

Cass Lake-Bena Schools

Independent School District # 115



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Safe Return to Learning Plan Updated August 19, 2022

Purpose

To fulfill the Federal COVID funding requirement, this district must develop and routinely update a "Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan". This revised version is intended to inform stakeholders regarding changes to the original plan (first developed in June, 2021), which will be implemented during the 2022-23 school year.

Public Comment

This revised plan will be posted to the district website. The public is encouraged to comment on the "Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan", by emailing schase@isd115.net. Information regarding the posting and opportunities for comment will be communicated via phone message and notices on social media.

Learning Options for Students in PreK-12

The Cass Lake-Bena School District will be providing **in-person learning only** for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. In-person learning consists of the regular school approved district calendar and class schedule of 5 days per week. The Area Learning Center will also follow their approved schedule.

Mitigation Strategies

The Cass Lake-Bena School District is committed to maintaining the health of students, staff and families. The district will continue to follow CDC guidelines in relation to COVID. This includes: enhanced cleaning and sanitizing, modeling and practicing good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Individuals who become ill while at school will be sent home. Individuals are permitted to wear well-fitting masks at school. Individuals are also encouraged to respect the physical boundaries of others.

The district strongly recommends that individuals obtain COVID vaccines and any follow-up boosters that the CDC recommends..

Quarantine and Isolation -- Revised CDC Guidelines

If an individual becomes ill, the individual should stay home, consider testing for COVID and consult with a medical provider. Individuals may return to work/school once symptoms resolve. Students and staff should follow the usual district channels for communicating an illness to their respective buildings.

If an individual tests positive for COVID, the CDC recommends isolation for a minimum of 5 days. Return to work or school on day 6 and/or when symptoms resolve.

Close contacts, whether vaccinated or not, are not required to quarantine. Individuals who are close contacts should monitor for symptoms and are encouraged to test for COVID.

Communication

The District will utilize the district website and social media outlets for updating staff, students, parents/guardians and the public. Instant Alert (messaging system) will be utilized to provide parents/guardians and staff with immediate updates when necessary.

Reporting Methods

Cass Lake-Bena School District will request parents, guardians and staff to self-report if they or their students have a positive COVID test. Reports should be made to the District School Nurse's Office at (218) 335-1309. The district nurse will notify all other appropriate personnel.

Activities

Cass Lake-Bena Schools will rely on and implement guidance from the Minnesota State High School League to safely hold athletic practices, competition and events. All other school sponsored activities will resume.

Tribal Consultation

Communications between the Cass Lake-Bena School District and the Leech Lake Tribal Government will continue as scheduled. The revised "Safe Return to In Person Learning Plan" will be shared with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Education Department as well as the Minnesota Department of Education Indian Education Program. Any additional changes will be forwarded to the departments. The next tribal consultation is scheduled for August 29, 2022