

Maple Lake 2022-2023 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

The Maple Lake School District (ISD 881) is committed to maintaining the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and community members and will follow these safety protocols during the 2022-2023 school year, barring any changes in guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Maple Lake Public Schools will not be providing Covid-19 tests this school year.

It is important to note that whether it is COVID-19 or any other illness that can spread and infect others, parents/guardians should be diligent about monitoring their children for illness and **DO NOT** send them to school if they are sick. Working together as a team (student, parent, and school) will help make this plan the best it can be for everyone.

Maple Lake Public Schools Typical School Operations:

- All students will be in school five days/week
- Regular school day start and end times will be in place
- Sites will follow their typical days and hours of operation
- Students will transition from class to class following the typical schedule
- The 2022-23 school calendar posted on the district website [here](#) will be followed

How the guidance will be implemented at Maple Lake:

1. **Face coverings:** Face coverings are not required of any student or staff members.
2. **Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are not required. Other typical childhood vaccinations remain required unless a notarized medical or other exemption form is provided to the school.
3. **Facility Cleaning:** Cleaning protocols will continue to support safe, clean learning spaces.
4. **Learning Models:** School will be in-person for the 2022-23 school year. Distance learning and hybrid models will not be used unless required by the Minnesota Department of Education. Online learning will be available for families who prefer this option. Parents considering this option should contact the office of the school where their child attends. The online learning option are a full semester commitment for any student, and they cannot flip back and forth.
5. **Health Screening:** Self-screening for symptoms of illness keeps us all safe. If you are sick, stay home.
6. **Quarantine:** Schools are required to report any positive cases to MDH. If you are sick, please stay home. When waiting for test results or if you test positive, isolate yourself from school. There is a five-day isolation period for anyone who tests positive for Covid-19.
7. **Contact Tracing:** Contact tracing is no longer recommended by MDH and the CDC.
8. **Physical Distancing:** Restrictions on spacing are not required but are highly recommended for those returning to school/work and following the protocols for a positive case. We cannot guarantee to maintain physical distancing in our district during all in-person instruction, and we ask families to be diligent in self-screening measures.
9. **Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette:** Students will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water during bathroom breaks, before meals, and to cover coughs and sneezes.
10. **Parents are Asked to Monitor Household Members Closely:** Parent should screen their child(ren) before they go to school each day. If your child is having symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the health office.

As a school community, we stand committed to continue providing a safe learning environment for all students, staff, and community members. In working together, we all recognize the importance of respecting the decisions and actions of others in our community to ensure the safety of our students.

Updates to the Maple Lake Public School COVID-19 Response Plan and Safe Return to Learning Plan were conducted and approved on the following dates:

July 30, 2020

November 25, 2020

January 9, 2021

March 12, 2021

August 9, 2021

March 14, 2022

August 31, 2022

Any updates or changes to the District's plan were reviewed by District Administration, including the District Nurse and health office staff.

The revised plan was posted on the district website.