



**Safe Learning Plan for 2022-23**  
*Updated 1/17/2023*

<p><b>Learning Options for Watertown-Mayer PreK-12 Students</b></p>	<p>Students at Watertown-Mayer will have the following learning options available to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● In-Person Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ All students in grade PreK-12 will return to in-person learning, five days a week.</li></ul></li><li>● Full Time Online Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ K-12 families also have the option to take part in full-time online learning through our partnership with Southwest Intermediate District. For more information, please reference the Southwest Metro e-Learning “Elevate” <a href="#">website</a>.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Prevention &amp; Mitigation Strategies</b></p>	<p><b>Masks/Face Coverings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Masks/Face Coverings will not be required inside or outside of Watertown-Mayer District facilities.</b> Students and staff who choose to wear masks in school will be welcomed by all.</li><li>● Throughout the school year the district will continue to monitor positive COVID-19 case rates through continued communication with MDH and or Carver County Public Health. We will communicate to staff and families if changes are necessary during the school year.</li></ul> <p><b>Social Distancing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Social distancing is not required and there are currently no group size limits.</li></ul> <p><b>COVID-19 Symptoms and Confirmed Cases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Families and staff should continue to monitor and look for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home from school when showing symptoms or feeling ill.</li><li>● Report any COVID-19 symptoms and/or positive cases immediately.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Employees report to your supervisor.</li><li>○ Students and families please report COVID-19 positive cases to the front office of your school building.</li></ul></li><li>● Individuals who test positive must stay home for at least 5 days from symptom onset (Day 0), or if they are asymptomatic, at least 5 days from the testing date (Day 0). Individuals who have tested positive may return to school after 5 full days at home (return between days 6 - 10) if</li></ul>

	<p>they follow these expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow the list of expectations in CDC isolation guidelines</li> <li>○ Wear a well-fitting mask when around others until day 10. If a face covering can not be worn properly or the individual refuses to wear a face covering, the staff or student must remain in isolation for the entire 10 days or 2 consecutive negative tests 48 hours apart between Day 6 and 10. Day 11 would be the first day back to school without a mask in most cases.</li> <li>○ Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.</li> <li>○ Other symptoms have improved.</li> <li>○ Individuals with symptoms should continue to isolate for the full 10 days.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Additional guidance for return to athletics</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Vaccinations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Watertown-Mayer Public Schools will not require COVID-19 vaccinations for the 2022-2023 school year, but they are strongly encouraged by MDH.</li> <li>● Those who have not been vaccinated will not be segregated from any school populations and will be welcomed by all.</li> </ul> <p><b>Testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MDH and CDC recommend testing for anyone with one of the more common COVID-19 symptoms or two of the less common symptoms</li> <li>● CDC recommends all those, vaccinated and unvaccinated, who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, be tested 5 days after exposure, even if asymptomatic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Student Support and Services</b></p>	<p>All student support programs and services will continue as usual for students attending school in-person and online. Students receiving special education, English Language, mental health, and other academic and/or social emotional support will continue to have access to these programs throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>Technology Services</b></p>	<p><b>Kindergarten - 4th Grade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students in grades K-4 will have school-issued devices at school</li> <li>● Kindergarten -1st grade students will have iPads</li> <li>● 2nd - 4th grade students will have Chromebooks</li> </ul> <p><b>5th - 12th Grade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5th - 12th grade students will have <u>three</u> options for device obtainment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Utilize a personal, family-owned device</li> <li>○ Borrow a district-owned Chromebook.</li> <li>○ Participate in the Best Buy dual-funded program and purchase a discounted device.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Transportation Services</b></p>	<p>Bus transportation will be offered as usual for students during the 22-23 school year. The district will continue working closely with our transportation providers to follow the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC, MDH, and local health officials. Details regarding bus routes will be sent to families from Koch Bus Company in August. For questions relating to busing and transportation, please contact Koch Bus Company at 952-955-1866.</p>
<p><b>Kids Company and Caring Hands Childcare</b></p>	<p>Fee-based childcare will be available to all families depending on space and staffing during the 22-23 school year. Please access Kids Company Child Care Registration at <a href="https://wm.ce.eleyo.com/">https://wm.ce.eleyo.com/</a>. For more information regarding programming, visit the <a href="#">Kids Company Website</a> or call 952-955-0283.</p>
<p><b>Student and Family Resources</b></p>	<p>As you continue to navigate through these challenging times, please refer to our school social worker/counselor, our list of <a href="#">Carver Co. Community Resources</a>, or the <a href="#">Carver County Website</a> for support and resources. <a href="#">Community Resources   Carver County, MN</a></p>
<p><b>Athletics and Activities</b></p>	<p>Athletics and activities will operate as usual and the district will continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota State High School League and Minnesota Department of Education. Questions should be sent to Paul Szymanski, Athletic Director, at <a href="mailto:paul.szymanski@wm.k12.mn.us">paul.szymanski@wm.k12.mn.us</a>.</p>
<p><b>Requests for ADA Accommodations for Students and Employees</b></p>	<p>Requests for ADA accommodations can be emailed to Vicki Braegelmann at <a href="mailto:vbraegelmann@wm.k12.mn.us">vbraegelmann@wm.k12.mn.us</a>. If a staff member is at risk and feels he/she been denied a reasonable accommodation, they can call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights' Discrimination Helpline at 833-454-0148.</p>