



Safe Return to Learning Plan for 2021-22

Mountain Iron-Buhl Schools has posted its Safe Return to Learning Plan. Mountain Iron-Buhl Schools will be offering full-time in-person learning for all students for the 2021-22 school year. We are committed to providing world-class learning prioritizing the safety, health, and well-being of our school community. Our Safe Return to Learning Plan includes academic learning support to help students recover from the past year of interrupted learning, as well as health and safety measures to help mitigate COVID-19.

As we continue to monitor state and federal guidance, this plan is subject to change based on any future guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Face Coverings

Face coverings are recommended for all students, staff, and visitors.

Vaccination

While the COVID-19 vaccination or proof of vaccination is not a requirement for students or staff, at this time, the CDC and MDH recommend people ages 5+ get vaccinated.

Physical Distancing

Promoting social distancing will occur to the fullest extent practicable, during school as well as during activities/athletics and other events. There is no capacity or physical distancing requirement in school buildings or on transportation.

COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine

Students and staff are required to stay home if they are ill and leave school/work if they become sick during the day. The Minnesota Department of Health Decision Tree will be followed in terms of symptoms that would send someone home. If a person is vaccinated, they do not need to be home with a household member who has tested positive, unless they have symptoms.

Students or staff with symptoms who are sent home are home until they either receive a negative COVID test, or an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider, or 10 days have passed from the first day of symptoms and symptoms have improved.

Handling a Suspected or Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Mountain Iron-Buhl Schools are required to continue to monitor for Influenza-like illness and positive COVID-19 cases and report positive cases to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home and isolate for 10 days.

Contact Tracing is no longer required.

School Year Learning Models and Instructional Programs

We will provide full-time, in-person learning for all students with health and safety mitigation efforts

We will continue to provide a 1-to-1 personal learning device for every student and other technology to provide for flexible, enhanced teaching and learning and to minimize sharing materials.

We will provide daytime intervention support. We will provide high school credit recovery opportunities. We will provide expanded opportunities for early literacy elementary instruction.

When students are absent due to isolation or household quarantine due to COVID-19, teachers will support student learning utilizing the Seesaw/Google Classroom platform, digital learning tools and/or offline learning activities. Teachers are not required to provide a hybrid/distance learning experience via Zoom, rather meaningful learning activities will be provided that support a student who is not in class due to illness. Students should not be penalized for being absent due to COVID-19 isolation or family quarantine requirements.

Community Engagement in the Safe Learning Plan

We continue to engage our parents and community members as we move into the 2021-2022 school year. Messages through our Infinite Campus Messenger system give parents an update of what is happening in our district and local newspapers and the district newsletter update community members. Parents are continually given the superintendent's email address so they can give feedback and share thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. School board meetings give parents and community members an opportunity to respond to our Learning Plan.