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Byron Public Schools is committed to having our students participate in-person learning experiences as much as safely possible.

Masks: Masks will be recommended for all individuals within Byron Public School buildings regardless of vaccination status. There may be situations when masking may be required. For example, masks are still required for students on all public transportation (busing) including all after school extra-curricular activities. Masking will also be required for close contacts in grades PK - 5 to remain in person.

*****Masking guidelines are subject to change, depending on the specific needs at each individual building.*****

Health Screening Process: All people (student, staff, volunteers, etc.) entering any Byron Public Schools building are expected to perform a complete self-health screening prior to entering the facility. Screening for students under the age of 12 should be completed by an adult.

Per the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidance, your child will be recommended to test for COVID-19 or see a medical provider for an alternate diagnosis if:

- Your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Your child has a new-onset cough or a cough that is getting worse
- Your child is having difficulty breathing
- Your child has a new loss of smell or taste

Isolation: If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, he or she must have an isolation period of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Communication:

- Families will be required to report a positive case of COVID-19 to their school nurse.
- Families will be notified when their student is identified as a close contact

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Contact Tracing and Close Contact Definition:

Schools will complete contact tracing once a student has tested positive. Students who have been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of the student will be considered a close contact. Students who have been vaccinated or have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days will not be considered as close contacts.

Families will be notified if their child is identified as a close contact to a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19.

Quarantine Guidelines:

- Any students who test positive for Covid-19 will be isolated from school for 10 days.
- Anyone who shows symptoms will be required to stay home and follow the procedures for quarantining
- Anyone who is not vaccinated and lives in the same household as a person with a positive Covid test will be **required** to be quarantined for 14 days.
 - If the person is vaccinated, then the student may attend school but it is recommended to wear a mask for a minimum of 14 days, test between days 3-5 and monitor for symptoms.
- In grades PK-5, if a student has tested positive, he or she must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.
 - To minimize any further spread, students who are unmasked will be **required** to stay home for 10 days without showing symptoms or 7 days if no symptoms have occurred and families can show proof of a negative COVID test between days 3-5. If a student returns after a 7 day quarantine, they will still be required to wear a mask through day 10.
 - Students who were masked will be allowed to remain in school but are required to wear a mask for 10 days, monitor for symptoms and it is recommended that students complete a covid test between days 3-5.
- Students at the Middle School and High School who are considered a close contact will be recommended to quarantine for 10 days, monitor for

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symptoms, and be tested between days 3-5. They can return to school after 7 days with a negative test result.

- Students who do not quarantine will need to wear mask for 10 days, monitor for symptoms and are recommended to tests between days 3-5.

*****The Health Screening Process is subject to change, depending on the specific needs at each individual building.*****

Metrics and procedures used for building wide shift to masking:

- 5% threshold for positive Covid Cases in the school will be used as a guideline for a possible move to mandated masking.
- Many other factors are considered as well. These include: Number of determined close contacts, number of students needing to be in quarantine, significant increase in known transmission to others.
- The Superintendent, Administrative Team and school nurses will meet regularly, monitor the data, and discuss health recommendations.

*****Building Metrics and Procedures are subject to change, depending on the specific needs at each individual building.*****

Learning Plans for Absent Students:

- Teachers will use Google Classroom, See-Saw, along with other resources, to support student learning while absent.

Safety Protocols:

- Students need to stay home when they are showing symptoms and work with school nurse to decide length of stay and next steps
- 3 foot distancing whenever possible
- Frequent hand washing, sanitizing and proper respiratory etiquette
- Extensive cleaning throughout buildings

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