

2023-2024 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Fertile-Beltrami Public School

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Fertile-Beltrami Public School is committed to providing a safe and healthy school/ workplace for all our staff, students, and visitors. To ensure we have a safe and healthy school/workplace, the district has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All employees are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our school/workplace.

This COVID-19 Plan follows:

1. ensuring sick employees and students stay home and identification and isolation of sick persons;
2. social distancing – employees and students are encouraged to remain at least three to six feet apart wherever possible;
3. student and employee hygiene and source controls;
4. workplace building and ventilation protocol;
5. workplace cleaning and disinfection protocol; and
6. ensuring employees are afforded their appropriate regulatory rights under federal and state laws;
7. communications and training practices and protocol.

The development of this plan uses MDH and MDE guidance related to school openings. Details from this guidance include:

1. protocols for guests and visitors;
2. additional protections and protocols for personal protective equipment (PPE);
3. additional protections and protocol for sanitation and hygiene;
4. additional protections and protocols for handwashing;
5. additional protections and protocol for distancing and barriers;
6. additional protections and protocol for access to district buildings and work assignment;

Health Screening

Students, families and employees must use the self-assessment tool located on the School District website at <http://fertilebeltrami.k12.mn.us/>. Students, visitors and employees must self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming to school or riding buses.

The school district will use the Fertile-Beltrami Decision Tree as a guide when a positive case is identified or when a person is symptomatic.

FB adheres to all federal and state regulations and laws to protect the privacy of student and employee health status and information.

Employees

1. A [self-assessment](#) is to be used by each employee before entering school grounds
2. Contact your health provider immediately if :
 - a. You have received a positive COVID-19 test; or
 - b. You have known exposure to COVID-19.
3. Employees should not report to work until cleared to do so.

Students

1. A [self-assessment](#) is to be used by each student before entering school grounds or school transportation by the student, parent or caregiver.
2. Students must stay home if indicated by the self-assessment.
3. Parents of students must contact School Nurse Kari Bolstad if :
 - a. You are experiencing symptoms as described in the self-assessment;
 - b. You have received a positive COVID-19 test; or
 - c. You have known exposure to COVID-19.
4. Parents must notify the office for student absences.

Visitors

1. All visitors must report to the Main Office located at the SE Entrance of the school.
2. A [self-assessment](#) is required to be used for each visitor entering school grounds.
3. Visitors who are experiencing symptoms as described in the [self-assessment](#) are not to enter a building and should contact Nurse Kari Bolstad for further direction.

Self-Assessment for Employees, Students, and Visitors

- Symptoms of COVID-19 include the following (A checklist from the Minnesota Department of Health):
 - 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
- Parents are responsible for reporting to the school office of their child's attendance any symptoms their students may have, as soon as they occur.
- Staff will monitor students throughout the day, and will be reminded to report any symptoms to an adult in the school building.
- Any staff member or student experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.

Quarantine

Fertile-Beltrami School will follow the Fertile-Beltrami Decision Tree.

Hand washing

1. Employees are required to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their shift, prior to any mealtimes and after using the restroom.
2. Hand-sanitizer dispensers are at entrances and high traffic locations throughout the school.

Face Coverings

Fertile-Beltrami Public school will review [CDC](#), [MDH](#), and [MDE](#) guidance regarding face covering recommendations for K-12 Schools. FB will review face covering recommendations as guidance changes or local data requires.

1. Face coverings are not required, for all students, staff and visitors to district facilities.

Social Distancing

Social distancing will be encouraged between employees, students and visitors.

Classrooms

1. Instructional plans will be created to limit the sharing of materials and equipment when possible.
2. FB will use an In-Person Learning Model for student education.

Drinking Fountains

Bottle-filling stations will be accessible and students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school.

Hallways/Common Spaces

Adhere to social distancing guidelines as possible.

Outdoor Recess

Students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after using playground equipment.

Drop-off, pick-up and delivery practices

The SE entrance (Main Office) will be used for drop-off and delivery.

Meals

Student meals will be served in the Cafeteria. Families are encouraged to complete the Lunch application online at <http://fertilebeltrami.k12.mn.us/>. A paper copy is available-contact Alley Engelstad at 945-6953.

Vaccinations

Vaccination information is provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Minnesota Department of Health and Polk County Public Health.

Coordination with State and Local Public Health

FB will consult with Polk County Public health regarding Covid-19 information.

Cleaning

Routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment, tools and areas in the school environment, including restrooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas. Employees will be required to do the following:

1. Clean and sanitize their workstation area.
2. Common areas, such as conference rooms, will be stocked with wipes and/or cleaning supplies to use prior to and after use.

Appropriate and effective cleaning/disinfectant supplies are available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product. The max amount of fresh air is being brought into the workplace, air recirculation is being limited and ventilation systems are being properly used and maintained.

The following measures will be implemented within district transportation:

- Buses will be cleaned routinely with special attention to high touch areas.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to students as they board the bus.
- Additional ventilation will be provided where possible from partially opening windows and/or roof hatches as conditions permit.

Ventilation

Fertile-Beltrami School completed ventilation upgrades the Summer of 2017 to modernize the operational capacity of indoor ventilation systems and implemented a plan to increase and maintain ventilation provided throughout indoor spaces. Standards were implemented to maximize outside air intake, to reduce contaminants, minimize recirculation, whenever possible, while maintaining indoor air conditions. Building systems are inspected and controls were set to increase outside air intake. FB Maintenance will continue to monitor HVAC systems to ensure proper ventilation.

Communication/Training

The Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan will be posted on the District website at <http://fertilebeltrami.k12.mn.us/>

Additional information will be communicated to all employees, students and visitors, about protections and protocols, including:

1. social distancing protocols and practices;
2. material and meals;
3. practices for hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette; and
4. recommendations regarding the use of masks, face-coverings and/or face-shields.
5. Employees, students and visitors will also be advised not to enter the workplace if they are experiencing symptoms or have recently tested positive for COVID-19.

All Administrators, supervisors and staff are to take an active role and collaborate in carrying out the various aspects of this plan, and update the protections, protocols, work-practices and training as necessary. This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been approved by the Fertile-Beltrami School Board.

Survey & Results for Back to School Plan

We're always interested in feedback- fill out the Input Survey at <https://forms.gle/SBwWYHbHgL95yVu67> if you would like to share your thoughts. A copy of the proposed plan and survey is posted on the District website at <http://fertilebeltrami.k12.mn.us/>