



COVID-19 Mitigation Matrix

Sartell-St. Stephen Schools will use various indicators of COVID-19 transmission levels to determine when District mitigation strategies need to be adjusted (increase or decrease). Data sources include local school district information from Stearns County Public Health as well as school-level information.

TRANSMISSION INDICATORS AND RESPONSES*

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Percent of students/staff in each building who test positive for COVID-19 or who have COVID like symptoms during a 7-day period	<1%	1-2.99%	3-5%	5%+
School Building Vaccination Rate (Grades 7-12 or until vaccination is available to all ages.)	70%+			
School District 14 day case rate per 10,000	<2	2-9.99	10-19.99	20+
Stearns County 14 day case rate per 10,000	<2	2-9.99	10-19.99	20+
Stearns County Positivity Rate	<1%	1-2.99%	3-5%	5%+
Response	Recommend face coverings for students and staff. Require positive cases to isolate and recommend all household close contacts to quarantine. Visitors are allowed in buildings during the school day.	Require face coverings for students and staff in school buildings. Require positive cases to isolate and recommend all household close contacts to quarantine. Visitors are allowed in buildings during the school day.	Require face coverings for students and staff in school buildings. Require positive cases and all household close contacts quarantine. Visitors are allowed in buildings during the school day.	Require face coverings in all facilities at all times. Require isolation for positive cases and quarantine for household contacts. No visitors to buildings during the school day.

*The transmission rate and appropriate response will be determined by the District Administrative COVID-19 Team, in consultation with Stearns County Public Health and local medical providers. This team will conduct a regular review of these indicators, giving weight to the District/School Building-specific data in making the determination. *In the case of **significantly high transmission** within a classroom or school building or the **inability to appropriately staff** a classroom/building, consideration will be given to temporary distance learning. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.