



Health and Safety Measures Presentation

9-13-2021



ROCORI Safe Return to School Plan

21-22 Safe Return to School Plan Goal-In
Person as normal as possible

- Plan set in June of 2021
- [Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022](#)

We will be watching closely to what is
happening in our schools, community and
county and adjust as needed just as we did
in 2020-2021

- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
- [jwolfson Covid Numbers](#)

ROCORI Required to

Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, childcare facility, or camp to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Masking on public transportation:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

COVID Numbers at ROCORI

2020-2021 Data

Student Data

- Positive: 245
- Quarantine 1868
- Transmission at School: 34/291 is 11.7%

Staff Data

- Positive: 46
- Quarantine: 119
- Transmission at School: 6/291 is 2%

2021-2022 Data

- Positive Cases: 11 students 1 staff...No school transmission
- Quarantine: 13

ROCORI added required quarantine of unvaccinated household contact, not showing symptoms, due to this data point

Partnership Needed

All positive cases this year have been self-reported-Thank You!

All debate on vaccine and masks can be settled with this level of partnership!

- Staff-stay home if you are ill
- Students-stay home if you are ill and tell your parents if you don't feel well
 - We know extra curriculums are important but spread will take your whole team down for up to 10 days
- Parents-do the child daily screener and keep your sick child at home

Why pass a resolution?

Under parameters set by the ROCORI School Board:

Gives ROCORI staff and families a framework to plan under

Allows Administration to make change as needed without emergency school board meetings

Resolution

- Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
 - **Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- **WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the Board of Education; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Independent School District 750 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the Board of Education; and
- **WHEREAS**, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the Board of Education, pursuant to School District Policy 2-10, Superintendent; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

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- **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and
- **WHEREAS**, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the Board of Education regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current CDC, MDE, and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and
- **WHEREAS**, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the Board of Education that face coverings be optional, vaccinations not required, and related health and safety measures be implemented at the commencement of the 2021-2022 school year.

Further planning in increase of cases

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Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 750 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year:

Prevention Strategies:

All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District 750 buildings, regardless of vaccination status, are recommended to follow the strategies of physical distancing to the extent possible, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, contact notification to the extent possible and staying home when sick as defined in the “CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.”

Face Coverings:

All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District buildings may exercise the option to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. The ROCORI School Board will not make the decision to implement masking unless mandated by State or Federal authorities.

Resolution

Vaccination:

Vaccinated individuals may voluntarily inform School District 750 with vaccination status.

Section 2: The Superintendent is authorized to select different health and safety measures for the School District, by any specific class, grade level, pod, school buildings or district. The health and safety measures selected by the Superintendent in consultation with appropriate school district staff and public health officials, shall continue in effect until or unless the Board of Education, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials deem it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the Board of Education regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by _____ and duly seconded by _____ the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same: whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

By: _____ By: _____

Chair

Clerk

Dated:

Further planning in increase of cases

Scalpel Approach:

Similar to the 2020-2021 school year, ROCORI Schools will continue to make decisions first at the individual level, the classroom level, the grade or pod level, the building level, and then at the district level. Please note that the ability to staff will be a major factor in making decisions to reset.

A reset will be a 10-day distance learning period.

Guidelines:

Close Contact: Those who are in contact with a positive case within 6ft for 15 minutes or more cumulatively.

Individuals who are a close contact and choose to quarantine may stay home to quarantine, excused, for a minimum of 7 days but could extend to 10 days, or 14 days, but it will not be mandatory.

Upon learning of a positive case in an elementary school or early childhood classroom or building:

- 1st positive case-individual notification, class is notified, monitor for symptoms.
- 2nd positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, class is notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

Scalpel Approach

More than 2 positive cases within a 10-day window from the first positive case will cause a 10-day reset for that class. The reset will begin from the date of the most recent positive case. Testing is encouraged.

Depending on the spread within the building either by grade or pod and using the 5% flu reporting model a 10-day reset may be needed to further prevent spread to the rest of the building.

Upon learning of a positive case in the Secondary classroom or building:

- 1st positive case-individual notification, close contacts are notified, monitor for symptoms.
- 2nd positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, close contacts are notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

More than 2 cases, depending on the spread within the building either by class, grade level or wing and using the 5% flu reporting model a 10-day reset may be needed to further prevent spread to the rest of the building.

Scalpel Approach

Activities:

- 1st positive case-individual notification, monitor for symptoms, team is notified
- 2nd positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, team is notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

More than 2 cases, depending on the size of the team, a 10-day reset may be needed to prevent spread. No practices or events will take place during the reset period.

Parents will make the decision to send their child to school based on information received except in the case of a positive COVID test, students/staff showing symptoms and a 10-day reset.

ROCORI offers Spartan Online School for students in grades 6-12. Please contact ROCORI's Secondary School at 685-8683 for more information.

At any time ROCORI Schools reserves the right to do a 10-day reset or add mitigation strategies by choice or directed to by authorities.

Why a reset?

In case of spread, the sure method to interrupt further spread is quarantine/isolation.

We know it is difficult to find childcare but learning and teaching in a dual platform is not preferred.

Many of our regional schools are considering similar measures in response to outbreaks.

1-1 platforms and technology are improved over the past 18 months.

Reminders

Vaccinated staff or students do not quarantine unless showing symptoms or during a reset. Vaccine finder:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp>

Testing for COVID is encouraged.

-ROCORI Schools tests staff bi-weekly

-ROCORI **could** provide test to students with guardian consent in the future.

Communications will come via email...check Spam or Junk email.

If you are ill, please stay home.

Questions?