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## **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan**

### **Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan**

### **Summer 2021 Plan**

Byron Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all our students, staff, and visitors.

To ensure we have a safe and healthy workplace and school environment, Byron Public Schools has developed a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that follows the [COVID-19 Universal Guidance for All Businesses and Entities \(PDF\)](https://staysafe.mn.gov/assets/covid-19-universal-guidance-for-all-businesses-and-entities_tcm1152-480317.pdf) ([staysafe.mn.gov/assets/covid-19-universal-guidance-for-all-businesses-and-entities\\_tcm1152-480317.pdf](https://staysafe.mn.gov/assets/covid-19-universal-guidance-for-all-businesses-and-entities_tcm1152-480317.pdf)) developed by the state of Minnesota, available at the [Stay Safe Minnesota website \(https://staysafe.mn.gov\)](https://staysafe.mn.gov), which is based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19, Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) statutes, rules and standards, and Minnesota's relevant and current executive orders. T

The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is administered by the Superintendent, who maintains the overall authority and responsibility for the plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our faculty, staff, students, and communities. Byron Public Schools will continue to solicit public input and review and update our protocols as new guidance is provided.

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### **Masks:**

Masks are encouraged, but not required except that masks or face coverings are required on public transportation, including school buses (mandated by CDC).

### **Health Screening Process:**

If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Byron Public School facilities this summer are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult). If you or your child has a fever 100.4 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, you/ they will be required, per MDH decision tree, to test for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider.

### **Isolation:**

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must quarantine for 10 days during the infectious period.

### **Communication:**

Families are REQUIRED to report a positive case of COVID-19 to the program director/principal. Families of the program (athletics, etc.) will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case.

### **Contact Tracing:**

Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.

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### **Close Contacts and Quarantine:**

Close Contacts should stay home from all activities during their quarantine period. A 14-day quarantine is the safest recommendation for people who have been exposed to COVID-19. MDH provides that if certain conditions are true, the quarantine may be shortened to ten days without testing, or seven days with a PCR-negative test if the test occurred on day five after exposure or later.

Students and staff who are fully vaccinated or have had lab confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms.

Byron Public Schools has implemented a policy consistent with MDH guidance for identifying and communicating with staff or students who may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 at their school buildings and requiring them to quarantine for the required amount of time. See [Close Contacts and Tracing: COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html) and [Quarantine Guidance for COVID-19 \(PDF\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf).

### **Attendance/Rosters:**

Daily attendance will be documented for each class/activity.

### **Other Mitigation Strategies:**

Byron Public Schools will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Physical distancing goal of 6 feet between students within summer school classes. Cohorting within Project Kids will be to the best of our ability.

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### **Vaccinations for School Age Students:**

Individuals age 12 and older are currently eligible for the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Community sites continue to offer vaccinations to students age 12 and up. General information is available on the Olmsted County Vaccine page. The State of Minnesota Vaccine Locator tool allows searching by zip code, distance, age group, and more.

### **Student and Staff COVID-19 Testing:**

Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer no-barrier, at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone who lives in Minnesota, with or without symptoms. You can read more about this service on the Minnesota Department of Health website.

### **Students with Disabilities:**

Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

### **Coordination with State and Local Health Officials:**

Byron Public Schools will continue to collaborate with Olmsted County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.

### **Commitment to Ensure Continuity of Service:**

Byron Public Schools is committed to ensure continuity of services, including service to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs. We will continue to support staff and students in identifying and addressing specific needs.

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**Opportunity for Public Comment and Periodic Review and Revision of the Plan:**

During the period of the ARP ESSER award, Byron Public Schools will periodically review and revise, as needed, its plan for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and Byron Public Schools will amend as necessary upon seeking public input during the review process. The Districts plan for these funds at this time will be for contracted cleaning services, operational supplies and planning, academic enrichment and mental health supports for students. If you would like to make any comments please do so on this [form](#).

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