

**2020-2021 Elementary PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK: COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT**  
**AUGUST 7, 2020**

In addition to the rules and regulations in the 2020-2021 parent-student handbook, the following additions will be effective during the 2020-2021 school year. These additions are intended to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff members, and the community. Because of the fluid nature of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the District's continued collaboration with health officials, these additional rules and expectations are subject to change at any time. The district will send parents and students written notification of any such changes. It is each family's responsibility to monitor for, understand, and adhere to any such changes, including those changes implemented on short notice. If a parent or student ever has any questions about the interpretation or implementation of these rules and expectations, the parent or student should contact their building administrator.

1. **Masks** – Unless otherwise directed by an administrator, every student will wear a school appropriate mask on school grounds and while in school vehicles. An appropriate mask is one that does not interfere with or disrupt the operation of the school or the learning environment. Masks must be worn in a manner that covers the student's nose and mouth. A student may remove their mask only when a staff member gives the student permission, such as during mask "breaks" or during lunchtime after they are seated. If a staff member provides specific mask directives to a student, the student shall comply with those directives. Students who do not comply with the mask requirement or directives may face discipline, up to and including exclusion or expulsion from school.
2. **COVID-19 Symptoms and Attendance** – Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools will follow the current Sarpy/Cass Health Department recommendations for screening and re-admittance of students with COVID-19 symptoms. As a general rule, all students who have a temperature of 100.4 or above will be sent home from school, and may return after being fever-free for 24 hours. Students who miss school due to potential COVID-19 exposure of symptoms will generally not be counted as an unexcused absence.
3. **Other Health and Safety Risks** – At any time, a staff member may require a student to undertake other reasonable health and safety requirements (such as hand-washing, maintaining physical distancing, and the like). A student will follow such health and safety requirements or face discipline.
4. **Assumption of the Risks** – In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the district has endeavored to reopen schools for the benefit of student learning and development. However, there is no guarantee that the school environment will be completely safe and free from COVID-19 or other related risks or hazards. Any parent who is uncomfortable with the risks associated with sending their student to school should contact a building administrator to discuss alternative educational options. A parent who elects to send their student back to school does so understanding, assuming, and accepting the

associated health and safety risks, including the possibility that the student may be exposed to and/or contract COVID-19.