

## 2021-2022 Safe Learning Plan Springfield School District



### **2021-2022 School Safe Learning Plan**

Moving forward into the 2021-2022 school year, the Springfield School District will be returning to a fulltime In-Person model with a learning environment similar to what was offered in years prior to the pandemic. For families that are interested in an “online learning” programming option, please contact a building principal regarding enrolling in the STARRS Online Academy. This online program is provided through our regional Southwest Service Cooperative member schools.

The following sections briefly highlight recommended strategies that reduce the risk of getting sick from or transmitting COVID-19. K-12 schools are encouraged to consider these recommendations when crafting local policies and plans. Minnesota also recommends following Center for Disease Control (CDC) K-12 guidance found at the link here:

[CDC: Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention.](#)

To learn about what are known strategies to prevent transmission in schools, school communities are encouraged to review the CDC Science Brief found at the link here:

[Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools](#)

The Springfield School District will implement mandates and guidelines as issued by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) regarding school and extra-curricular programming.

#### **Face coverings:**

- It is recommended that all **unvaccinated** people present in school buildings and district offices wear a face covering. This is a recommendation and not a requirement. The school will not require.
- The face covering recommendation does not apply to children under 2 years of age or people of any age who are unable to tolerate wearing a face covering because of a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability.

#### **Child Nutrition – Meals:**

- Meals will be available at school. Students may also bring their lunches as in the past. The USDA is continuing the “no cost” for school breakfast and lunch throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Transportation:**

- Regular transportation routes will be used.
- Current public health transportation regulations identify that face coverings are still required while riding on buses. At this time this is a requirement, not a recommendation. If this changes from a requirement to recommendation, the school transportation regulations will complement.

#### **HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling) Building System:**

- The school district is designing plans to update and upgrade the building HVAC system to increase the delivery of clean air.

#### **Extracurricular Activities & Athletics:**

- Each activity/sport will provide parents/guardians and students with guidelines or regulations necessary for their activity/sport if changes occur from normal procedures.
- Season length and number of competitions may be reduced.
- Travel may be reduced or eliminated.

#### **Safe Learning Plan Review**

The Springfield School District will continue to work with local public health to monitor our school health data that includes COVID-19 issues or any other health issue by reviewing policies, practices, and procedures in place to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment exists for all. The school will also utilize the district Health & Safety Committee, which meets at a minimum 4 times a school year, to review our Safe Learning Plan and current school safety status.

[2021-2022 Safe Learning Plan Survey Link](#)