



School Board Resolution

Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Independent School District [insert number] [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Leadership Team (Cabinet) of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent and Leadership Team (Cabinet) of Shakopee Public Schools has recommended to the School Board that the following be implemented at the commencement of the 2021-2022 school year:

Shakopee Public Schools has worked diligently to be measured, consistent and thoughtful in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The primary guiding principle since the start of the pandemic has been to maintain an appropriate balance between the health and safety of our students, staff and community AND providing the best learning opportunities possible for our students.

The district has also been supported by the Scott County Department of Health, and has relied on input and constructive feedback from the Pandemic Response Advisory Team (PRAT). The members of the PRAT have

invested much time and effort into becoming well informed on the many aspects of the COVID-19, and specifically its potential impact on school district services and activities. The PRAT consists of parents, students, teachers, staff, school board members and district leaders.

At all times, in all locations, for all ages, Shakopee Public Schools will employ the following health and safety mitigation recommendations from MDH and MDE:

- Increased ventilation and air flow inside buildings
- Cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces
- Greater emphasis on handwashing and hygiene
- Greater emphasis on respiratory etiquette
- Social distancing when practicable
- Wearing face masks when riding on school buses as required by federal law

Persons with symptoms of COVID-19, or persons infected by COVID-19 must follow health and safety rules and not be present in the school zone.

Rules and procedures for Shakopee Public Schools by specific school/program settings:

Grades 7-12

- All persons are recommended to wear face masks when inside school buildings, and at outdoor events where there are crowds of people in close proximity to one another.
- Unvaccinated persons are strongly recommended to wear face masks when inside school buildings, and at outdoor events where crowds of people are in close proximity to one another.
- Information about COVID-19 cases in school will be shared by the school district.

General Masking Rule for Grades K-6 and Ages 3-5 (early learning programs)

[Until such time as a vaccine is available to persons under the age of 12]

14-day COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents of Scott County (as calculated by initial daily reports from MDH) less than 20 cases per 10,000

- All persons are recommended to wear face masks when inside school buildings, and at outdoor events where there are crowds of people in close proximity to one another.
- Unvaccinated persons are strongly recommended to wear face masks when inside school buildings, and at outdoor events where crowds of people are in close proximity to one another.
- Information about COVID-19 cases in school will be shared by the school district.

[Until such time as a vaccine is available to persons under the age of 12]

14-day COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents of Scott County (as calculated by initial daily reports from MDH) at 20 or more cases per 10,000

- All persons (including adults) are required to wear face masks when inside school buildings, and at outdoor events where there are crowds of people in close proximity to one another.
 - Requirement will remain in place until cases per 10,000 for Scott County fall below 10 for five consecutive days. When this happens, face masks will no longer be required.

- Greater emphasis on seating charts (classroom and lunchroom), cohorting, travel patterns within buildings, etc.
- Information about COVID-19 cases in school will be shared by the school district.

Site Specific Masking Rule for Grades K-6 and Ages 3-5 (early learning programs)

[Until such time as a vaccine is available to persons under the age of 12]

Any level of 14-day COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents of Scott County (as calculated by initial daily reports from MDH)

Percentage of COVID-19 (and COVID-like) Cases by Elementary School, Ages 3-5 (early learning program), or 6th Grades at each Middle School Site

- Eight individual sites: Red Oak Elementary, Eagle Creek Elementary, Sun Path Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Sweeney Elementary, Pearson Early Learning Center, 6th Grade- East Middle School, and 6th Grade- West Middle School
 - When a site (an elementary school, Pearson Early Learning Center), or a sixth grade only at one of the middle schools) reaches 5% of its student population infected with COVID-19 (and COVID-like cases), the building/site will require face masks for all persons (students and staff)
 - Face masks will be required for the site until such time as the percentage of COVID-19 cases at that site falls below 3% for five consecutive days

NOTE: The K-6 and ages 3-5 (early learning programs) protocols will remain in effect until COVID-19 vaccinations are widely available for children ages 3-11.

Calculating the 14-day Average of COVID-19 Cases in Scott County

As was done for much of last school year, in an effort to get the most current information possible, Shakopee Public Schools will use the DAILY TRACKING OF THE ORIGINAL MDH COVID-19 REPORTS FOR SCOTT COUNTY to determine the 14-day rolling average of cases per 10,000 for Scott County. These cases are the newly reported confirmed cases originally reported by the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOTE: The numbers in these calculations tend to be lower than the periodic and final MDH reports, as they use only the original reports of only confirmed cases (and do not include probable cases).

[Internal Tracking](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 720 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the health and safety measures shared earlier in this document to open the 2021-2022 school year

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health

considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District’s efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk