



Safe Return to School Plan 2023-2024

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Communication



- ❑ District Website: Main source of information
- ❑ Parent Portal: We will continue to send out updates using our Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- ❑ Social Media: Lyle's Facebook page will be updated frequently
- ❑ Any information or updates specifically for one student and/or family will be communicated via phone call or email.

Schedule for Learning Model



- ❑ Lyle School Year begin on September 5th
- ❑ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:10am – 3:00pm
- ❑ Wednesday – 8:10am – 2:00pm

Schedule for Learning Model In-Person Overview



- ❑ Students will follow traditional schedules
- ❑ Physical distancing will be considered, but will not be widely used.
- ❑ Limited use of shared instructional supplies
- ❑ Our lunch and recess schedules will be staggered as best as we can.
- ❑ Both lunch and breakfast will be in the Multi-Purpose Gym
- ❑ Traditional grading will continue in 5-12 (standard-based in K-4)

PPE and Masks



- ❑ All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District – 497 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. Families can choose for their children to wear masks/face shields during the school day if desired.
- ❑ Staff will not be expected to enforce any family decisions
- ❑ Mask-Shaming will not be tolerated and should be communicated to the school office.
- ❑ A limited number of cloth and disposable masks will be available for students
- ❑ Students are encouraged to provide their own face covering
- ❑ We will have PPE available for staff using direct support student services

PPE and Masks



- ❑ When and if the Lyle School District reaches a total of 15 simultaneously positive cases, including all staff and PreK-12 students, we will consider moving to mandating the use of masks on campus for the next three (3) full weeks.
- ❑ This mandate will be regardless of any individual COVID Vaccination status or prior positive case.
- ❑ We understand there are some possible exemptions to this and will consider them on a case-by-case status.
- ❑ We will communicate this to all families via a letter sent via Parent Portal, Facebook, and on our Website.

Close Contact Within the Home



Close contact can come to school with a mask. Mask must be worn properly (over mouth and nose) for 14 days from household symptoms start date or positive test date.

If a student is in school and develops 1 or more common symptom or 2 or less common symptoms (MN Department of Health Decision Tree), they will be sent home for 10 days from date symptoms develop

Close Contact Within the School



An Email will be sent to Families that student may have been a close contact at school. Families are asked to monitor your child for signs or symptoms. If child shows signs, please keep them home to quarantine for 10 days (of 5 days If following the steps for a shortened quarantine) or test for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID:



Stay home for 10 days from symptom start date or positive test date

Or

- Stay Home and isolate for 5 days
- Get tested with At Home Antigen test on Day 5 –
 - If negative (proof shown to school nurse), you may return to school with a mask on days 6-10.
 - If Positive, you must remain out of school through Day 10 and can return on Day 11
- If Shortened Quarantined is chosen, mask must be worn properly (over nose and mouth). If found to not wear mask properly, the student will be sent home through day 10

Cleaning and Disinfecting



- ❑ Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day
- ❑ Sharing of objects between staff/students will be minimized
- ❑ Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms
- ❑ Lyle Public installed Bipolar Ionization systems(Fall, 2020) on our HVAC systems.
- ❑ We have purchased Air Purification Systems which are placed in certain rooms during the school year.

Travel



- ❑ International Travel
 - ❑ Students and staff who travel outside of the United States must follow CDC quarantine guidance
- ❑ Travel within the United States
 - ❑ No restrictions at this time

Extra-Curricular Events



- ❑ Events and activities will follow the most up-to-date guidance from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).
- ❑ All after-school activities, including sports will follow the same practices and procedures as during the school day. This will include on school buses.

Monitoring of Illnesses



- ❑ Our COVID-19 coordinator will continue to monitor situations
- ❑ Staff will monitor and exclude for illness

Health and Safety



- ❑ COVID-19 affects different people in different ways
- ❑ Infected people have a wide range of symptoms—from mild to severe
- ❑ CDC does not currently recommend symptom screening for students at school
- ❑ Parents will be the fundamental part of the student screening process
 - ❑ If a child is sick, we ask parents to keep student at home

Symptoms (Possibly appearing 2–14 days after exposure)



- ☐ Fever/chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Congestion/Runny nose
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ New or worsening cough
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Nausea/Vomiting

Students Ill at School



- ❑ Students found to be ill at school will be screened according to the most current Decision Tree Guide
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>
- ❑ Students that have symptoms will be in an isolation room until they can be picked up by a parent or caregiver.
- ❑ Please know the isolation room is a waiting area until student can be picked up from school but, it is not intended to hold students all day
 - ❑ It is absolutely imperative that your phone numbers are up-to-date as well as the emergency contact phone numbers.
 - ❑ Please have a BACK UP PLAN in the event your student needs to be sent home

How can Parents and Students Help?



- ❑ Parents are expected to conduct a DAILY screening of their students
- ❑ Parents, students, and staff follow the daily health screening check list. We know it won't prevent all disease transmission, but the goal is to minimize transmission as much as possible
- ❑ If student or staff is sick, they stay home.
- ❑ Parents/Guardians need to notify the office when a student is absent.

How can Parents and Students Help?



- ❑ COVID vaccinations will not be required to attend Lyle Public School, unless required by state or federal mandates.

Special Education Services



- ❑ Lyle special education teachers and staff, including SMEC, will continue to provide educational services for students with disabilities by meeting their unique needs within state and local regulations.
- ❑ Communication between Special education staff and families will continue, focusing on the needs of student and within local and state regulations.

Transportation



- ❑ Vehicles will be disinfected as needed
- ❑ Students may have assigned seats

Kitchen / Food Service



- ❑ Cafeteria tables and serving areas will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- ❑ All students and staff will wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after lunch.

Social Emotional/Mental Health Support



- ❑ The mental health of Lyle students and staff has been a priority of our school and will continue to be.
- ❑ Staff will continue to receive training and resources to assist our students.
- ❑ Our district social worker will coordinate the necessary supports.
- ❑ Independent Management Services (IMS) will be available for students who meet certain criteria



Please know this plan will continuously be reviewed and altered, based on the needs of the district and upon recommendations and requirements set forth by local, state, and federal agencies.

As changes arises, families will be notified accordingly.

Thank you for your support of Lyle Public School