



## School Board Resolution

### Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year

To be implemented starting on January 3, 2022

*Replaces previous resolutions approved by the School Board on August 23, 2021 and September 27, 2021*

**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 720, 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 January 3, 2021:

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, as long as practical and recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Shakopee Public Schools will employ the following health and safety mitigation strategies:

- 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 currently required by federal order

**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 for all school programs and settings (E-12):**

- As long as the recommendation from the Minnesota Department of Health is in place, 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.
- Information about COVID-19 cases in school will be shared by the school district.
- Should the 14-day COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents of Scott County (as calculated by initial daily reports of only confirmed cases from MDH) reach 40 or greater for three consecutive days, all persons will be required to wear a face mask while inside school district buildings.
  - This requirement will remain in effect until the cases per 10,000 falls below 40 for ten consecutive days -or- 35 for five consecutive days, whichever occurs first.
- Should the percentage of COVID-19 cases plus COVID-like illness (CLI) reach 5% or more of the total population of students and staff in an individual school building, the school district will consult with the Minnesota Department of Health as to appropriate next steps.

**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 beginning on January 3, 2022.

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 22nd day of November, 2021.