



Benton-Stearns Education District #6383

Safe Learning Plan
2020-2021 School year

Safe Learning Plan Goals

1. Prioritize the safety of students and staff
2. Prioritize in person learning, especially for younger learners
3. Consider infectiousness and transmission risk among different ages
4. Support planning, while permitting flexibility for district programs
5. Take into account disease prevalence at a local level



2020-21 Planning Guide for Schools

- Social distancing and minimizing exposure
- Face coverings
- Protecting vulnerable populations
- Hygiene practices
- Cleaning and materials handling
- Monitoring for illness
- Handling suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case
- Water and Ventilation systems
- Transportation guidance
- Supporting mental health and well being



In Person Learning – Recommended Practices

- Masking Recommendation
- PPE For Direct Support Providers
- Build Routines of Hygiene Education and Practices
- Daily cleaning of surfaces and frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces during the school day.
- COVID coordinator district wide provide supports to staff/students
- Limiting nonessential visitors to the buildings
- Monitor and exclude for illness
- Follow social distancing recommendations during group gatherings



Wellness For Students

- Follow MDH Guidance on Health Considerations for Schools
 - Guidance on Delivering Direct Student Support
- Teach, model and implement social distancing practices throughout the facilities and programs
- Infection control practices (face coverings, hand hygiene, facility cleaning)
 - MDH Best Practices for Masks: Considerations for People with Disabilities and Special health needs
- Screening of symptoms prior to entering facilities-temperature checks and parent/guardian reporting
- Plan in place for a positive case in programs/facilities



Wellness For Staff

- PPE will be provided to all staff including face coverings and face shields. Additional mitigating measures will also be provided for specific face to face and close contact services including table top dividers for testing, gloves, cloth gowns as needed for personal cares. Utilizing the MDH guidance for providing direct student support.
- Sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be provided throughout the facilities
- Staff will be trained in the proper use of PPE, hand hygiene, proper cleaning, social distancing, protection and reporting of symptoms
- Testing information and access provided to staff through MDH
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/salivatestfaq.pdf>





Social Emotional Supports

- BSED will follow social emotional learning best practices to support the overall well being of our students and staff. Resources provided by MDE will be provided to staff.
- Students enrolled in the Setting IV program have access daily to services and supports from the school social workers.k
- The BSED Behavior Analyst will provide ongoing supports to staff and students through observation, data collection and guidance on the implementation of positive behavior support plans.
- Parents and families will be given information about access to additional community resources.

Resources for Parents

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

Face coverings: [All people are required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) order to wear face coverings on all public transportation conveyances \(airports, public buses, etc.\), including school buses.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines for Minnesotans Ages 12 and Older

- All Minnesotans age 12 and older are eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine. [Vaccine Locator Information](#)
- [State of Minnesota: COVID19 Response Child Care Information for Families and Providers](#)





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