



Naytahwaush Community Charter School ISD 4155

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2021-2022

Introduction

Naytahwaush Community Charter School is committed to having all students learn in-person for the 2021-22 school year. We will continue our efforts to maintain the health and safety of students and staff for the 2021-22 school year by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements. As they evaluate the pandemic data and adjust requirements, NCCS's plan will be adjusted to align.

Social Distancing

Social distancing means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. NCCS will try to create as much distance as possible between individuals during the day.

Face Coverings

Masks are mandated for staff and students. Parents and visitors will be required to wear masks when entering the building.

Masks are required while students are being transported on the school bus or vans.

Vaccinations

Naytahwaush Community Charter School has strongly encouraged all staff members to get a COVID vaccination for the safety of themselves and our students, although it is not a requirement.

There is no requirement for students to be vaccinated in order to attend school.

Hygiene Practices

NCCS will ensure the availability of appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors and strategically place supplies in areas where they may be frequently used.

NCCS will build routines of hand hygiene into the daily school schedule that will: teach and reinforce handwashing with soap for at least 20 seconds and/or the use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cleaning and Materials Handling

Students will keep personal items in individual cubbies, containers, desks or lockers. Each student will be assigned a technological device to use and will use that specific technological device only.

Regular cleaning and sanitation will take place throughout the day.

Monitoring and Excluding for Illness

Parents are responsible for reporting any symptoms their students may have, as soon as they occur. Parents should be conducting daily wellness checks of their children before sending them to school (see checklist below). Minnesota Department of Health quarantine guidelines must be followed.

Staff will monitor students throughout the school day, and will be reminded to report any symptoms.

Any staff member or student experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home and must follow all guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Health, Regional Support Team and Naytahwaush Community Charter School. NCCS will follow any quarantine guidelines from MDH in regards to symptoms, positive test or close contact exposure.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater, or chills
- A new cough
- Shortness of breath
- Abnormal fatigue
- A new muscle or body ache
- A new headache
- A new loss of taste or smell
- A new sore throat
- Diarrhea

Mental Health and Wellness

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing a tremendous amount of stress, fear and anxiety for many people. It's important that Minnesotans have access to the mental health care resources they need to stay well during this challenging time. Schools can plan an important role in helping students and staff cope, access needed resources and build resilience.

NCCS will provide staff, families and students with information on how to access resources for mental health and wellness.

Transportation

- Students are required to remain in their assigned seats the whole route.
- No eating or drinking while on the bus.
- No bus passes will be given out.
 - Containing students in pods reduces the risk of exposure.
 - Parents/Guardians will be responsible for alternative transportation arrangements.
- Buses should be sanitized between routes.
- Masks are required to be worn on the bus and vans.

Visitors

At this time, visitors are welcome in the building and need to adhere to our health and safety guidelines.