



COVID 19 Safe Return to School Plan 2022-2023 School Year

Masks: Masks are not required.

Health Screening Process: If you are sick stay home. Everyone entering the building is asked to do a self-health screening. *Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.*

Isolation: If an individual tests positive for COVID 19, he/she must quarantine for 5 days regardless of vaccination status. Isolation can be ended on day 6 if there are no longer symptoms. It is recommended that a mask be worn through day 10.

Communication: Families are required to report a positive COVID 19 case if the positive case is a Medford School student. Report these cases to the school nurse. 507-214-6315

Contact Tracing: HIPAA guidelines prohibit school districts from identifying who the student/staff member is who has tested positive. If there is a case of COVID-19 identified, MDH will work with the school district to be as clear as possible about the risk level of those who have come into contact with the person who tested positive and what is recommended for next steps.

School Buses: The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) is no longer enforcing the requirement that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs.

Quarantine: In the event of an exposure, Medford School does not require a quarantine period. It is recommended to watch for signs and symptoms of COVID 19 and to stay home and get tested if you're not feeling well.

Household Contacts: Any person who lives with someone who has tested positive no longer is required to quarantine. It is recommended that all household contacts watch for signs and symptoms of COVID 19 and stay home and get tested if you are not feeling well.

Mitigation Strategies: Medford School will continue to follow previously implemented hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols and enhanced indoor air ventilation.

Medford School will continue to work with Steele County Health leaders to remain informed about best practices as they pertain to COVID 19. We will communicate with our students, staff, families and community members if and when COVID protocols change.