

Update from Superintendent Dr. Corneille - Oct. 30, 2020

St. Anthony-New Brighton families,

The following information will cover these five topics. Clicking on a topic will bring you to that particular section; however, we recommend reading the entire message to stay informed.

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Current Modified Hybrid model

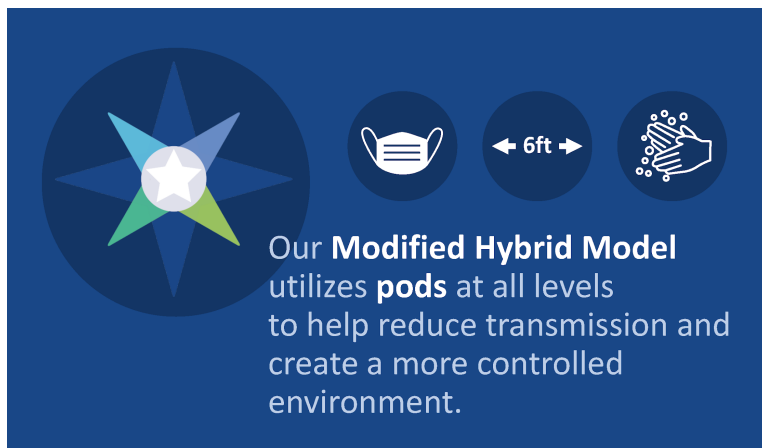
We are now about to enter our third month in a Modified Hybrid Model format. We have made recent adjustments at Wilshire Park Elementary School (WP)— second grade cohorts twice/week in-person; grades three through five moved to an in-person rotation every three weeks. In addition, WP teachers are now able to focus either on distance learning or in-person learning/support.

Our secondary students in middle and high school have stayed the same, with St. Anthony Middle School (SAMS) on an in-person every three-week rotation (same as grades 3-5 at WP) and St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS) providing in-person support on a daily basis to approximately 50 students. ***All grade levels six-12 are utilizing distance learning, regardless if in-person or at-home learning is taking place.***

This updated Modified Hybrid Model allows the district and schools to now easily move to a more-restrictive model (DL-only learning model) and a less-restrictive model (hybrid or in-person models) without major obstacles. Our plan is to continue to remain in this current model as long as possible, or as otherwise directed by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

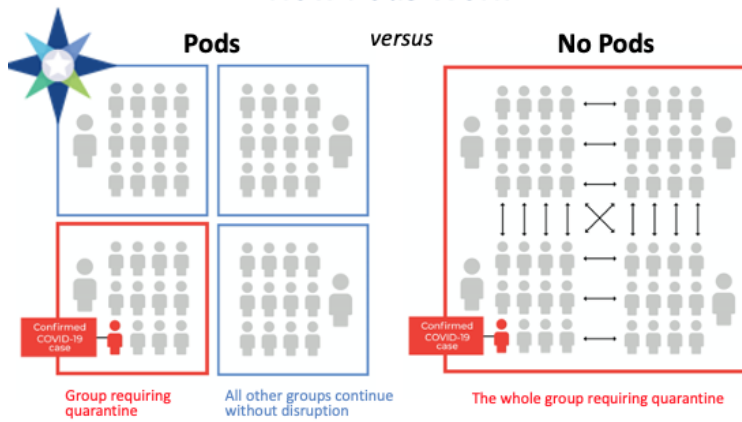
The three-week rotation at our elementary and middle school helps provide a 14-day quarantine between when students enter our buildings. This helps reduce the number of students in the building, ultimately mitigating the risk of staff, students, and pod exposure to COVID-19.

Pods at all levels



Pods— utilized at every level, building— is one of the biggest reasons why this model can maintain its current structure.

How Pods Work



Limitations to the Model



If a teacher has to quarantine due to confirmed exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, the district/school will need to find a substitute.

Unfortunately, **subs are limited**.



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If no sub is available, may need to notify parents/guardians (like a snow day)

Staffing levels

Even with the use of pods in a Modified Hybrid Learning model, our current staffing levels are stretched thin with limited substitutes available.

When a teacher/pod leader needs to be placed on a 14-day quarantine due to becoming sick or after being exposed to a positive case of COVID-19, it places stress on the school system. Our schools will need to find a substitute teacher to fill in while the teacher/pod leader is absent (until further notice).

Without a substitute, the classroom pod will need to be shut down. Families would be notified—potentially the night before via a phone call/text/email, similar to a snow day notification—that the pod cannot meet until the teacher/pod leader returns. This includes in-person and distance learning teachers in grades K-12 and childcare groups at Wilshire Park.

Call for substitute teachers

We are seeking individuals who are willing to be hired as part- or full-time substitutes in our schools. That additional support—even one to two days a week—will help the district remain in the current Modified Hybrid model even longer. Apply online at isd282.org/subs

Important ways to keep our school community healthy

Please take a moment to review the [MDH guidance on celebrating Halloween and upcoming family gatherings this holiday season](#). In addition, make sure to do the online health screening through Skyward for your student(s) prior to entering any school building.

Wanted: substitute teachers

Have you considered becoming a substitute teacher for St. Anthony-New Brighton?

- Flexible options (distance learning or in-person)
- Anyone with a four-year degree is eligible
- Perfect for recent graduates or retirees



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These mitigation strategies help keep our schools operating in the current model:

- Wearing masks/face coverings.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Keep gatherings within the recommended MDH guidelines.
- Health screenings in Skyward before entering school buildings.

As always, thank you for your continued support and participation in helping keep our students, our staff, and our community safe.

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Additional resources

[Minnesota Department of Health](#) (MDH) hotline at 651-201-5414

[City of St. Anthony Village website](#)

[City of New Brighton website](#)