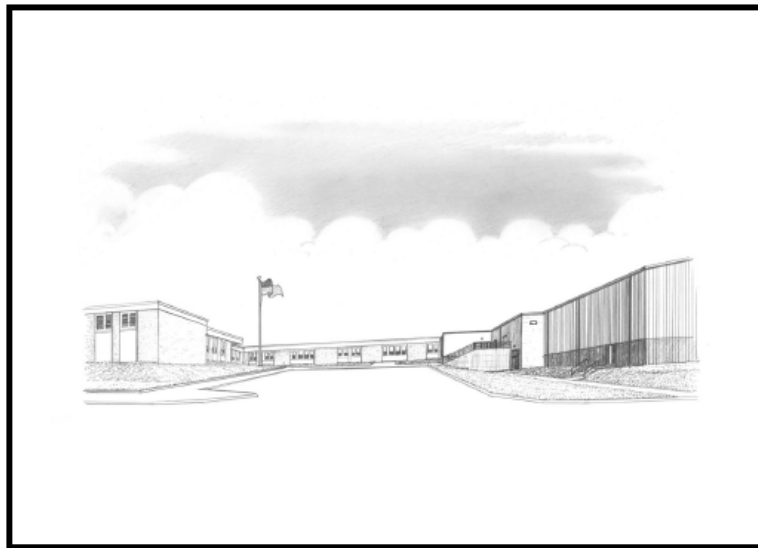


# Flasher Public School HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN



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# Assumptions & Assurances

## **Flasher Public School Believes:**

- Every student should have the opportunity to engage in learning, regardless of the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- Schools play a vital role in providing safe environments for students, focusing on both social-emotional and physical health.
- By working together with educators, staff, and health care professionals, parents, students and community members, we can solve most challenges.
- Our district will make decisions based on the most current guidance from local, state, and national health care officials.
- Our school board will ensure our plan meets the needs of our students, educators, staff and community.
- In utilizing the Multi-Tiered System of Support system.
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities will be made available according to their individual needs.

## **Our Planning Team:**

The Flasher School's ND Smart Restart Re-Entry plan was crafted and reviewed by a team consisting of the following:

- Educators,
- Custodial Staff
- Parents
- Custer Health
- School Board Members
- Administration

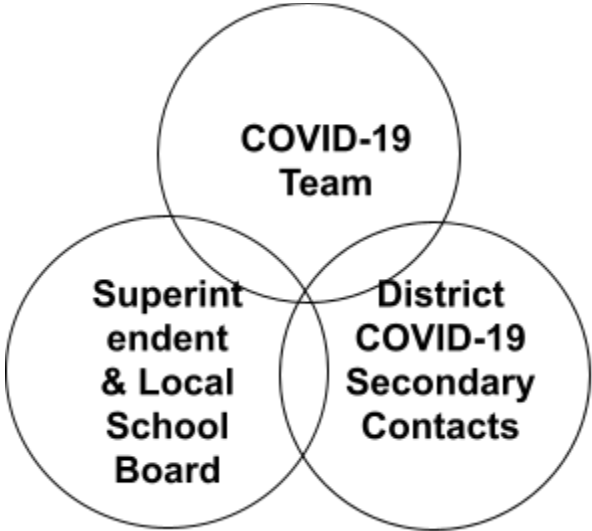
# COVID-19 Response Team & Coordinators

This structure identifies leaders and guiding team members that will serve as a voice in how the district responds to COVID-19 during the school year. This plan is designed to address the issues of reopening as well as provide a flexible and responsive process to address issues that may not be addressed today.

## COVID-19 Building Level Coordinator

Each school building will have an identified COVID-19 Coordinator who will be responsible for the health and safety preparedness, response planning, and continuity of services. Coordinators will make themselves available to the NDDoH 24 hours a day / 7 days a week to respond to phone calls from public health. This position will assist public health in identifying and notifying close contacts in the school setting. The coordinator will report cases of COVID-19, found in the school setting, to the health officials and the State Superintendent's office.

Jerry Erdahl, Superintendent, will assume the role of building level coordinator of Flasher Public School. If the coordinator is unable to be reached the secondary contact will be the Principals, Brian Nieuwsma and/or Jamie Krenz. The board has the authority to call a special board meeting on short notice to make modifications. Notification and all requirements will be followed.



## Instructional Methods

### **Traditional Learning**

All instruction is delivered in-person face to face. Teachers and students maintain a normal daily schedule. Safety precautions are implemented to enhance staff and student safety.

## Health and Safety Guidance

The district strives to provide a healthy and safe environment for all who occupy our schools. The following guidelines are intended to provide a framework for the district's response to COVID-19.

### Resources

#### **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction:**

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/familiescommunity/nddpi-updates-and-guidance-covid-19>

#### **North Dakota Department of Health:**

<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>

#### **Center for Disease Control:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

### Best Intentions

Despite taking every reasonable precaution, there is not a guarantee that our school will be without risk as it relates to COVID-19. The virus will be present on our buses, in our classrooms, and at our activities. In certain circumstances, physical distancing is not possible in our school setting. Our actions, as outlined in this plan, will not guarantee any student or staff member from being in contact with the virus.

### Protect Yourself and Others

#### Wash your hands often

- *Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.*
- *If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.*

- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.*
- *Students are encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitizer often throughout the day.*

### Mask wearing

*If masks are to be utilized by students and staff at any time, proper wearing of masks shall follow ND State Health Dept. and CDC guidelines.*

- *Wear a mask over your nose and mouth to help prevent getting and spreading COVID-19.*
- *Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when indoors and when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart from people who don't live with you.*
- *Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection.*
- *Wear your mask under your scarf, ski mask, or balaclava in cold weather*
- *Keep a spare mask to replace one that becomes wet from moisture in your breath, snow, or rain.*
- *Store wet reusable masks in a plastic bag until they can be [washed](#).*

### Avoid close contact

- *Keep physical distance from others. This is especially important for people who are at a higher risk of getting sick.*
- *Physical separation on busing will be nearly impossible. Students may be assigned seats to sit with family members and may be recommended to wear masks. Bus drivers may also be recommended to wear masks.*

### Cover coughs and sneezes

- *Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.*
- *Throw tissues away and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to prevent spread*

### Clean & Disinfect

- *School staff should clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.*
  - *High School teachers should spray desks and commonly touched surfaces between classes*
- *Classrooms will be cleaned nightly by custodial staff.*
- *Our district has installed an air purification system throughout the school.*

### Monitoring health daily

- *Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, lost sense of smell/taste.*

- *Parents are asked to screen their children each day before sending them to school. Use the screening guidance provided (appendix).*
- *Staff and students who are sick should stay home.*
- *Symptomatic students will be isolated and their guardians contacted.*

## Health & Safety Protocols

### Student & Staff Health

Monitoring the health of students and staff will be an important component of a safe and healthy educational environment. Flasher Public School will take the following measures to ensure all staff and students are healthy while at school. Information regarding vaccinations will be provided upon request for staff and students.

#### *Identifying Students & Staff at Higher Risk*

- FPS employees will notify the COVID-19 Coordinator if they are at-risk, based on a health professional's diagnosis. The COVID-19 coordinators will work with the employee to coordinate adjustments to the work schedule or work place.
- When the NDDoH or Custer Health informs the district of a student or staff member that is COVID-19 positive that information will be passed to the COVID-19 Coordinator and administration as allowable within district policy and law.

#### *Isolation & Quarantine*

- Definitions (see appendix for more information)
  - Isolation - For people who are already sick from the virus. A prevention strategy used to separate people who are sick with the virus from healthy people.
  - Quarantine - For people who are not sick, but have been exposed to the virus as a house contact. A prevention strategy used to monitor people who were exposed for a period of time.
- Flasher Public School will follow isolation and quarantine guidelines and directives as set by NDDoH and Custer Health.

#### *If a student or staff becomes sick at school (or school event)*

- Student
  - Direct/Escort the student to the office.
  - The student shall be provided a facial covering and isolated to the building sick room located in the north athletics hallway.
  - Parents/Guardian will be contacted to pick up the student. Parents will be directed to pick the student up at the north gym door. They are instructed to call the school upon arrival and the administrator will escort the student to the parent.

- Staff
  - Inform the COVID-19 coordinators immediately and wear a mask / facial covering is recommended until you can be replaced if supervising students at that time.
  - Leave the school building / grounds and consult with a healthcare professional.

### *Returning to School*

- If a student is absent from school from a sickness other than COVID-19, the student needs to be fever free, without medication, for 24 hours.
- When a student or staff member has been isolated or quarantined as directed by the NDDoH or Custer Health, they will be allowed to return to school only after being cleared by the NDDoH. The same rules apply to family members of both staff and students.
- Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Exclusion Guidance - [https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/Immunizations/School\\_Childcare/ChildCareandSchoolExclusionGuide.pdf](https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/Immunizations/School_Childcare/ChildCareandSchoolExclusionGuide.pdf)

## Social, Emotional, & Mental Health

The social, emotional and mental health needs of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We will implement and utilize the following methods: guest speakers, webinars, in-service training, utilization of MTSS within the school, school counselor in coordination with outside clinicians and behavioral health professionals.

## Transportation

Providing safe and reliable transportation for our students and families is always important. Families should be aware that the school district is unable to ensure physical distancing is adhered to on all buses, all the time.

The health and safety of our students, on district transportation will be enhanced with the following procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The transportation system is dependent upon its drivers. COVID-19 may affect the total number of drivers available. This will necessitate changes to district routes. These changes could happen on short notice. Families should have an alternate plan if the route requires changes.

- Physical distancing is nearly impossible. COVID-19 Coordinators may assign seats and make every attempt to sit families together.
  - Parents need to stress the importance of following the assigned seats and the other rules of the bus to ensure the health and safety of everyone.
- Bus Drivers will sanitize the handrail after each stop.



- Hand sanitizer will be available for student use
- Bus Drivers will clean and sanitize buses after dropping off students.

## Food Services

Providing nourishing meals to students is important for our students. The district shall take the following actions to ensure our students receive nourishing meals safely.

- Handwashing prior to entry of the cafeteria
- Hand sanitizer available
- Physical distanced seating when appropriate
- Gloves worn by workers, masks recommended

# Health Screening

# BEFORE SCHOOL

Parents are asked to review this daily health checklist by answering these questions before sending their child to school.  
(Parents do not need to send the checklist to school.)

1. Has your child had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
2. Does your child have a new or worsening shortness of breath?
3. Does your child have a new or worsening cough?
4. Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or greater?
5. Does your child have chills?
6. Does your child have a sore throat?
7. Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?

If **YES** to any of the questions...STOP!



Do not send your child to school.  
Contact your health provider.  
Contact your child's school and inform them of your child's absence.

If **NO** to all questions...GO!



You may send your child to school.  
Keep monitoring daily.

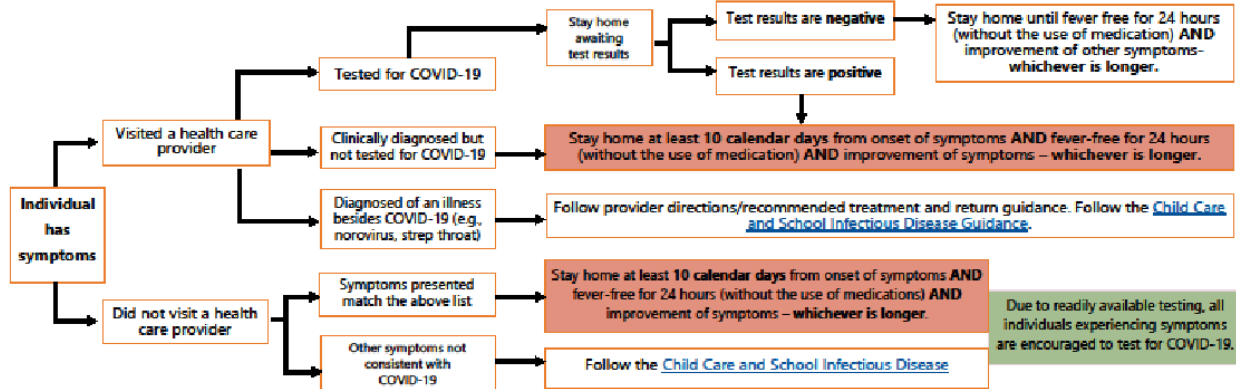
# School Exclusion Guidance



## COVID-19 CHILDCARE & SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDANCE Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in K-12 Schools/Childcare Settings

Schools/childcares can send individuals home or deny entry:

- if the individual has **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4°F or higher) OR loss of taste and/or smell OR  
 - if the individual has **two or more** of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.  
 This is in addition to general [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#). Parents of children who are ill should contact their child's health care provider.



If the individual was identified by the contact tracing team as a CLOSE CONTACT to someone with COVID-19:  
 It is recommended that the individuals quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.  
 - They may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 10 from last exposure if they remain symptom free.  
 - They may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 7 from last exposure if they remain symptom free and test negative for COVID-19 (PCR or Antigen) on day 5 or later from last exposure.

Siblings and household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to monitor themselves and quarantine during the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days from symptoms onset) AND for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.

- Exemptions from Quarantine for Close Contacts**
- Vaccinated individuals** can be exempted from quarantine if they meet ALL the following criteria:
    - Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
    - Have remained symptom-free since the recent COVID-19 exposure.
 The CDC recommends that fully vaccinated individuals who remain symptom-free do not need to quarantine but should get tested for COVID-19. Testing should be 3-5 days following an exposure and the individual should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
  - Masked Contacts:** If both the case and their close contacts were properly wearing a mask at all times during exposure, then the close contacts would not need to quarantine.
  - Individuals who **tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 3 months** do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 3 months from their previous symptom onset date or positive test date (if asymptomatic).
  - School close contacts with parental/informed consent to participate in K-12 School COVID-19 Screening Testing Program will need to follow the program recommendations.

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