

Independent School District #2134

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COVID-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Masks: Masks are optional but not required except for on school buses and other school vehicles per CDC [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#).

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 returning to a USC facility.

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 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.

Household Contacts: Any unvaccinated person who lives in the same household as the person that tested positive is REQUIRED to quarantine as per current MDH guidance. See MDH decision tree link above for additional information. 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 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: USC School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Faribault County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health

Resources

[COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Summer School](#)

Learning Plan Public Comment: The Public is invited to make comments regarding the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan at [Public Comments](#)

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