

2022-2023 Health Safety Plan for Murray County Central Schools

Murray County Central Schools continues to be committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for our students and staff. Moving forward into the 2022-23 school year, MCC Schools will be utilizing a full time In-Person learning environment model.

For families that are interested in an "online learning" programming option, please contact a building principal regarding enrolling in the STARRS Online Academy. This online program is provided through our regional Southwest Service Cooperative member schools.

Please realize that the Safe Learning Plan and protocols are reviewed periodically and are subject to change. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) provide best practices and operational guidance for schools to follow. [MDH Best Practice Link](#). [CDC Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools](#).

Screening and policies for students/employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of illness

Students and staff are encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of illness. As done in the past, students/employees will be sent home if experiencing symptoms of an illness whether flu, COVID, STREP, etc. The school district will maintain a separation area for this purpose. If someone is experiencing symptoms during the school day, parents will be contacted to pick up their child from school. [MDH COVID-19 Isolation Guide for Schools](#)

Absences Due to Illness: MCC Schools has implemented leave policies that promote students and employees staying at home when they are sick, when household members are sick, or when required by a health care provider to isolate or quarantine themselves or a member of their household. Employees will follow their contracts for applicable leave options. The district will follow federal and state laws regarding authorized leaves.

Virtual Classroom: MCC Schools will no longer offer virtual learning options for students who are out sick or quarantined at this time. Students can still complete coursework by obtaining and completing assignments that are posted on the Google Classroom platform or other means. However, out of the buildings will be considered absent (excused or unexcused).

Extracurricular Activities & Athletics: Each activity/sport will follow the requirements set forth by the MSHSL or school board.

Hand washing

Basic infection prevention measures have been implemented at our schools at all times. All staff and students are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially when working with shared items, prior to any mealtimes and after using the toilet. All visitors to the schools will be required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the facility. Hand-sanitizer dispensers are at entrances and locations in the buildings so they can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled. Our custodial teams will check the status of the hand sanitizers throughout the day.

Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze

Staff, students, and visitors are being instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in provided trash receptacles and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on posters and supported by making tissues and trash receptacles available in each classroom and by restrooms.

Face Coverings

Employees/students may choose to wear a face covering and will be supported in that decision.

Cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation

Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces and areas in the school environment, including classrooms, offices, restrooms, break rooms, lunch rooms, and meeting rooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas, such as phones, keyboards, touch screens, controls, door handles, elevator panels, railings and copy machines. Building custodians will perform the scheduled cleaning using CDC/MDH approved disinfecting/cleaning products.

Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfectant supplies have been purchased and are available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product. Supplies for disinfecting hard surfaces will be provided by custodians upon request and then monitored by them for refilling as necessary. Surfaces should be allowed to air dry for maximum effectiveness of the disinfectant. The maximum amount of fresh air is being brought into the schools, air recirculation is being limited and ventilation systems are being properly used and maintained. Steps are also being taken to minimize air flow blowing across people. Our building ventilation systems have been reprogrammed to increase the amount of outside air brought into each space in the building. This increase is monitored by our automation system by measuring the amount of CO₂ present at different monitoring stations and then modifying fan speed and damper position to meet this requirement. This increased air is then tempered (where available) to provide comfort for building occupants.

Safe Learning Plan Communications, Training & Review

This Health Safety Plan was communicated via email and posted on our school website by June 21, 2021 with updates published on July 26, 2021, August 2, 2021, September 13, 2021 and January 3, 2022. Administrators/Supervisors are to monitor how effective the program has been implemented. Administrators/Supervisors and employees are to work through this health safety program together and update the training as necessary. This Health Safety Plan will be certified by Murray County Central Schools and will be posted throughout the workplace by June 21st, 2021. It will be updated as necessary.

Certified by:

School Board Approved: August 8, 2022



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