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# HEALTH & SAFETY STARTING WELL 2023 PLAN

Rosholt School Board  
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Rosholt Public School Families,

Thank you to the students, staff, parents, and community members who have helped us succeed in these difficult times. The 2022-2023 school year was challenging but we made it successful by everyone pulling together and getting the job done. This is a testament to how wonderful and supportive our school community is.

The challenge now is planning for what school will look like during the 2023-2024 school year. This is a daunting task as we all realize how the impact and response to COVID-19 has changed rapidly over the latter part of this summer. This plan will try to address these challenges and will provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

This plan represents hours of critical thinking, research, modeling, and work by our educators, staff, and school board. This group reviewed input gathered from our employees and parents.

We realize that reviewing this plan may not address every question you have. We recognize some concepts and actions may be polarizing, and there are strong opinions about what the school should do or should not. But we must remain open to what is possible and consider all options so we can move forward.

Thank you for your time reviewing this plan. We encourage everyone to ask questions and communicate their concerns as we move forward. Together, our school can provide quality education to our children in a safe manner, if we work together to solve problems. If you have questions, please contact Spencer Oland at 605-537-4283

Respectfully,

Spencer Oland  
Superintendent

Lana Sand  
School Board President

# Assumptions & Assurances

## Rosholt School believes:

- Every student should have the opportunity to engage in learning, regardless of the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- Schools have a vital role in providing safe environments for students, focusing on both social-emotional and physical health.
- By working together with educators, staff, health care professionals, parents, students, and community members we can solve most challenges.
- Our district will make decisions based on the most current guidance from local, state, and national health care officials.
- Our School Board will ensure our plan meets the needs of our students, educators, staff and community.

## Our Planning Team

The Rosholt School's Return to Learning Plan was crafted and reviewed by a team consisting of the following

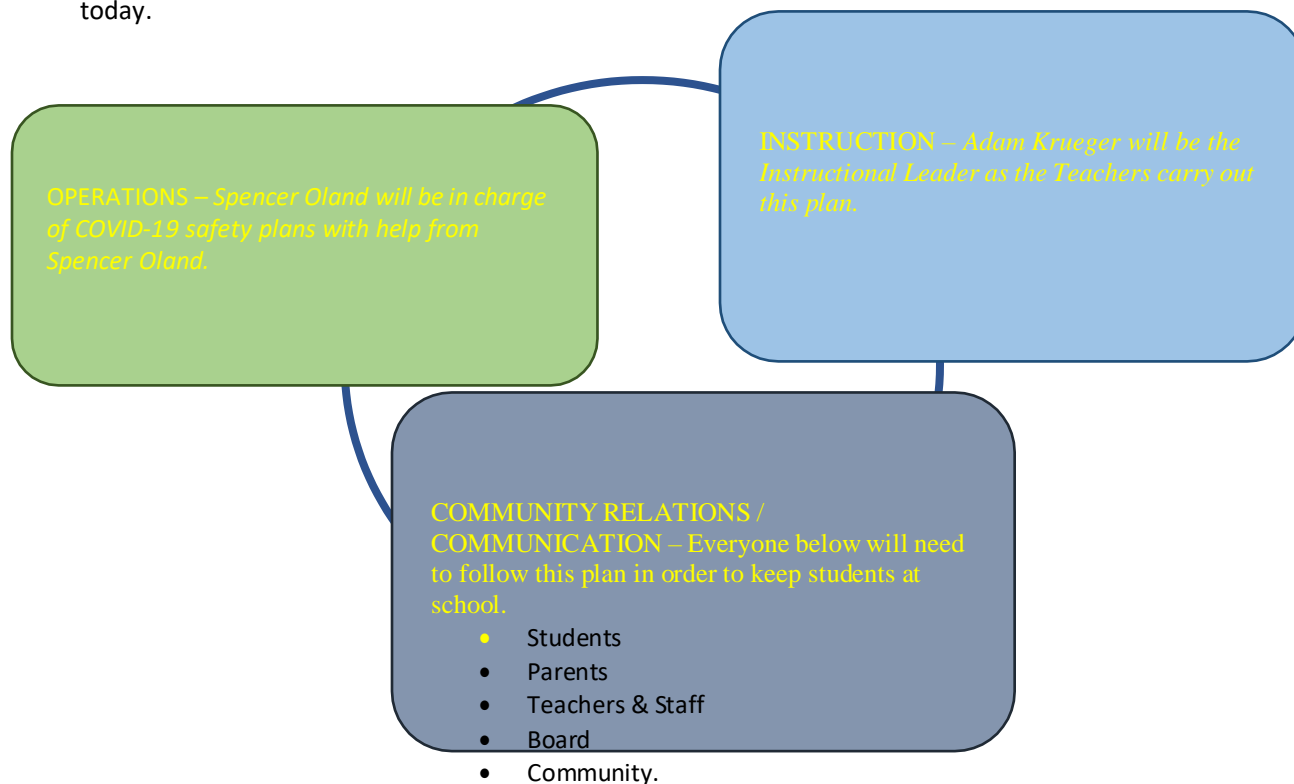
- Educators
- Custodial Staff
- Parents
- Kitchen staff
- Your local health office (SDDoH)
- Secretaries
- School Board members
- Bus Drivers
- School Principal
- Support Staff

Input was gathered by various means to allow for a wide range of input and the following guidelines were adopted.

1. The Rosholt Public will not require face coverings for students and staff but in accordance with CDC guidelines will encourage the use of face coverings inside the school building.
2. Three feet of physical distancing will be made available between students where possible.
3. Students and Staff should stay home if they feel ill.
4. Contact tracing and quarantine procedures will be followed using the direction of Roberts County Health, the CDC and SDDoH.
5. Close contacts wearing a mask will not need to quarantine unless symptoms arise.
6. Fully vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine if deemed a close contact.
7. Staff will continue to encourage hand washing and sanitation practice on school grounds and buses.
8. For respiratory etiquette, we will encourage students and staff to cough into their elbow and wash hands after sneezing.
9. The Rosholt School has replaced the HVAC system and also included a COVID ionizer for better air quality throughout the school.
10. We restructured our classrooms so that all students, even those with disabilities, will have a complete learning environment.
11. We are not offering diagnostic and screening testing for COVID 19, but we are encouraging our students and staff to get tested if they have symptoms.
12. The District held a vaccination day for staff and we will hold additional at a later date if needed.

## COVID-19 Response Team & Coordinators

This organizational structure was crafted to assist in the development and monitoring of the district return to learning plan. This structure identifies leaders and guiding team members that will serve as a voice in how the district responds to COVID-19 during the school year. This plan is designed to address the issues of reopening as well as provide a nimble and responsive process to address issues that may not be recognized today.



The three components have been identified as key operational teams that consist of multiple departments. Each operational team will work implement the return to learn plan and address challenges as they arise.

### COVID-19 Building Level Coordinators

Each school building will have an identified COVID-19 Coordinator who will be responsible for the health and safety preparedness and response planning. Coordinators will make themselves available to the SDDoH 24 hours a day / 7 days a week to respond to phone calls from public health. This position will assist public health in identifying and notifying close contacts in the school setting. The coordinator will report cases of COVID-19, found in the school setting, to health officials and the State Superintendent's office.



*Spencer Oland will assume the role of building level coordinator in all Rosholt School buildings. If the coordinator is unable to be reached the secondary contact will be Adam Krueger.*

## Student & Staff Health

### *Isolation & Quarantine*

- Definitions (see appendix for more information).
  - Isolation – For people who are already sick from the virus. A prevention strategy used to separate people who are sick with the virus from healthy people.
- Quarantine – For people who are not sick but have been exposed to the virus, if recommended by the State or County health Department, in order to make necessary decisions specific to each case with the help of those professionals.
- Rosholt Public School will follow isolation and quarantine guidelines and directives as set by SDDOH and Roberts County health unit.

### *If a student or staff members becomes sick at school (or school event)*

- Student
  - The child shall be provided a facial covering and isolated in the building sick room.
  - Parent / guardian will be contacted to pick up their child.
- Staff
  - Inform your supervisor immediately and wear a face mask / shield until they can be replaced if supervising students at that time.

### *Return to School*

- When a student or staff member has been isolated or quarantined as directed by SDDoH or Roberts County Health they will be allowed to return to school after being cleared by the SDDoH.
- Rosholt School District has purchased a computer for every student to be used for working at home, if required, as well as at school.
- Summer School will be provided to any student experiencing learning loss due to COVID 19.
- Students and staff experiencing mental health needs can contact the school counselor, programs provided by Sanford Health and suicide hotline.
- Free meals have been provided for all students throughout the school year. If school is required to close, meals will continue to be provided.

### *Cleaning protocols*

Classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas will be cleaned daily by Rosholt School District custodial staff.

The following items will be cleaned and sanitized daily:

Touchpoints (door handles, light switches, etc.)

Bathrooms

Desks and tables

Sharing of supplies will be up to the discretion of the teacher or advisor.

At the end of each day, the teacher will clear the surfaces of classroom supplies as possible.

We will continue to follow CDC and EPA standards for the cleaning and sanitization of all toys, equipment, and surfaces.

Staff members will clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches, etc. throughout the day.

Transportation drivers will disinfect their bus either before or after each route.

Hand washing will be built into each elementary class schedule.

Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom for regular use.

Water fountains will be available to fill water bottles.

#### Deep cleaning and disinfection Protocol

Deep cleaning is triggered when an active employee or student is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on testing. Deep cleaning should be performed as soon as the confirmation of a positive test, as practical. While the scope of deep cleaning is presumed to be the full site, sites may reduce the footprint to be deep cleaned if there is sufficient rationale to do so.

Notwithstanding the above, if an active employee is confirmed to have a COVID-19 positive test, in lieu of performing deep cleaning, sites may shut down the site for a period of 72 hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.