



2021-22 In-Person Learning Plan for Kelliher Public School

Schedules and programming will strive to return as close to traditional operations the fall of 2021 as possible. This includes the following:

Schedule

School will be in-person, five days per week with regular start and end times following the regular school calendar. Monday late start 9:25 a.m. start time with 3:15 p.m. release time. Tuesday-Friday 8:25 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Meals & Food Service

Breakfast and lunch will be FREE to all students again for the 2021-22 school year.

We depend greatly on our families continuing to complete their Free & Reduced Meals Application for other funding sources in the school district. Please continue completing your yearly household's Free & Reduced Meals Application.

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria unless notified otherwise.

The school's food service (kitchen) has established material and food procedures that meet the requirements of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Vaccines

The school is not requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff, visitors, or volunteers.

Families interested in information about vaccines (locations, dates, etc.) may contact Beltrami County Public Health (218)333-4223 for more details.

Social Distancing

Striving to create a physical distance of at least three feet apart between individuals when possible is *encouraged* at school but social distancing is no longer required.

Face Coverings

Indoors: Face coverings are supported as a precaution for everyone regardless of vaccination status but not required. The wearing of face coverings is optional, and that option will be allowed and supported for students and staff choosing to do so.

Transportation: Federal transportation regulations as of July 28, 2021, requires students and staff members to wear masks while on a school bus/vehicle, regardless of vaccination status.

Requiring students and staff to wear a mask on school buses/vehicles **is not a local decision**. School transportation is under the federal public transportation umbrella.

Riding on a school bus/vehicle has similar rules/expectations as flying on a commercial airplane.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

Specialist Classes (Music, Phy. Ed., etc.)

These classes will be held in the specialist classrooms (music room, gym, etc.).

Cleaning, Disinfecting, Sanitizing and Healthy Facilities

Cleaning routine protocols will continue to support mitigation of COVID-19 using approved disinfecting cleaning products. Products are used in accordance with their labels.

Visitors

Visitors will once again be welcomed at school. Visitors report to the school office upon entrance into the building.

Health Self-Screening and Quarantine

All students and staff are asked to conduct a daily health self-screen for symptoms of illness and stay home when necessary (when sick). If you are ill, stay home and report your symptoms to the school office. This is a good general health practice and was instrumental in slowing and preventing the spread of colds, flu's and COVID-19.

Schools continue to be mandated to report positive COVID-19 test cases to local public health and MDH.

This is not a local decision:

Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 Handling a confirmed case of COVID-19 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, childcare facility, or camp to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Reportable Disease Rule www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/index.html

Hygiene Practices

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

Handwashing: The school will teach, model, and provide time for handwashing and/or hand sanitizing routines in the daily schedule.

Staff and students are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially when working with shared items, prior to meals or snack time, or using the restroom.

Respiratory Etiquette: Staff and students are instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing to avoid touching their face, in particular their nose, mouth or eyes with their hands. Tissues should be disposed of and they should sanitize or wash their hands afterwards.

Special Education

Programming and services are based on the individual student's needs as determined by the individual education program (IEP) team and as documented in the IEP or 504 plan.

Students with an IEP may also have a contingency learning plan (CLP) to address and individualize their IEP. Parents/guardians should contact his/her child's case manager to inquire about appropriate accommodations with respect to health and safety policies and procedures.

Transportation-Buses

All passengers and driver will wear a face covering while in school vehicles. **This is not a local decision.**

A driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus.

No eating or drinking on the bus.

Before and after school busing will be for students on the listed routes, there will be no transportation for students not listed on designated routes, unless there is a set routine at the beginning of the year. This means families are responsible for birthday party kids, friend overnights, any event that rides are needed for other students not on the original route.

Daily bus cleaning and disinfecting procedures will continue for each bus and/or school transportation vehicle.

Minnesota State High School League Extra Curricular Activities:

Keeping all participants (students, coaches, officials, and others) healthy and having opportunities to participate in education-based activities and athletics is critical and important. Kelliher School will follow activity specific requirements of the Minnesota State High School League and other required procedures as outlined in the 2021-22 In-Person Learning Plan. (At this time there are no restrictions on fans at activities).

Partnership with Health Agencies

Kelliher School will collaborate on issues related to COVID-19 with Beltrami County Public Health, MDE, and MDH. Local COVID-19 infection rates will be monitored closely in collaboration with the listed agencies.

Subject to Change

This plan and all areas of operation for Kelliher Public School are subject to change at any time due to new State and/or Federal mandates regarding COVID-19. And if necessary, the Kelliher School Board will make changes to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.