



Hayfield Community Schools

9 Sixth Avenue SE, Hayfield, MN 55940

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Dear District 203 Families,

As we continue planning for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year we want to share with you our Return to School Plan that has been developed and approved by the Hayfield School Board. We understand that there are many different beliefs and feelings regarding the appropriate handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. With local control being stressed in all of the guidance, we feel that it is also appropriate to provide some level of control to our families to make the choice that best fits their situation. We want to provide all individuals with the opportunity to make the choice that best fits their personal circumstances.

Our primary focus continues to be the education of our students while following the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC. The school district has not implemented requirements that are not mandated by a regulatory agency and will continue to support the recommendations of public health agencies while allowing families personal choice and responsibility. We look forward to our continued partnership with families in the coming school year, and we remain committed to educational success and keeping our learning communities safe.

COVID-19 Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2021-2022

MITIGATION PROTOCOL

Masking

1. There is not a current mask mandate requirement from the state of Minnesota. The guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health are recommending but not requiring the wearing of face masks indoors in public settings, and when around people from other households. Hayfield Community schools will not require the wearing of face masks but they will be allowed for anyone who chooses to wear one.
2. Per Federal Guidelines Masks are still **required** on school transportation.
3. This guidance may change pending further guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, and local health officials.
4. A supply of masks will be available for students, staff, and visitors in need.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing will take place to the greatest extent possible.



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Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Hayfield 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, to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider.

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 COVID-19 Coordinator/Administrator and their building principal. Michele Nelson and/or Gregg Slaathaug are the Covid-19 Coordinator.

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. The criteria used will be if any student has been within 3 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for more than 15 consecutive minutes.

Quarantine: In the event of an non-household exposure, Hayfield encourages, but does not require, a quarantine period. The CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine period, with two other options: (1) 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after) or (2) 10-day quarantine period without a test and symptom free for 24 hours.

Household Contacts: Any household member not vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine who lives in the same household as the person who tested positive must quarantine for at least 14 days after the last contact with household member.

Other Mitigation Strategies: Hayfield will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our new HVAC system, approved by the voters in 2017, was a great blessing to our district, especially during this pandemic.

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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](#).

Coordination with state and local health officials: Hayfield School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Dodge and Mower County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Alternative Learning:

6-12: We will not offer Flexible Learning (distance/online) for the 2021-2022 school year if your child is isolated/quarantined, or you are contemplating not having your child attend in person. Students who are quarantined will be offered independent work to be completed at home for the length of their absence, similar to any absences prior to the pandemic.

K-5: Students Isolated or opting to quarantine due to Covid by the direction of the school nurse and administration, will receive short term on-line instruction. This instruction will only be for the duration of the quarantine/isolation. The elementary principal will have final discretion on all students put into this short term instruction.

Visitors During the School Day:

6-12: Visitors will be allowed in the building for educational purposes only with prior principal approval. All visitors will remain 6 feet from students when in a classroom or when visiting with students.

K-5: To help ensure the safety and security of students, parents are asked to drop off and pick up students through the car line as visitors will not be allowed in the building during student contact time.

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