



**SAINT PETER SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Study Session**  
**Monday, December 6, 2021**  
**Saint Peter Middle School-Media Center, 100 Lincoln**  
**Dr. , SAINT PETER, MN 56082**  
**6:30 PM**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda**
- III. Covid Update** **2**
- IV. Upcoming Meetings of the School Board** Shared Programs/Services Committee  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
4:00 PM  
District Office  
  
Negotiations Committee (SPEA)  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
6:00 PM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- V. Finance Committee**  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
2:00PM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- VI. Negotiations Committee (Office Support)**  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
4:30 PM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- VII. Regular Board Meeting**  
Monday, December 20, 2021  
6:30 PM  
SPCC-Governor's Room
- VIII. Adjournment**



## ADDENDUM

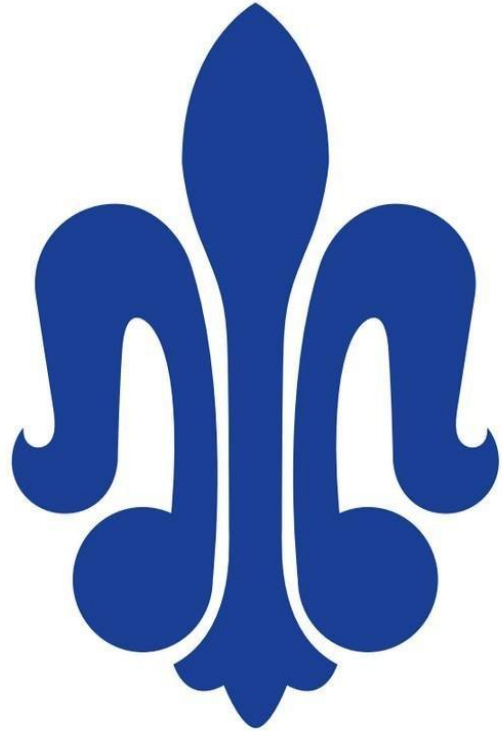
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### III. Covid Update

**Background:** The Saint Peter Schools currently have several strategies in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID in our schools. The pandemic continues to affect our community. As part of our ongoing efforts to monitor the situation, Superintendent Gronseth will present data regarding COVID in our community and in our schools.

**Presentation:** Superintendent of Schools



# COVID- 19 Protocols, Data & Recommendations

December 6, 2021



# Priorities as We Developed Protocols

- **Health and safety of students and staff**

When it comes to the safety of our students and staff, we want to err on the side of caution. It would be better to look back and say we may not have needed to take certain actions rather than wish we had done more.

- **Maintain in-person learning**

We know students learn best in person. While we have provisional online provider status, we would like to avoid the necessity of using hybrid or distance learning.

- **Follow State & Federal Guidance**

Following State and Federal Guidance has been included in our School District Goals.

# CDC Recommended Data to Monitor



## Vaccination Levels (Goal 70%):

### Nicollet:

5-11 yr: 4%; 24% with one dose  
12-15 yr: 65%; 70% with one dose  
16-17 yr: 70%; 74% with one dose  
18-49 yr: 60%; 63% with one dose

### Le Sueur:

5-11 yr: 1%; 13% with one dose  
12-15 yr: 42%; 47% with one dose  
16-17 yr: 49%; 54% with one dose  
18-49 yr: 51%; 55% with one dose

### Blue Earth

5-11 yr: 3%; 21% with one dose  
12-15 yr: 58%; 64% with one dose  
16-17 yr: 58%; 62% with one dose  
18-49 yr: 54%; 58% with one dose

# CDC Recommended Data to Monitor



## Community Transmission Levels (Goal Low or Moderate)\*:

Nicollet: **High** (176 new cases in last 7 days; 513/100K, 98/10K)

Le Sueur: **High** (188 new cases in last 7 days; 650/100K, 106/10K)

Blue Earth: **High** (358 new cases in last 7 days; 529/100K, 100/10K)

## Positivity rate (Goal <5%)\*:

Nicollet: 18%

Le Sueur: 25%

Blue Earth: 15%

## Health System Capacity:

Health System are above capacity, deferring patients and delaying non-urgent procedures

# CDC Recommended Data to Monitor



## Saint Peter Schools Community COVID Rates:

Staff								Total
	EC	South	North	MS	HS	RockBend	HLC/DO	
Active Cases	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
Current Quarantined	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Positive Cases	1	4	0	8	4	0	2	19
Students								Total
	EC	South	North	MS	HS	RockBend	HLC	
Active Cases	2	4	5	7	8	1	0	27
Current Quarantined	13	12	12	14	5	0	0	56
Total Positive Cases	5	25	37	40	29	2	0	138

# Current Saint Peter Schools Protocols



- Promoting vaccination with information shared through multiple venues
- Ventilation systems are running longer to increase air flow
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette signage and direct teaching
- Physical distancing of 3 feet whenever possible
- Asking staff, students, and visitors to stay home when symptomatic
- Cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces and common areas
- Contact tracing and quarantine: Families notified of exposures
- Isolation: Positive cases to stay out of school until: 1) it has been 10 days since they first felt sick or tested positive, 2) they feel better, and 3) it has been 24 hours since they last had a fever without using medicine that lowers fever.
- Tiered bussing to avoid exposures
- Required Universal Masking for K-8 students, staff, and visitors
- Recommended Universal Masking for High School students, staff, and visitors

# OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)



On November 5, 2021 the Federal OSHA published an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) regarding COVID vaccination required of all employees of organizations with greater than 100 employees. There is a 30 day planning and implementation period.

Minnesota is an OSHA State and is required to follow the ETS. MNOSHA has not published the state ETS at this time as there is currently a stay in place due to litigation regarding the ETS. The hearing process is scheduled to conclude on Dec. 11. MNOSHA standards would be released soon after if the stay is lifted.

The ETS will not be implemented unless the stay is lifted.

# OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)



- Documentation of vaccination for all employees
  - We are in the process of collecting this data.
  - If documentation is not provided, it will be assumed the employee is unvaccinated.
- Mandatory documented weekly COVID testing for unvaccinated employees
  - Testing would be scheduled for all unvaccinated employees. The type of testing will be dependant on the number of employees to be tested. Possibilities include CUE tests, In-person Vault tests, and Zoom-enabled Vault tests. Employees may also opt for outside testing. At-home tests are not accepted.
  - Documentation of results must be provided to the school district weekly.
- Mandatory masking for unvaccinated employees
  - Unvaccinated employees would be required to wear a face mask at all times except while eating, drinking, or outdoors.



# Do We Have to Follow the OSHA ETS?

What would happen if we didn't implement the ETS when it is required?

- OSHA is expressly authorized to issue a separate penalty for each instance of noncompliance. This is each requirement per employee.
- Fines of \$13,653 per violation, and \$136,532 per willful or repeated violation.



# Recommendations

## Summary:

COVID transmission rates remain high

Vaccination rates are increasing but still low for age 5-11

While there have been many positive cases, school transmission has been low

We have avoided whole class quarantines in K-8

OSHA ETS Requirements may be implemented soon

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## Recommendations:

Continue with current protocols

Implement ETS requirements when required

Continue to monitor data