

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

Safe School Plan

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This plan may change in accordance with state requirements

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Introduction

OCS is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for students, staff, board members and visitors. To help ensure we can provide that safe place we have created the following Safe School Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All staff members and school board members are responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our community and the requires full cooperation among our families and staff. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in our school and community.

OCS COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows the practices developed by the state of Minnesota, available at Minnesota Covid-19 Response which is also based upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19. OCS also works very closely with Grand Portage Health Services and Cook County Public Health.

Face masks/Coverings

Students and staff may choose to wear a mask if it feels safer, regardless of current risk factors or the COVID-19 community level.

Health Screening and Isolation

Screenings

Parents are requested to pre-screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to their arrival at school. Students with the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not come to school:

- *Fever greater than or equal to 100.4
- *BAD cough
- *Difficulty breathing
- *New loss of taste or smell
- *OR at least two of the following:
 - *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

Please Note: The standard illness policy states that students must stay home for at least 24 hours after the last incident of vomiting or frequent diarrhea and/or resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Testing and Isolation

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, please have them tested. If they continue to have symptoms have them tested again.

The current recommendation is for a person to stay home for at least five days after becoming sick (or testing positive) for COVID-19. If, after five days, a person feels better and is fever free for 24-hours, they can return to school if they wear a mask until ten days after they initially became sick.

There is no longer a public health recommendation to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19. Please continue to test your child five days after they are exposed to COVID-19 and have them wear a KN-95 quality mask for ten days after their exposure.

Hand Hygiene Practices

Proper handwashing practices are very important to reduce the spread of any virus and will be practiced several times a day. Hand sanitizer is available in several areas of the building for when handwashing is not available.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

OOCs has implemented a regular schedule for cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, shared items, shared equipment, and high traffic areas. OOCs will continue to perform other routine environmental cleaning according to established procedures. Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfecting supplies have been purchased and are available in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications, and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product.