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MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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# CONSIDERATIONS



We want to remind our families, staff, and students that COVID-19 is not over. Our mitigation protocols have been developed following the guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and in conversation with our local public health agency. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.

We want to provide as “normal” a school experience as we can while keeping our students and staff safe.

We recognize the pandemic is ever-changing and will adjust protocols/safety strategies as necessary throughout the school year.

It is still vitally important to stay home if you are ill or experiencing symptoms such as a temperature, cough, or shortness of breath.

# REQUIRED PRACTICES

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- Social Distance as much as possible; at least 3-foot distance
- Staff keep seating charts
- Masks encouraged indoors, especially for anyone who has not been vaccinated
- Masks are required on school buses

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- Classrooms build routines for hygiene practices
- Daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Limit non-essential visitors/volunteers/external groups

# HEALTH CHECKS

- Families will be responsible for daily health checks for their children.
- Staff will be responsible for their own checks.
- Stay home if temperature of 100.4 or higher, experiencing symptoms, or positive test of COVID.
- Stay home if household member has tested positive for COVID. Quarantine required if unvaccinated.
- Notify school nurse of any symptoms or positive tests within the household.

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# VISITORS

- Limit non-essential visitors and visits.
- Anyone entering the school building will need to complete visitor screening questions, including a temperature check, wear a mask (self-provided or available at each office), and sign in using our visitor management system.

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# WHAT IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE?



- A person who tests positive will need to isolate at home for 10 days from the start of symptoms or positive test.
- If asked to quarantine, stay home from ALL ACTIVITIES during quarantine period.
- ANY person who lives in the same household as a person who tests positive is a close contact and will follow the MDH [Decision-Making Tree](#) guidelines.



# WHAT IF I'M A CLOSE CONTACT?

- Anyone who has been within 3 feet of a person who tested positive for a total of 15 minutes or more is considered a close contact.
  - Asymptomatic close contacts will be asked to either mask (and remain in school) for 10 days or quarantine at home following the MDH [Decision-Making Tree](#) guidelines.
- Generally, staff would not be identified as a classroom close contact. Employees who are exposed through close contact and are asymptomatic will be asked to mask for 10 days and test after 5 days.
- Isolation is required for ANYONE who is symptomatic.

# RISK FACTOR



- Despite all precautionary measures, there is always a risk of workplace exposure to communicable diseases.
- MDH recommends all Minnesotans 12 years of age and older get vaccinated for COVID-19.

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## Ventilation

- Increased circulation of outside air into buildings
- Air Ionization cleaning system

## Communal Spaces

- Staggered use
- Increased cleaning protocols

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Increased daily protocols

## Hand Hygiene

- Teach and reinforce
- Strategic signage placement

## Shared Objects

- Individual supplies
- Sanitation requirements

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