

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools

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COVID-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Beginning June 7, 2021

Masks: Masks are encouraged, but not required except for on school buses and other school vehicles per CDC [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#).

Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering NRHEG facilities are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

If you or your child has a fever 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, you/they will be required, per MDH [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth Programs, and Child Care Programs](#), to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider in order to enter a NRHEG facility prior to end of quarantine period.

Isolation: If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must quarantine for at least 10 days during the infectious period.

Communication: Families are REQUIRED to report a positive case of COVID-19 to Licensed School Nurse Carrie Petsinger at cpetsinger@nrheg.k12.mn or 507-417-2606.

Attendance/Rosters: Daily attendance will be documented for each class/activity.

Contact Tracing: Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case while at school.

Quarantine: In the event of an exposure to a positive case, NRHEG requires the following.

Exposure at School

If a student or staff member is identified as a close contact as a result of an exposure at school, and the person has not been fully vaccinated, the individual will be required to quarantine for 10 days. However, the individual may shorten the 10-day quarantine period with the following option.

1. 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after)

Exposure at Home

If a student or staff member is identified as a close contact as a result of an exposure at home, the individual will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Other Mitigation Strategies: NRHEG will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, social distancing, cohorts, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccinations for School Age Students: Individuals age 12 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](#).

Students with disabilities: Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

Coordination with state and local health officials: New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Waseca County Public Health, Steele County Public Health, Freeborn County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Resources

[COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Summer School](#)

Learning Plan Public Comment: The Public is invited to make comments regarding the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan at [Public Comments](#)