

# Northfield Nursery School COVID-19 Procedures

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures for handling COVID-19 in the Northfield public school district. These protocols apply to all employees, students, volunteers, and visitors except where stated otherwise. Northfield Nursery School has considered the social, educational, political, and financial implications of these procedures. Vaccination is strongly recommended to protect against serious illness from COVID-19.

## Face Coverings

- Face coverings are optional inside Northfield Nursery School.

## Cleaning and hygiene

- There will be routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in classrooms and common spaces.
- Healthy hygiene behaviors, such as regular hand washing, are strongly recommended.

## Handling students and staff with influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms

- Students with influenza-like or COVID-19-like illness symptoms are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 test. Students who test negative or who choose not to test may return when symptoms have improved. Rapid antigen tests are available for free at Northfield public school offices while supplies last.

## Isolation for students and staff who test positive for COVID-19

**Isolation is required** for any student, participant, or staff who tests positive for COVID-19. They must report a positive COVID-19 test to their school office and stay home until all of the following have been met:

- They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better; and,
- It has been five (5) days since symptom onset (or from the date of the test if asymptomatic); and,
- They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using a medicine that lowers fever.

## Reporting

- Weekly aggregate reports of COVID-19 cases will be reported by each building following Minnesota Department of Health procedures.

- The Northfield public school district will no longer publish the number of COVID-19 cases on its website. It will publish the weekly influenza-like illness rate at each school.

## **Questions**

- Please direct any COVID-19 questions to your child's physician.
- Please direct any feedback about this plan to [president@northfieldnurseryschool.com](mailto:president@northfieldnurseryschool.com) or [director@northfieldnurseryschool.com](mailto:director@northfieldnurseryschool.com)