

# 2022-2023 Plan for Safe Learning

*Wolf Creek Online High School*

*August 9, 2022*

## **Masks**

Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), masks are **recommended** for students and staff while indoors. The school board at Wolf Creek has passed a motion recommending masks for all occupants on campus on student instruction days. If you need a mask we will provide you with a mask. Please note that any student/family can decide to remain in our virtual program and not attend campus. All programs and services, including academic services, mental health services, Learning Manager check-ins, and virtual campus supports, will be provided virtually and mimic any on-campus supports for the 2022-2023 school years.

Wolf Creek will provide updates on our mask policy as we continue to monitor COVID-19 case counts and public health recommendations for our area and state wide.

Our most recent policy on masking is linked [here](#).

## **Transportation Notations**

In accordance with federal policy, all passengers and drivers will follow all policies while using any mode of public transportation, including school buses through 4.0 Transportation.

## **Physical Distancing and Use of Cohorts**

Wherever possible, furniture will be arranged to provide a recommended six feet of distance between students, and students will be encouraged to maintain six feet of distance whenever possible in the computer labs and other areas of the building. Students will be allowed to sit two to a table in the lunchroom area to minimize contact during times of eating or drinking.

## **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

To reduce the spread of germs, students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the campus. Students and staff should follow typical guidance to cover coughs and sneezes and help prevent the spread of germs in the air.

### **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, Including Ventilation**

Ventilation systems at Wolf Creek have recently been upgraded and provide excellent exchange and filtering of the air within our building. Custodians and staff will continue cleaning and sanitizing frequently to limit the spread of germs.

### **Remaining at Home When Ill**

Students and staff who have symptoms of illness should remain home until, at least, 24-hours after their symptoms resolve, regardless of vaccination status. Students who are not vaccinated, and who live with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, should remain at home and quarantine following guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC. Students with COVID-19-related symptoms are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19.

### **Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine**

Students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should remain at home and follow the quarantine and exclusion guidelines established by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is reported by a student who attended campus, parents of the students in each impacted lab or campus area will be notified of the case as soon as possible.

### **Diagnostic and Screening Testing**

Testing is free and families are encouraged to contact their health care provider or public health resource to be tested for COVID-19 any time they have been exposed to someone with the virus, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or simply wish to screen for asymptomatic cases. Wolf Creek keeps at-home tests on-site that are free and available to families and students.

### **Vaccinations**

Vaccinations and boosters are free and readily available in our community. Families are encouraged to contact their health care provider or public health resource for vaccine opportunities.

### **Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to Health and Safety Protocols**

Our district's nursing and special education departments will address accommodations or procedures specific to the needs of students with disabilities or unique health concerns. Families with concern should reach out to their school principal or health office.

If you need an accommodation for a mask, please email our 504 Coordinator, Mike Hamernick, at [mhamernick@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:mhamernick@wolfcreekhs.org).

### **Continuity of Services**

The staff and administration at Wolf Creek Online High School believe that most students learn best when they are given high quality options, from virtual to face-to-face, when done safely. Student services, such as on-site mental health services and school meals, will be provided both on-site and virtually this year for the comfort of all.

### **Coordination with State and Local Health Officials**

The charter school will report all school-based cases of COVID-19 as required by the MDH. The charter school will follow guidance from the MDH in situations where additional mitigation may be necessary (for instance, if there is an outbreak of flu-like illness on campus). Wolf Creek coordinates with Chisago County Public Health and will also consider the other counties where students live and travel from to utilize in person or face-to-face options, such as campus. Wolf Creek reserves the right to change elements of the above listed plan if new circumstances arise.