Tracing: Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.

Quarantine: In the event of an exposure, Medford encourages, but does not require, a quarantine period. The CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine period, with two other options: (1) 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after) or (2) 10-day quarantine period without a test.

Household Contacts: Any person who lives in the same household as the person that tested positive is REQUIRED to quarantine. See quarantine information above for details.

Other Mitigation Strategies: Medford will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



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Vaccinations for School Age Students: Individuals age 12 and older are currently eligible for the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Community sites continue to offer vaccinations to students age 12 and up. The [State of Minnesota Vaccine Locator](#) tool allows searching by zip code, distance, age group, and more.

Student and Staff COVID-19 Testing: Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer no-barrier, at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone who lives in Minnesota, with or without symptoms. You can read more about this service on the [Minnesota Department of Health website](#).

Students with disabilities: Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

Coordination with state and local health officials: Medford School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Steele County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.