
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative

2022-2023 COVID-19 Safe Return to School Plan

This document outlines The Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative's COVID-19 Safe Return to School Plan. They are subject to change based on the evolving public health situation. Families will be immediately notified of changes to COVID-19 protocols. Statewide and/or federal protocols may supersede certain district protocols (Updated 10/24/2022).

Vaccination

Vaccination for those 5 and older is the best tool we have to fight COVID-19. All three of the available vaccines are safe, free and highly effective. The vaccines have gone through the same safety steps and studies as the other vaccines our children routinely get. While a fully vaccinated person may be able to pass the disease to others, the health experts we've consulted with tell us a vaccinated person is much less likely to become infected, and if they do, their illness is less likely to be severe.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are optional for all Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status, when inside district buildings.

Physical Distancing

Staff will take reasonable steps to provide spacing between students whenever possible.

Self-screening

Students and staff are encouraged to [self-screen](#) for COVID-19 symptoms daily before coming to school. Those experiencing any symptoms should follow the MDH Guidance to determine if they should attend school. Contact the District Nurse at 507-323-4540 to report COVID-19 symptoms or for any questions.

Cleaning and Hygiene

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and common areas will continue. Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.

Handling suspected or confirmed cases

The District Nurse will report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health. Staff and families should self-report to the District Nurse if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19 or if they test positive for COVID-19.

Isolation

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate themselves by staying home from school until all three of the following are true:

1. They are asymptomatic or symptoms are decreasing
2. It has been 5 days since they first felt sick or tested positive
3. They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medicine.

Face coverings are still required for students and staff returning to school or work from isolation.

Transportation

Face coverings are not required for students and staff riding in school buses or other vehicles.