



Discovery Woods

2023-2024

# Safe Learning Plan



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## **COVID-19 Protocols**

**The following is the guidance for staff, students, families and outside organizations using Discovery Woods school site during the 2023-2024 School Year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).**

These plans and protocols are created using guidance from the MN Department of Health, MN Department of Education, Crow Wing County Health Department and the CDC.

As per Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines, it is critical that we have a layering of various safety measures to ensure safety and to support in-person learning.

The Safe Learning Plan reflects current state and national guidance and is subject to change based on future guidance. Updates will be provided on the District website at [www.discoverywoods.com](http://www.discoverywoods.com).

### **Masks, Face Coverings**

Discovery Woods continues to work closely with the Crow Wing County Health Department, monitoring infection rates and guidance. We are prepared to change practices and procedures if local COVID-19 rates rise and guidance is clear that we should do so. At this time, we will continue with the following CDC guidance. Masks are not currently required at Discovery Woods.

### **Vaccinations**

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 for those 6 months of age and older are strongly recommended and encouraged by the Department of Health and CDC, but are not currently required by the school district.
- Additional vaccine clinics may be offered in partnership with community health partners.

### **Hand Hygiene Practices**

- Discovery Woods will provide instruction, signage, facilities, and supplies to encourage regular hand washing and sanitizing. This is consistent with MDH: Hand Hygiene.

#### **Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols**

- Discovery Woods staff will maintain thorough cleaning and/or disinfecting using EPA approved cleaning and disinfecting solutions to complete tasks with frequencies indicated for specific spaces and activity levels.

### **Facilities and Ventilation**

- Discovery Woods will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.
- Social distancing is not required; no group size limits (assemblies, concerts, etc). This will continue to be monitored and could change based on conditions in the school setting.

### **Health Screening**

- Staff members and students have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

### **Isolation Following POSITIVE COVID-19 Results**

- It is recommended by the CDC that a person who has a positive COVID test isolates at home for 5 days and wears a face cover for a total of 10 days. Discovery Woods does not require isolation following a positive COVID test.

### **Notification Following a POSITIVE COVID-19 Result**

- Students and staff should report positive COVID-19 cases to the main office and follow the traditional absence reporting process.

### **Close Contact Exposure to COVID-19**

- If you were exposed to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended by health officials that you wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.

### **Staff and Students with COVID-19 Like Symptoms**

- COVID-19 Like Symptoms
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

\*This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- Staff and students experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms should stay home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours without using medication to reduce a fever and are feeling well enough to attend school or work.

**All protocols subject to change based on MDH/MDE/Local Health Department and District guidance.**