

Masking Change Effective March 1, 2022

The following information reflects current practices for the Nett Lake School related to students and Covid-19 beginning **March 1st**.

***These recommendations and protocols *could* be altered if required mandates are received from, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Education, Executive Orders, or if other circumstances change that threaten in-person instruction.**

1. Mask wearing by students is **encouraged** for all during the school day. Masking is also encouraged for after school activities.
2. Students who show symptoms of Covid-19 will be sent home immediately and will be required to quarantine.
3. Students that test positive for COVID-19 are required to follow isolation guidelines per the CDC/MDH. Siblings of positive cases will be allowed to come to school or be excluded from school per ISD 707 guidelines.
4. Contact tracing will be completed for all positive cases, of those attending school, during their infectious period. Parents of direct contacts will be notified of potential exposure, and will be asked to follow the home screening tool daily. These students will also be monitored at school. Asymptomatic students will not be excluded from school.
5. In school transmission rates will be monitored and will guide changes to these school recommendations and procedures.
6. Other mitigation strategies practiced by the school to protect in-person learning:
 - a) Sanitizing of high touch areas
 - b) Hand sanitizer and frequent washing of hands

Covid-19 Guidance (Effective Monday, March 1, 2022)

More common symptoms: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher; new cough or cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell

Less common symptoms: sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose

If students have one “less common” symptom of Covid-19

-Evaluate the symptom and determine if the person is well enough to stay in school or needs to be sent home

If student/staff have one “more common” symptoms or two “less common” symptoms

-Person should stay home or sent home

-Person should be evaluated by a health care provider-may return to school with a negative Covid PCR or Antigen test with medical provider oversight or an alternate diagnosis AND symptoms have resolved including fever free for 24 hours without medication. If the person chooses not to test/or be seen by a health care provider they will need to quarantine for 10 days.

-Siblings do not need to go home if they are asymptomatic.

-If the person tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to be isolated for 5-10 days from the test date or start of symptoms. Students who test positive for Covid 19 will be allowed to retest 5 days after the initial TEST date. Students will be allowed to return with a negative Covid PCR or Antigen test with medical provider oversight. If they test positive, they will complete the full 10-day isolation period.

Direct Contacts(defined)-anyone who lives in the same household with a person who tested positive for Covid-19 or someone who has been within 6 feet of a person who tested positive for Covid-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more throughout the course of a 24-hour period.

Direct Contacts: (household) (may apply to persons who spend an extended period of time with a positive individual)

-Unvaccinated persons living in the household must be quarantined for 10-14 days. If they develop symptoms during that period, they should test to determine the length of quarantine. Students who do not separate during household quarantine will be allowed to test on day 10. Students would be allowed to return with a negative Covid PCR or Antigen test with medical provider oversight. If they develop symptoms during that period, they should test to determine the length of quarantine. Students who are able to separate will be allowed to test on day 5. Students will be allowed to return with a negative Covid PCR or Antigen test. If they develop symptoms and choose not to test, they will need to quarantine for 10 days from the start of symptoms.

-Fully Vaccinated persons living in the household can go about normal activities. They do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms during the 14-day period they should test and then determine the length of quarantine.

Direct Contacts: (classroom or outside the household)

-Unvaccinated persons-mitigation measures/quarantine will be determined after consultation with MDH. Parents will monitor them daily at home and then we will monitor at school. (persons will not be sent home after first exposure)

-Vaccinated persons may go about normal activities unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms during the 14-day period they should test and then determine the length of quarantine. If they develop symptoms and choose not to test, they will need to quarantine for 10 days from the start of symptoms.