

1/7/21

Vaccinations for staff with direct student contact are now projected to take place in March.

On-site testing. The testing team is Renee, Sherry, and Henry (the Covid Coordinator) and will administer voluntary saliva testing every other week for all staff beginning ??? Sherry and I have watched a webinar about it, and understand the basic process and expectations-it is the same routine as at the semi-permanent site at the Winona Mall.

Stay Safe Learning Plan-link below. The new regulations/mandates take effect 1/18/21. Primary changes are:

- Pages 10-11
 - Rolling start in grade bands of 3, no less than 2 weeks apart.
 - This is different for us-our bands are each learning level, of which we have 3 in elementary so we have a great deal of flexibility.
 - Additional mitigation
 - Covid testing program-offered every 2 weeks in house. Covid coordinator must be trained to oversee all test samples (pgs 17-18)
 - Staff “must” wear masks and face shields (pg 11, 16)-this was walked back on the 12/24 guidance and now they are strongly suggesting districts require shields with masks. **Do we want to mandate it?**
 - Guidance suggestion is to only have no face shield when there is a safety concern like driving, kitchen, or a lab.
 - Face shields sent out to SE Regional Cooperative by the state, but delivery date is unknown. Was originally 1/6/21, but now has been placed in “unknown” status. *We already have plenty.
 - Barriers suggested when staff cannot be 6 feet away whenever possible, primarily for small group/individual instruction so we ordered approximately 40 barriers with CARES Act money
 - Quite a few of 2 different types for staff choice, one large vertical for band lessons
 - Lunch: held in classrooms when 6’ cannot be maintained in the cafeteria.
 - Indoor recess/PE, etc: all participants must wear face masks at all times, is suggested to do PE outside or in classroom when possible
 - Art/music: suggested in classroom unless better accommodations can be made in their spaces
 - For full in person-minimum distancing is 3 feet.
 - Transition times
 - Must use 2 of the allotted 5 days for planning

- Food service and essential worker care must be provided

One additional note-these changes really only apply to PK-6. Middle school remains the same as before. Requires regional support team consultation, following the safe learning plan grid, etc. We plan to request a regional support team meeting to discuss Middle School next week.

Biggest concern shared by the majority of Charters on Tuesdays MACs call was that it seems almost all resident districts are jumping to full in-person as quickly as they can. Schools (all public brick and mortar schools) are continuing to lose enrollment (one reported a projected loss of \$500K just in student based revenue so they are planning significant cuts to begin 2/1).

Discuss a game plan for the next several weeks for all levels.

[Newest Stay Safe Learning guidance doc updated 12/24/20](#)

[Newest Quarantine Guidance 12/7](#)

[BMS website dashboard](#)

[Daily Reported Case Tracking doc](#)

[Stay Safe MN 14 day data for K-12 by County](#)