



Hayfield Community Schools

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Dear District 203 Families,

As we continue **adjusting** during 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. Masks will continue to be recommended but not required with the exception of the additions listed under item number 5. 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 the wearing of face masks indoors in public settings, and when around people from other households.
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, local health officials, and our local COVID Incident Command Team.
4. A supply of masks will be available for students, staff, and visitors in need.
5. Masks will be **required** for students and staff under the following circumstances.
 - a. Students and staff returning from shortened isolation after testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to wear a mask on days 6-10.
 - b. Students and staff returning from shortened quarantine from household contact and are unvaccinated will be required to wear a mask on days 6-10.

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Physical Distancing

Physical distancing will take place to the greatest extent possible.

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).

What to Do... Not Feeling Well

1. Students and staff that are not feeling well should stay home.
2. Students and staff will be sent home if they have a fever of 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. They will be required to test for COVID-19 or have an alternative diagnosis from a medical provider to return or stay home for 10 days from symptom onset.

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.

What to Do... Positive Test

Criteria for 5-Day Isolation Period

A person can end isolation after 5 full days since the onset of symptoms or the positive COVID-19 test date (if asymptomatic) if:

1. Fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)
2. Symptoms have subsided.
3. Wear a well-fitted mask from days 6-10.

****Please note, the current Minnesota State High School League policy is that a student can't compete in a competition until after a 10-day COVID-19 isolation period. A student may practice after a 5-day COVID-19 isolation period if able to wear a well-fitted mask and all other criteria are met.**



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If a person doesn't meet all three criteria listed above, they must continue to isolate themselves for up to 10 days. Encouraged to have a negative rapid test prior to returning to school. We do have rapid tests available for this purpose.

Quarantine

Quarantines will continue to be required for household contacts unless the individual is vaccinated. Household contacts that have been able to separate at home may return on day 6, from last exposure, as long as they wear a well-fitting mask for days 6-10, as noted in the masking section. Students and staff not willing or able to wear a well-fitting mask will be required to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure.

Close Contacts and Quarantine: High School and Middle School

- Due to the frequency of student transitions to different classrooms throughout the day at the High School and Middle School, HHS grades 6-12 will no longer perform contact tracing following a positive case.
- It is best and safest practice for parents to monitor for symptoms at all times, regardless of potential exposure. • Reminder: Testing kits are available upon request in the nurse's office.
- Children who are ill will continue to be sent home and we will work collaboratively with the parents of a sick child on a safe return to school.

Contact Tracing Elementary : (same) 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.

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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.

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.

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, 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

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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:

K-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.

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