

FB Back to School Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

On July 30th, MN Department of Education issued directions for how schools can open for the 2020-2021 school year. A system using Covid-19 cases by county and consultation with Public Health will be used to determine the learning scenario schools can operate under. Data used to determine a learning scenario is based on a 14 day average. Depending upon the number of cases, we will need to move between scenarios as the cases move up or down (posted on the District website and sent through School Messenger). Listed below are the criteria and Learning Scenario:

Case Rate per 10,000 people	Learning Scenario
0 to 10	In Person
10 to less than 20	Elem= In Person HS=Hybrid
20 to less than 30	Elem and HS= Hybrid
30 to less than 50	Elem=Hybrid HS=Distance Learning
50 and over	Elem and HS= Distance Learning

County Data can be found at <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/safe-learning-plan/overview.jsp>

General Information For In-Person and Hybrid Learning Scenarios:

- We will use hand sanitizers, model hand washing protocols and will allow time within the day for hand washing. Hand sanitizers will be in every classroom.
- We will practice physical distancing as set forth and appropriate for each learning scenario.
- We will be following MDH's current guidelines for exclusion/isolation.
- Per the governor's executive order 20-81, students in grades K-12 will need to wear masks or shields that cover their nose and mouth when inside the building. Face masks are part of this year's school supplies. We recommend a minimum of 2 cloth masks per child. We will provide 2 masks to begin and face shields as a choice.
- Students will be assigned their own Laptop (7-12) or iPad (K-6).
- Students will need their own school supplies; they will not be able to share items such as crayons, markers, etc.
- Students should bring a refillable water bottle for their own use. The use of drinking fountains in the more traditional fashion will be closed.

- Lockers-In order to increase social distancing- Hallway lockers will be used on a limited basis, lockers should be used to hang coats and other winter gear. Textbooks and other school supplies will need to be with students throughout the day.
- Students will be allowed to carry backpacks throughout the day and in class

- Schedules will be adjusted for passing times, recess, and lunch to allow for greater physical distance between students.
- Entrance to the buildings by visitors will be limited- we strongly encourage you to contact the Office before coming on site at 218-945-6953 or 218-945-6933. Visitors will be screened at the entrance (temperature checks and questionnaires) and must wear a mask when present in the building. This applies to ALL visitors.
- The SE Entrance to the school is designated as the main point of access for all visitors or deliveries. Visitors must sign in at the District Office and have an appointment or specific purpose for entering the building. Deliveries to students must be labelled with their names and can be dropped off in the entrance.
- All use of the district's buildings for purposes outside regular student instruction must be pre-approved by the superintendent and building principal.

Cleaning and Sanitation:

- The building has cleaning equipment and a daily plan for sanitizing throughout.
- Each classroom is supplied with bottles of disinfectant. Staff and students will be instructed in how to best use the disinfectant, and will clean their desks each day.
- Frequently touched surfaces and high traffic areas will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day by custodial staff.
- Each school bus will be sanitized after completion of each route.

Food Service:

- Breakfast and lunch will be available to students in a "Grab and Go" format and served in the Cafeteria or Classroom pending In Person or Hybrid scenario status.
- In the event we are required to enter into a distance learning scenario, pre-packaged meals will be available, potentially on delivery basis to rural areas and grab and go in town.
- Students may bring their own lunch

Transportation:

- Transportation will be provided both in the in-person and the hybrid model.
- Drivers are equipped with masks and face shields
- The first seat behind the driver will need to be kept vacant
- Family groups need to sit together on the bus and remain in their seats until dropped off.
- Fill the bus from back to front
- Buses will be sanitized after each route
- To decrease exposure, we encourage families that are able to drive their children to school to do so. If you can or plan to drop your children off at school this year, please contact the office to inform us of your plans (Alley 218-945-6933 or Josh 218-945-6079).
- We will limit in-town pickups to designated areas and will contact you regarding pick up and drop off times prior to the start of school

Health Screenings and Practices:

BEFORE SCHOOL EVERY DAY

- School staff need to self-screen at home, monitoring temperature and symptoms
- A staff member who has symptoms of any airborne illness needs to stay home and remain home according to MDH's current guidelines.

- Any staff member with symptoms of COVID19 should plan to get tested ASAP to either confirm or rule out COVID19.
- **Students must be screened at home daily prior to coming to school.** Students with new onset of the following should stay home:
 - Fever of 100.0 or higher
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- **For school to remain open- it's important you keep students at home if they feel sick.** Call the school if your child is staying home due to illness or the need to quarantine for a time. 218-945-6933 (Alley or aengelstad@isd599.org for attendance)
- If a student becomes ill while at school, family will be contacted immediately and will be required to pick the student up from school. Our building has an isolation room (School Board Conference rm) where a student who is sick may wait until pick-up. School nurse Kari Bolstad can be contacted at 218-945-6953 or kbolstad@isd599.org
- If the student's symptoms are consistent with COVID-19 symptoms, the student should be seen by the primary health care provider.
- In cooperation with the MN Department of Health and Polk County Public Health, we will monitor public health indicators that show the extent of community spread.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID19 in our buildings, we will work with the Minnesota Department of Health and Polk County Health to determine next steps. Per CDC guidance, a single case in a building would most likely not result in closure of the entire school. Steps could include:
 - Contact tracing in the school setting to determine who should enter quarantine (close contact = being closer than 6 feet, for a period of at least 15 minutes, without a mask)
 - Potential move to a blended model for a specific classroom or group of classrooms
 - If enough cases are present, potential move to distance learning for the entire affected area of the school.
 - If it is determined that the district is a "hot spot", then the potential exists to move the entire district to the distance learning scenario for a time. That decision would be made under the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Education, and Polk County Public Health.

Student Instruction Scenarios

Scenario 1: In-person Learning

Scenario 2: Hybrid Learning

Scenario 3: Distance learning

Please Note- Any student uncomfortable coming back to school has the option for Distance Learning. Contact Principal Messick at 218-945-6953 or nmessick@isd599.org if you are interested in this option. If you choose to attend In-person or access the Hybrid Learning scenario when available- please notify the school and arrangements will be made for your student to transition back into the building. We will use a 5 day notice and turn around plan to move your student in or out of the Distance Learning option.

Scenario 1: In-person Learning:

In this scenario, students and staff will create as much space between one another as feasible during the day, but will not be held strictly to enforcing six feet of social distancing during primary instructional time.

Scenario 2: Hybrid Learning Option:

In this scenario FB will be required to limit the overall number people in school facilitate and on transportation to 50% maximum occupancy. Social distancing with at least 6 feet between people must occur. Please note that if County Cases are in the 10-19 Range- Elementary students would be In- Person learning, and Secondary students would be in the Hybrid learning option (see schedule below). Meals and school aged care are available during this scenario.

Schedule:

- Elementary students will attend school Monday through Friday.
- High School students will have In-Person Learning two days a week and Distance Learning three days a week.
- Rotation for HS students will be:

Group A - Monday and Tuesday In-Person Learning and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Distance Learning.

Group B - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Distance Learning and Thursday and Friday In-Person Learning

- On days students are not present in the school building, they are required to participate in instruction, based on the schedule developed and posted by the applicable teacher.

Scenario 3: Distance Learning Scenario:

This option is available to all students, anytime during the school year. If public health conditions call for distance learning for the district, all students will learn from home. New concepts will continue to be introduced to students, so it is imperative that students stay connected -- both with internet access and remaining engaged in instruction. Please contact Lu Larsen (218-945-6953 or llarsen@isd599.org) if you have concerns about connectivity. The length of time distance learning is in place will be determined by the status of public health in the area.

- Staff will provide instruction using Google Classroom. Scheduled weekly live instruction will be provided during regular school hours.
- Students will interact with their teachers and classmates via Google Classroom for the specified times each day. Each class will post the required schedule for students.
- Virtual tutoring services will be available if needed. Contact your teacher or Principal to schedule.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held remotely. Each building will schedule specific times. See the district calendar for dates.

Communication Avenues

- At any point if you have questions or concerns, please contact the school/person-- using contact numbers listed in this document.
- School will communicate with families via school schoolmessenger, email and the school district website
- Teachers will communicate with families and students using email and Google Classroom
- General announcements and updates will be posted the the School Website and Synergy

School Aged Care During Distance Learning or Hybrid Learning Model

- School aged care (ages 5-12) will be provided first for Tier 1 essential workers, Tier II and III based on availability.

Special Education

Students receiving individualized services through special education have important considerations in planning for in-person, hybrid, or distance learning. Fertile-Beltrami Public School has the goal of maximizing the effectiveness of specialized instruction while at the same time minimizing COVID-19 infection risk with safety measures. Special education supports and services are designed to meet the individual needs of each student.

A COVID-19 Contingency Learning Plan will be developed for each student receiving special education services during the 2020-2021 school year. This plan will describe how services would be delivered to each student under the three possible scenarios mandated by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Governor of Minnesota (in-person, hybrid, and distance learning). Special Education Case Managers will work with parents/guardians and members of the IEP team to develop each student's plan.

Activities/Athletics

All events/schedules will be posted to the District website activities calendar.
Dean of Students/AD- Chad Hitchen- chitchen@isd599.org, 218-945-6933

Student Instruction

Principal Nathaniel Messick- nmessick@isd599.org, 218-945-6953

Covid 19 Coordinator

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Health Services

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Social Emotional Well Being

Counselor Allie Sannes- asannes@isd599.org, 218-945-6953

Special Education/504

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