

## *Independent School District #2134*

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### **COVID-19 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan**

**Masks:** Masks are optional but not required except for on school buses and other school vehicles per CDC [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#).

**Health Screening Process:** If you're sick, stay home. All people entering USC facilities are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

If you or your child has a fever 100.4 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, you/ they will be required, per MDH [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth Programs, and Child Care Programs](#) , to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider in order to returning to a USC facility.

**Isolation:** If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must quarantine for 10 days during the infectious period.

**Communication:** Families are REQUIRED to report a positive case of COVID-19 to the school health office.

**Attendance/Rosters:** Daily attendance will be documented for each class/activity.

**Contact Tracing:** Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case at school.

**Quarantine:** In the event of non-household exposure to a positive case, USC does not require, a quarantine period. Monitor for symptoms and notify the health office if you become symptomatic.

**Household Contacts:** Any person who lives in the same household as the person that tested positive is REQUIRED to quarantine. See quarantine information below for details.

The CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine period, but does provide two other options: (1) 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after) or (2) 10-day quarantine period without a test.

**Other Mitigation Strategies:** USC will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Vaccinations for School Age Students:** Individuals age 12 and older are currently eligible for the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Community sites continue to offer vaccinations to students age 12 and up. The [State of Minnesota Vaccine Locator](#) tool allows searching by zip code, distance, age group, and more.

**Student and Staff COVID-19 Testing:** Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer no-barrier, at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone who lives in Minnesota, with or without symptoms. You can read more about this service on the [Minnesota Department of Health website](#).

**Students with disabilities:** Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education Coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

**Coordination with state and local health officials:** USC School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Faribault County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health

### **Resources**

[COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Summer School](#)

**Learning Plan Public Comment:** The Public is invited to make comments regarding the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan at [Public Comments](#)

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