



Hayfield Community Schools

9 Sixth Avenue SE, Hayfield, MN 55940

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March 2023 COVID-19 Return-to-School Learning Plan

MITIGATION PROTOCOL

Masking

1. Masks will continue to be not required with the exception of the additions listed under item number 4.
2. 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.
3. A supply of masks will be available for students, staff, and visitors in need.
4. 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.

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. When students and staff are sent home, they will be encouraged to test for COVID. Tests can be provided by the school from MDH.

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

Hayfield High School: 507-477-3235 Fax 477-3230
Hayfield Elementary: 507-477-3235 Fax 477-3204

Gregg Slaathaug, Superintendent
Gregg Slaathaug, Interim PreK-5 Principal
Jim Hecimovich, Interim 6-12 Principal

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Criteria for 5-Day Isolation Period

A person can end isolation after 5 full days after 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.

Minnesota State High School League Requirements

https://www.mshsl.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/MSHSL%20COVID%20Requirements%208_18_22T.pdf



If a person doesn't meet all three criteria listed above, they must continue to isolate themselves for up to 10 days. *A person may test or of masking if they meet CDC requirements of 2 negative tests, starting no sooner than day 6. Please contact the school nurse for further details.



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Close Contacts:

- Hayfield Community School is currently not contact tracing.
- 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.

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: Students are currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. Community sites continue to offer vaccinations. The [State of Minnesota Vaccine Locator](#) tool allows searching by zip code, distance, age group, and more.

Student and Staff COVID-19 Testing: The district has home rapid COVID-19 tests available to all students and staff, provided by Minnesota Department of Health.

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.