

Prairie Creek Community School COVID-19 Procedures

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The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures for handling COVID-19 at Prairie Creek Community School. These protocols apply to all staff, students, volunteers and visitors except where stated otherwise. Vaccination is strongly recommended to protect against serious illness from COVID-19. [You can find a vaccination clinic here.](#)

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are optional inside Prairie Creek Community School

Cleaning and hygiene

- There will be routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in classrooms and common spaces.
- Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.

Staying home when sick

- People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home.
- Testing is recommended for people with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) as soon as possible after symptoms begin. If a person with COVID-19 symptoms tests negative for COVID-19, they should consider getting tested for other respiratory illnesses that could be spread to others, such as flu. If tested using an antigen test, negative tests should be repeated following [FDA recommendations](#). Rapid antigen tests are available for free at the school office while supplies last.
- Those at risk for getting very sick with COVID-19 who test positive should consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible [treatment](#), even if their symptoms are mild. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19, to other people. For more information on staying home when sick with COVID-19, including recommendations for isolation and mask use for people who test positive or who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, see [Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19](#).
- People may return to school when they feel better and are fever-free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours.

Reporting

- COVID-19 cases will be reported by each building following Minnesota Department of Health procedures.

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