

SAUK RAPIDS-RICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A path for every student.

Top 3 Things You Need to Know This Week - August 6, 2021

#1 Masking

You may have heard of new masking guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). This guidance provides recommendations not requirements or mandates.*



Key Points:

- Sauk Rapids-Rice staff, students, families and community members have the option of wearing a face covering in district buildings*
- Face coverings are required on all district transportation; which includes van and bus transportation*
 - Masks are required for drivers and riders age 2 and older.
 - This requirement is a CDC mandate. This mandate regulates all forms of public transportation and is not an option for school districts or families/students using district transportation.

**The information is true and accurate at this time. The district will follow requirements from the state and state health department with regards to COVID-19.*

#2 Quarantining

The Minnesota Department of Health's Decision Tree is no longer in effect as of July 1, 2021. The following are district protocols for Covid close contact cases and positive cases.*



Key Points:

- Students and/or staff will be contacted by the district nurse or school administrator if they are identified as being in close contact with a positive Covid case.
 - Additional guidelines for close contacts will be provided no later than August 13, 2021
- If students and/or staff are notified of a close contact, the CDC and MDH recommend that they quarantine.
 - The district is currently reviewing those recommendations before providing specific guidelines. This will be done by August 13, 2021.
- Students and/or staff who test positive for Covid will be required to quarantine for ten days and be symptom free for 24 hours prior to coming back.
 - It is required that ISD 47 report all positive cases to the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Absences due to illness, Covid cases, or quarantine will be excused
 - No hybrid or distance learning will be offered
 - Classes will be in-person five days per week

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#3 Social Distancing

Social distancing will continue to take place to the extent possible and practical in district buildings.



Key Point:

- Students and staff will resume the use of large spaces such as gymnasiums, cafeterias, and media centers in district buildings.
 - For example, lunches will be in the cafeteria in the elementary buildings
- Regular cleaning and sanitizing protocols will continue in all district buildings, school buses and district transportation vehicles to help with mitigation.
 - Ventilation protocols will continue in all buildings

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