

Fulda Public Schools

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Fulda Public Schools COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Policy 2021-2022 School Year

The health and safety of our students and staff are a top priority at Fulda Public Schools. We continually monitor relevant information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Local Public Health. Fulda Public Schools will implement the following to begin the 2021-2022 school year. **All plans and protocols are fluid and can change based upon new data, information, and local numbers.**

- 1) All students, staff, and visitors are not required to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status, in school buildings. Anyone may voluntarily wear a face covering if they so choose. Masking is recommended by the CDC and MDH regardless of vaccination status.
- 2) All people are **required** by CDC order to wear face coverings while on public transportation, including school buses (both private and public).
- 3) Any student/staff who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay out of school and isolate at home for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test date, whichever is first. School nurse will help determine the return date. Positive cases are **required** to be reported to the MDH by the school nurse Rachel Isder, 507-920-0140.
- 4) Any student/staff who is ill/symptomatic needs to stay home until they are feeling better and fever-free for 24 hours. If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19 they should consider testing before their return to school. Free COVID-19 tests are available at school from the School Nurse or they can see their medical provider. If the result is positive, notify the school nurse and follow step 3 above.
- 5) Any student/staff who becomes ill during the school day and is seen by the school nurse will either be determined well enough to stay in school or be sent home. If they are sent home, follow step 4 before returning to school.
- 6) Close contacts will be encouraged to utilize the quarantine options on the MDH decision tree but are not required to do so. A message will be sent to close contacts (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more) to inform them of the lab-confirmed positive and they will be directed to monitor for symptoms. It is also recommended they test 5-7 days after exposure. If a close contact attends school and becomes symptomatic, they will be sent home and encouraged to test.
- 7) COVID-19 vaccination is not required to attend school but is strongly encouraged.
 - a) Fully vaccinated people and those who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are NOT recommended to quarantine unless they have a new positive COVID test.

- 8) School nurse will need to be notified of everyone who is out for isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19. This will help determine attendance for students and the need to get distance learning materials ready for pick up. If we are not notified, your student will be marked unexcused. Students who are out will still be expected to complete work as assigned and check into google classrooms.

Any **questions** regarding COVID, isolation, quarantine, or testing can be directed to Rachel Isder, LSN,
RN 507-920-0140.

It will be up to the discretion of each family to decide the path you will follow for quarantine but the school reserves the right to send anyone home for signs of illness. Please stay home when you are ill and consider testing. If we adhere to this guidance, we can strive for a safe and healthy year for all students and staff.