

## **Browns Valley School 2021-22 Safe Learning Plan**

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*Based on recommendation from the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota  
Department of Education, and Centers for Disease Control  
for Covid-19 Prevention in Schools*

### **Student Vaccines**

- Vaccination of eligible students is strongly recommended.

### **Masking**

- Universal indoor masking is strongly recommended for all people in the school building (ages 2 years and older), including teachers, staff, students and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are recommended in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

### **Physical Distancing**

- Physical distancing will be practiced to the extent possible when indoors, with a minimum of 3 feet between students. When mixing cohorts, 6 feet of distance is recommended.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet is recommended between students and staff.
- 6 feet of physical distance is recommended between staff who are not vaccinated.
- Physical distancing will be maximized as much as possible when moving through food service lines and while eating (especially indoors). Using additional space outside the mealtime setting can help facilitate distancing.
- Students in grades pk-5 will eat breakfast and lunch in the classrooms to facilitate physical distancing during meals times.
- Dots will be used for physical distancing in the hallways.
- Plastic dividers will be utilized for physical distancing in the classrooms when 3 and 6 foot social distancing is not possible.
- Cohorting will be used.
- Large gathering of students in one location will be avoided.

### **Screening testing**

- Screening testing will be used to help identify and isolate cases.

### **Ventilation**

- Ventilation will be increased and maintained throughout the building by opening multiple doors and windows, and using child safe fans to increase their effectiveness.

### **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette**

- Routines of hand hygiene will be built into the daily schedule, including handwashing between classroom activities.
- Proper respiratory etiquette will be used (covering coughs and sneezes).
- Hand sanitizer will be available at several locations throughout the building, including at all entrances.

### **Staying home when sick and getting tested**

- Students and staff should stay home when sick.
- Students and staff should get tested if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students and staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 will immediately be sent home, regardless of vaccination status or prior history of the disease.
- Symptomatic individuals will be required to put on a mask if not already wearing one and will be isolated in a designated space outside the office.
- Parents should screen their children daily at home before sending them to school.
- Regardless of vaccination status, do not enter the school building if you have ONE of the following “more common” symptoms:
  - Fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, new cough or cough that gets worse, difficulty/hard time breathing, new loss of taste or smell.
- Or TWO of the following “less common symptoms:”
  - Sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, extreme fatigue/feeling very tired, new severe/very and headache, new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.
- The school will use the MDE “Decision Tree for Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs” when determining when to keep students and staff home.

#### **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine**

- Students and staff are required to isolate if they test positive until their symptoms subside and follow testing and quarantine procedures described in the most recent MDE and MDH guidance for schools.
- Positive case contract tracing will take place as recommended in MDE and MDH guidance for schools
- Regular testing is recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

#### **Cleaning and disinfection**

- Routine surfaces will be cleaned daily.

#### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

The CDC recommends in-person learning. The Browns Valley School will not be offering distance learning as an option at this time.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Activities will resume, including: sports, After School Program, Homework Help, and Targeted Services.

#### **FEDERAL MANDATES – These are required:**

- Masking is required on public transportation, including school busses and vans.
- Positive cases are required to be reported to the Department of Health.