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Special Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Pkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
March 3, 2022
6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Update about District 191's Efforts to Implement COVID-19 Related Educational and Public Health Guidance Issued by the MDE and the MDH, Respectively 2
Speaker(s): Dr. Theresa Battle, Superintendent, and Bernie Bien, MS, BSN, RN, Lead Licensed School Nurse
- IV. New Business
 - A. Adopt the District 191 Resolution Rescission Of Health and Safety Measures Authorized By School Board Action on August 12, 2021 17
Speaker(s): Dr. Theresa Battle, Superintendent
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- V. Adjourn

District 191 welcomes members of the public to attend Board of Education meetings, work sessions and other public gatherings. However, public participation is allowed only during listening sessions, which are held before regular board meetings. Community members who wish to share their thoughts and opinions on meeting topics should contact the Superintendent's office at 952-707-2005 to schedule a meeting with the Superintendent or member of her leadership team.



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**Agenda III.
March 3, 2022**

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent, and Bernie Bien, MS, BSN, RN, lead licensed school nurse

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: Update about District 191's Efforts to Implement COVID-19 Related Educational and Public Health Guidance issued by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Receive an update about District 191's Efforts to Implement COVID-19 Related Educational and Public Health Guidance issued by the MDE and MDH from Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent, and Bernie Bien, MS, BSN, RN, lead licensed school nurse.



COVID-19 UPDATE

**Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent,
and Bernie Bien, MS, BSN, RN, Lead
Licensed School Nurse**

March 3, 2022

Transition to Routine Disease Control Model

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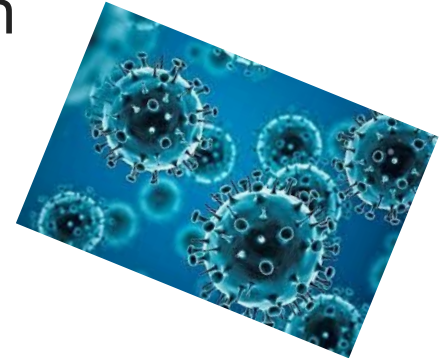
Goal:

- District 191 is committed to the Health and safety for students, staff and the community while supporting in-person instruction for students and fostering a school community spirit.
- A framework has been developed based on guidance from health experts, consideration of the current community health situation, and consultation with the COVID-19 Advisory Committee.
- This guidance is subject to change if there is an increase in cases or operational functions are compromised.

COVID-19 Community Levels

A measure of the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and health care systems

- New cases in the community
- Hospitalizations due to COVID-19
- Potential strain on health care system

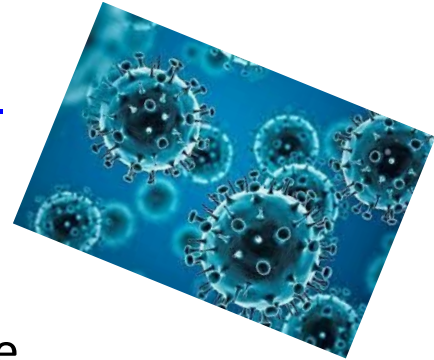


<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

Dakota County, Minnesota, community level is Low
Scott County, Minnesota, community level is Low

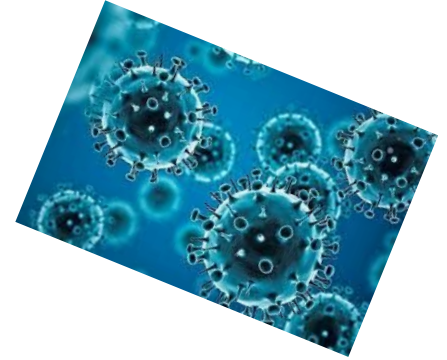
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>).

- People may choose to mask at any time.
- People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.



The Centers for Disease and prevention (CDC) changed their recommendations for School buses :

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>



Maintain current mitigation strategies

- Ventilation and filtration
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Promote physical distancing
- Support student and staff staying home when sick
- Case tracking and surveillance
- Promote vaccination opportunities
- Promote respiratory and hand hygiene
- Testing opportunities and resources for students and staff

Recommended Revision for Visitors and Volunteers

Allowing visitors and volunteers in our schools strengthens partnerships, supports the learning environment for all students and promotes school spirit.

- Welcome individuals and groups during the instructional day.
- Draft resolution to be discussed by board members

Guidance dependent on building logistics and Principal direction



Recommended Revision for Masks

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Staff

- Mask Recommended when working with students age 5 and over
- Mask Required when working with any Pre-Kindergarten Program

Students

- Mask Recommended for ages 5 and over
- Mask Required if over 2 years of age and enrolled in any Pre-Kindergarten Program

Date: March 7, 2022

District 191 Resolution
Rescission Of Health And Safety Measures
Authorized By School Board Action On August 12, 2021

Resolution of the School Board
of Independent School District No. 191
Regarding Health and Safety Measures
for Visitors and Volunteers

Resolution of the School Board
of Independent School District No. 191
Regarding Health and Safety Measures: Face Coverings

Thank You

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Bernie Bien, MS, BSN, RN, Lead Licensed School Nurse

Typically I would start this presentation with data reflecting the current COVID-19 situation for both Scott and Dakota Counties as well as District 191. The good news is these numbers continue to decrease. For #191, last week we were informed of 9 positive cases among staff and students and this week the total is 7. The trajectory for the county numbers continues to indicate a decline. The current and the predicted data supports our switch to an endemic focus for disease prevention. Health and safety remains foundational in a disease prevention model.

Last Friday, CDC released a new metric for measuring the impact of COVID-19 illness on the community. The prior metric, the Level of Transmission, was started in September 2020. The shift to a new metric was partially due to the waning validity of the Level of Transmission, the current science and the tools at hand such as vaccines and testing.

This new matrix continues to look at the 7 day case rate per 100K along with hospitalizations and hospitable bed availability. The Community impact is categorized as either low, medium or high. The new guidance also provides prevention interventions. In low category prevention recommendations include: staying up to date on vaccinations and testing when symptoms are present.

Scott and Dakota county are listed in the Low category which means cases are under 200 and admissions and covid bed occupancy is less than 10%. When community levels are low or Medium, universal indoor mask wearing is no longer recommended.

Regardless of community level, individuals may continue to wear a mask. We all will at some point return to life without covid and masks. However our individual paths will be unique. Personal and family choices to wear a mask are respected.

CDC general recommendations for when to wear a mask include if you have symptoms, test positive or have had an exposure.

This past week, Effective February 25, 2022, CDC removed the requirement for wearing a masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs

In a disease prevention model, mitigation or prevention strategies are essential and need to continue to promote health and safety.

- Promoting a healthy environment means we all stay home when we are sick. That takes our continued partnership and when unsure if well enough to be in school, reach out to your health office for guidance.
- Disease surveillance is core to prevention and management of communicable diseases. As Licensed School Nurses, we are certified in Public Health Nursing which brings expertise to this prevention strategy for our district.
- We continue to secure home testing kits from MDE/MDH and distribute them throughout our programs. They are only good in homes when needed.

That concludes my informational portion of the report



**Agenda IV.A.
March 3, 2022**

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: District 191 Resolution Rescission of Health and Safety Measures Authorized by School Board Action on August 12, 2021

Recommendation: That the Board of Education adopts the District 191 Resolution Rescission of Health and Safety Measures Authorized by School Board Action on August 12, 2021.

**District 191 Resolution
Rescission Of Health And Safety Measures
Authorized By School Board Action On August 12, 2021**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat., §123B.09 vests the care, management and control of independent districts in the School Board; and

WHEREAS, by action of the School Board on August 12, 2021 it adopted health and safety measures for the 2021-2022 school year regarding mask requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued new guidelines on February 25, 2022 whereby: (1) masks are no longer required on school buses; and (2) guidelines for masks are based on COVID-19 Community Levels (Low, Medium or High); and

WHEREAS, the Community Level of COVID-19 cases in Dakota County, Minnesota and Scott County, Minnesota is **Low**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 191, effective March 7, 2022, to rescind the mask requirements and all other action pursuant to the Board resolution on August 12, 2021.

The following voted in favor:

The following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2022.

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk



**Agenda IV.B.
March 3, 2022**

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: Resolution of the School Board of Independent School District No. 191 Regarding Health and Safety Measures for Visitors and Volunteers

Recommendation: That the Board of Education adopts the Resolution of the School Board of Independent School District No. 191 Regarding Health and Safety Measures for Visitors and Volunteers.

**Resolution of the School Board
of Independent School District No. 191
Regarding Health and Safety Measures
for Visitors and Volunteers**

WHEREAS, visitors and volunteers to our School District strengthens partnerships, supports the learning environment for all students, and welcomes individuals and groups to the School District; and

WHEREAS, Policy 903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites has the purpose of informing the school community and the general public on procedures and requirements of visitors to school buildings and other school property; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued new guidance on February 25, 2022 on public health issues related to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 191, effective March 7, 2022, as follows:

1. The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement Policy 903 regarding visitors and volunteers without any School District requirement for masks or other face coverings.
2. The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to implement different mask/face covering requirements for visitors and volunteers within the School District or a specific school building without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that immediate implementation is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting prior to the change. Any change in mask/face covering requirements shall continue until the next School Board meeting at which the change is addressed.

The following Board members voted in favor:

The following voted against:

Said resolution was passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2022.

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk



**Agenda IV.C.
March 3, 2022**

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: Resolution of the School Board of Independent School District No. 191 Regarding Health and Safety Measures: Face Coverings

Recommendation: That the Board of Education adopts the Resolution of the School Board of Independent School District No. 191 Regarding Health and Safety Measures: Face Coverings.

**Resolution of the School Board
of Independent School District No. 191
Regarding Health and Safety Measures: Face Coverings**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat., §123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent school districts and the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent is expected to use professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued new guidance regarding prevention steps based on COVID-19 Community Levels of Low, Medium or High; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Community Level in Dakota County, Minnesota and Scott County, Minnesota is classified as **Low**; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding the prevention steps set forth in the CDC guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 191, effective March 7, 2022, as follows:

1. Masks are recommended for employees when they are working with students age 5 and older in School District buildings.
2. Masks are recommended for students age 5 or older while in School District buildings.
3. Employees are required to wear masks when working in any pre-kindergarten program in the School District, subject to the disability exemptions and reasonable accommodation requirements under state and federal law and/or public health agencies.
4. Masks are required for children older than 2 years of age when participating in any pre-kindergarten programs in School District buildings, subject to the disability exemptions and reasonable accommodation requirements under state and federal law and/or public health agencies.
5. The Superintendent is hereby authorized after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification of the School Board, to implement different mask

requirements within the School District or any specific school building without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that immediate implementation is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting prior to the change. Any change in mask requirements shall continue in effect until the next School Board meeting at which the change is addressed.

The following Board members voted in favor:

The following voted against:

Said resolution was passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2022.

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk