

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools

Safe Learning Plan for 2021-22

Updated 8-16-21

Learning Options for Watertown-Mayer K-12 Students	<p>Students at Watertown-Mayer will have the following learning options available to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● In-Person Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All students in grade Pk-12 will return to in-person learning, five days a week.● Full Time Online Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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 Enterprise website.
Young Royals Preschool	<p>Students enrolled in Young Royals Preschool will be learning in-person with several enrollment options available. For questions regarding programming, please contact Susie Retterath, Program Coordinator, at sretterath@wm.k12.mn.us. To register for preschool or other early childhood programs, please use our online registration system.</p>
Prevention & Mitigation Strategies	<p>Masks/Face Coverings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Masks/Face Coverings will not be required inside or outside of Watertown-Mayer District facilities for staff or students, but are strongly recommended and left to the discretion of each individual/family. Students and staff who choose to wear masks in school will be welcomed by all● Masks/Face Coverings will be required on student transportation. This is a federal requirement and not a rule under the authority of the state or school district.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This is currently mandated through September 13, 2021. We will update families if there is a shift in this timeline.● Throughout the school year the district will continue to monitor positive COVID-19 case rates through continued communication with Carver County Public Health. We will communicate to staff and families if changes are necessary during the school year.

Social Distancing

- Social distancing is not required and there are currently no group size limits.
- We will make efforts to provide social distancing as space allows. This will continue to be monitored and could change based on conditions in the school setting.

COVID-19 Symptoms and Confirmed Cases

- Families and staff should continue to monitor and look for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home from school when showing symptoms or feeling ill.
- Report any COVID-19 symptoms and/or positive cases immediately.
 - Employees report to your supervisor.
 - Students and families please report COVID-19 Symptoms to the front office of your school building.
- Confirmed positive COVID-19 cases will continue to be reported to MDH.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, Watertown-Mayer will require that student/staff member to:
 - Stay home for 10 days after symptom onset or 10 days after specimen collection date
 - AND they must be fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication
 - AND show that other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Quarantine & Contact Tracing

- Only people who test positive for COVID-19 and their unvaccinated household members will be required to quarantine.
- Families and staff will be notified if there is a positive case in one of their classrooms and they can determine, on their own, if they wish to quarantine.
 - If there are three or more positive COVID-19 cases in any classroom over a two week period, mitigation measures will be reviewed in consultation with MDH and Carver County Public Health.
 - Quarantined students will receive instruction similar to other long-term absences and follow student absentee protocols.
- Contact Tracing will only be done if required by MDH.

	<p>Vaccinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watertown-Mayer Public Schools will not require COVID-19 vaccinations for the 2021-2022 school year, but they are strongly encouraged by MDH. • Those who have not been vaccinated will not be segregated from any school populations and will be welcomed by all. <p>Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDH and CDC recommend testing for anyone with one of the more common COVID-19 symptoms or two of the less common symptoms • CDC recommends all those, vaccinated and unvaccinated, who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, be tested 3 to 5 days after exposure, even if asymptomatic. <p>Cleaning & Sanitizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district will follow all cleaning and sanitizing protocols required by the State. • We will continue our cleaning plan for daily cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces to reduce the spreading of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. • Heating and ventilation systems have been assessed and maintained for proper ventilation and filtration. Systems are continuously monitored for healthy indoor air quality that meets industry standards while maximizing fresh air intake.
<p>Student Support and Services</p>	<p>All student support programs and services will continue as usual next year 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>Technology Services</p>	<p>Kindergarten - 4th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in grades K-4 will have school-issued devices at school • Kindergarten -1st grade students will have iPads • 2nd - 4th grade students will have Chromebooks <p>5th - 12th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - 12th grade students will have <u>three</u> options for device obtainment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize a personal, family-owned device ○ Borrow a district-owned Chromebook. ○ Participate in the Best Buy dual-funded program and purchase a

	discounted device.
Food Services	<p>Due to additional funding and support from the state of Minnesota, the district will continue to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost during the 21-22 school year. Despite funding from the State, families are encouraged to continue to apply for free and reduced meals through the online portal as this impacts future funding.</p> <p>Meals will be served in the cafeteria and proper cleaning and sanitizing protocols will take place. More information regarding meal distribution for students participating in online learning will be shared closer to the start of the 21-22 school year.</p>
Transportation Services	<p>Bus transportation will be offered as usual for students during the 21-22 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. All passengers are required by the CDC to wear masks/face coverings on buses. 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>
Kids Company and Caring Hands Childcare	<p>Fee-based childcare will be available to all families depending on space and staffing during the 21-22 school year. Please access Kids Company Child Care Registration at https://wm.ce.eleyo.com/. For more information regarding programming, visit the Kids Company Website or call 952-955-0283.</p>
Student and Family Resources	<p>As you continue to navigate through these challenging times, please refer to this communication from the District Mental Health Team, our list of Carver Co. Community Resources and the Carver County Website for support and resources.</p>
Athletics and Activities	<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 paul.szymanski@wm.k12.mn.us.</p>
Requests for ADA Accommodations for Students and Employees	<p>Requests for ADA accommodations can be emailed to Vicki Braegelmann at vbraegelmann@wm.k12.mn.us. 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>