

Independent School District #2134

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COVID-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Masks: Masks are optional during the school day. They are required on school buses and other school vehicles per CDC [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#). Masks are also required if returning on a shortened isolation (see below).

Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering USC 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 [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth Programs, and Child Care Programs](#) , to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider in order to return to a USC facility.

Isolation: If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must isolate for at least 5 days from the date of the positive test or the onset of obvious COVID-19 Symptoms. Individuals testing positive may return after 5 days if they are symptom free for 24 hours and they must wear a tight-fitting mask at all times upon return for days 6-10. If a student is at school and symptoms are present, they will be sent home.

Communication: Families are REQUIRED to report a positive case of COVID-19 to the school health office.

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 at school.

Quarantine for Household Contacts: Any unvaccinated person who lives in the same household as the person that tested positive is REQUIRED to quarantine for 10 days from the date of exposure. Vaccinated household members should monitor for symptoms and notify the health office if they become symptomatic.

Quarantine: In the event of non-household exposure to a positive case, USC does not require, a quarantine period. Monitor for symptoms and notify the health office if you become symptomatic.

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

Vaccinations for School Age Students: Individuals age 5 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.

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: USC School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Faribault County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health

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