



Summer Guidance



Goal

To ensure the safety of all stakeholders who physically enter our building. To acknowledge that persons have differing views on many of these subjects and that COVID 19 has brought significant trauma to all who have lived through it (all of us) and that we want to move forward with respect and dignity for all persons at Wolf Creek.



MDE Guidance Link

Link for review purposes

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PQqF4rouO95fIEPpB3cHwN1ZJJIDDuV-/view?usp=sharing>

(Please note some of the following slides are directly copied from the MDE guidance link above)



Mask Recommendations

Consider developing and implementing policies for face coverings and ensure the policy is clearly posted and communicated to students, staff, families, and potential visitors to the school building.



Wolf Creek Consultations

In June of 2021 we did consult with Chisago County Health officials and our DART (Disaster Assistance Relief Team) to prepare a safe return to learn plan for summer 2021.

We will review all elements in August 2021 for any needed changes for Fall 2021.

Face coverings



Masking Recommendations

It is strongly recommended that all people present in school buildings and district offices wear a face covering.



Recommendations

We know this mask recommendation is difficult for some based on the CDC and governors guidance on fully vaccinated persons not needing to wear masks.

Talking to most schools (CL and other charter schools) they are changing the mask the MSBA policy wording from MUST wear masks to MAY wear masks.

(Schools still requiring masks are elementary schools due to vaccinated status for students.)

Wolf Creek must amend our current policy



Chisago Lakes Schools took the MSBA model policy and changed all words of must to may. The one exception is if wearing a mask you must wear it properly.

We brought the policy to our board to review on June 8th. They needed to pass something on the 8th due to the governors safe school order ending on June 10th.



Action at the June School Board Meeting

A motion was made on June 8th to follow the wording of Chisago Lakes policy and other schools in our area, same county.

This policy is available linked to this presentation and on our website.



More Mask Guidance

Schools are encouraged to maintain a supply of face coverings for students or staff who forget to bring them. Staff and students may choose to wear their own face covering, but all such face coverings should fit well and cover the nose and mouth.



Transportation notes

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.

We need to follow 4.0 Transportation policies on buses and vehicles.



Recommendations

Physical distancing and cohorting Keep students and staff in small cohort groups that stay together as much as possible throughout the day and from day to day, particularly among student groups who are not currently eligible for vaccination (e.g., elementary age students). Keep cohorts together and limit unnecessary mixing between cohort groups as much as possible (e.g., during lunch, bathroom breaks, arrival and dismissal, free periods, recess). Evaluate classroom capacity with the goal of creating as much space between students as possible. Stagger arrival and dismissal times to minimize crowding.



Wolf Creek Plans

Wolf Creek will continue to encourage non-vaccinated persons to continue wearing masks

Wolf Creek will continue to encourage and model wearing masks when sick with allergies or other symptoms

Wolf Creek will continue to encourage social distancing on campus.



Restrooms

Wolf Creek has both single stall and shared Restrooms on campus available to all stakeholders. We will encourage all stakeholders to use the restroom with which they are comfortable.



6 feet is still a good rule

When possible as a recommendation at all times.

People are still getting COVID

We still need to contact trace

We don't want close contacts



Reporting Cases

Handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19: Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, child care facility, or camp to cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).



Reporting Cases Continued

Put systems in place to allow staff and families to self-report to the school if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or recent close contact to someone with COVID-19 in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and privacy policies, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).



Cleaning

Cleaning, disinfection, and hygiene practices Establish a daily schedule for routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces in classrooms and common spaces.



Cleaning continued

Ensure the availability of appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, and tissues) and strategically place supplies in areas where they will be frequently used.



Cleaning continued

Build routines of hand hygiene into the daily school schedule for all students and staff, including handwashing and sanitation breaks during or between classroom activities. Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older students.



Health screening, isolation, and quarantine

Follow the Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf) to determine who should stay home and when staff or students may return.



Health screening, isolation, and quarantine

Educate staff, students, and families about the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, when their children should stay home, and when they can return to school. Develop policies to prevent the spread of disease including:

- Staff and students staying home if they have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or are ill and waiting for a COVID-19 test result.
- Staff and students staying home when they have had close contact with a person with COVID-19.

For more information, visit CDC: When to Quarantine (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-aresick/quarantine.html). Handling a suspected or confirmed



Info

Dear Incident Command Team and School Board Members,

Please see the message below. I intend to send this internally and externally later today. The references below and consultation with our Nurses led to the quarantine changes we'd like to enact starting immediately.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/summerexec.pdf>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/summer.pdf>

https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exquide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3KD4Ia95vFbwGdTuTcTm-HqOAX_EbmkBdvFCAJAuhHHVnk97cbXV3TIN0

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/casehandle.pdf>

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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Quarantining

We will continue to contract trace and alert families to COVID exposures.

Forced quarantine will only be required for students showing symptoms.

Suggested quarantine will be followed for all exposures since students can easily move to a virtual learning setting as Wolf Creek is a virtual school.



Ventilation systems

Ventilation is an important factor in preventing COVID-19 transmission indoors. Facility owners and operators are strongly recommended to evaluate the operational capacity of ventilation systems and increase and maintain ventilation provided throughout the building.



Other notes

For summer

Temperature checks will continue to ensure that people who are ill are not coming to campus.

We will review the needs for this to continue for fall in August.



Changes may still come

For fall as we look at COVID Numbers and variants, we need to be prepared at all times to pivot.

We have learned this skill.



Other considerations

Please send any input on these items to director Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org by June 21st



Thanks

Thanks for you all your input this year!