

ISD 318 COVID Mitigation Decision Model

2021-2022 School Year

During the 2021-2022 School Year, we will use the following thresholds for mask requirements in our schools. If masking fails to slow the spread, the district may implement enhanced quarantine and mitigation measures based on close contacts with known positive COVID-19 cases. If a cluster of positive cases appears in an elementary classroom, the classroom will be moved to distance learning temporarily.

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Elementary Classroom Level Indicator*	Number of students who are out of school for COVID-19 during a 7-day period.	0 to 1		2 or more
	Response	Strongly recommend face coverings for staff and students.		Face coverings required for students and staff in the affected classroom.

* Secondary students are exposed to multiple classrooms throughout the day. Masking requirements will be applied at a school level in the middle and high schools.

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
School Level Indicator	Percentage of students and staff who are out of school/work for COVID-19 during a 7-day period.**	0-1.9%	2-2.9%	3%+
	Response	Strongly recommend face coverings for staff and students.	Share communication about the level of transmission and strongly recommend face coverings for all.	Face coverings required for students and staff in the affected building.

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
District Level Indicator	Percentage of students and staff who are out of school/work for COVID-19 during a 7-day period.**	0-1.9%	2-2.9%	3%+
	Response	Strongly recommend face coverings for staff and students.		Face coverings required for students and staff district-wide.

**The Minnesota Department of Health has set a threshold of 5% of influenza-like illness for school reporting. Our threshold is set at 3% to slow the spread before hitting that reference point. In smaller buildings, one isolated cluster can influence building-wide percentages so unique situations will be considered.

COVID mitigation decisions related to masking and/or quarantines may also include, but not be limited to: county case rates, positivity rates, staffing, local hospital capacity, and rates of non-COVID respiratory illnesses in schools. That means variations from this model could be required based on rapidly changing or unique situations.