

Ready for September 21



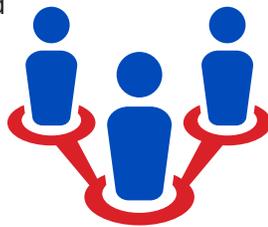
10 things to know about our preparation for reopening

Mounds View Public Schools staff are working daily to demonstrate that dozens of safety measures are in place so students and staff can enter schools with greater confidence on Monday, September 21. Here are just a few health and safety issues to know.

1. COVID Response Team

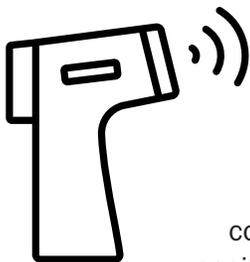
This year, the District's Health and Safety Committee is expanding to become a District-wide COVID-19 Response Team.

The group's goal is to **address concerns** related to health, safety and the operation of our schools. Features of this team include the following:



- Representation from all employee groups.
- COVID Coordinators at each site.
- Expansion of site-based health and safety committees. All employees planning to work in person are welcome to join these non-mandatory, voluntary committees.
- Support for site-based health and safety question and answer sessions which are being held at all sites prior to the start of the school year.

2. Symptomatic students or staff



The Minnesota Department of Health has published a [Decision Tree](#) that all schools in the District will follow for **guiding people with symptoms** or for people who have had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. In general,

MDH's guidance is that if you are ill — even a little bit ill — you should stay away from school. Schools will send home or deny entry to anyone who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and reference the exclusion criteria in the [Decision Tree](#) to determine when they may return. Although a fever alone is not indicative of coronavirus, schools are equipped with touchless thermometers to use

if necessary. Parents and staff will be reminded regularly to perform a daily health screening for their students or themselves.

3. Healthy behavior is required

All building occupants are required to practice safe and healthy behaviors at all times, including distancing and wearing face coverings. **Schools are required to enforce** the Governor's Executive Order mandating face coverings inside school buildings and buses. The District will provide masks to any student, staff or visitor as needed.

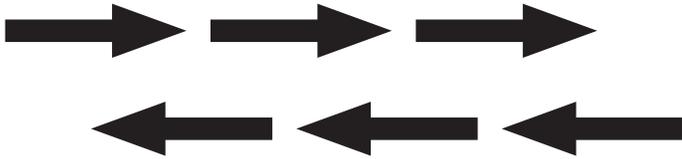
- M** Mandatory
- A** Available
- S** Safe
- K** Kind



Students or staff who do not comply with health and safety requirements without a valid medical condition or disability will be offered an opportunity to make the necessary changes. If, after working with the student and family, compliance is not maintained, the school will require the student or family to shift to full-time distance learning. For staff, any non-compliance will be addressed by their supervisor and/or human resources staff.



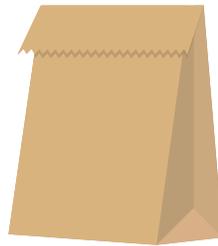
4. Controlling student traffic



Every school has established safety protocols for non-classroom settings including bathrooms, halls and other typical gathering spaces. Every school also has established **a procedure for staggered arrival and dismissal times** to reduce congestion and create distancing during this typically crowded time. Throughout the day schools will reduce the number of people gathering in areas like the cafeteria, main office and locker rooms. There will be no large assemblies. Non-essential visitors will be limited.

5. Safe mealtimes

Every student and staff member will have a **safe place to eat breakfast or lunch**, distanced from others. Cafeterias will be reconfigured to allow for proper distancing, and staggered meal schedules will reduce congestion. Some meals will be relocated outside the cafeteria as possible, however classrooms will not be used for students to eat meals.



6. Daily disinfecting and cleaning

The District is expanding its maintenance efforts to ensure that frequently touched areas such as chairs, desks and doors will be **sanitized throughout the day**. Hard surface flooring will be sanitized nightly with an antimicrobial coating.



7. Hand sanitizing

Hand sanitizing stations dispensers are available in all **high traffic areas around the building and inside every classroom**. Teachers will encourage students to wash their hands during the school day and when entering and exiting the classroom.

8. Clean air

Each classroom and office will automatically receive fresh outside air, **filtered to meet requirements** of the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, as possible. Each classroom has an independent exhaust that pulls air from the room to the outdoors.

9. Exposure notifications

If any known school occupant has a confirmed case of COVID-19, schools will receive assistance from the Minnesota Department of Education and a regional support team from the Minnesota Department of Health that will help them determine appropriate next steps. To begin, the state will guide school staff as we first conduct contact tracing within our schools to identify close contacts of anyone with a confirmed case who attended school while infectious. Close contact is when someone is within six feet of the ill person for at least 15 minutes. **All close contacts of a confirmed case will be notified of their exposure and asked to stay at home for 14 days since their last exposure to the confirmed case.**



10. School closures

The decision to close a classroom or school is made on a case-by-case basis and depends on:

- the length of time the ill person spent in the space,
- whether six feet of distancing was maintained consistently,
- the extent of the ill person's activities while infectious in the school facility,
- the extent to which all close contacts can be identified.



Schools will work collaboratively with local and state health officials to identify close contacts of a case and evaluate the extent of the exposure to determine if a full classroom or school closure is warranted.