

Northwest Passage High School
Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2021-22
Updated 7/20/21

Executive Summary:

Northwest Passage High School (NWPHS) in compliance with Federal government, Minnesota Rule, Local Public Health and universal business guidance requirements;

Face coverings:

- + It is strongly recommended that all people present in school buildings and district offices wear a face covering.
- + All people are required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings on all public transportation conveyances including school buses and vans.

Screening, Quarantine/Contact Tracing and Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities

- + All members of the school community, including staff, students, families, visitors, and others should continue to be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms of illness and protect others by staying home when they are feeling ill and following COVID-19 specific exclusion and self-quarantine guidance when appropriate. It is strongly recommended that schools follow the [Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs](#) to determine who should stay home and when staff or students may return.
 - **FULLY VACCINATED STAFF OR STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE -**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
 - Staff or students may request shortened quarantine based on [MDH close contact guidelines FORM](#)
- + NWPHS will continue to offer saliva testing every 2 weeks to staff as part of the State of Minnesota program
 - For the safety of our staff and your children, we encourage all families to get tested for COVID-19. The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that school-age children who spend time near people who do not live in their home get tested every two weeks. You can visit a community testing site, order an at-home test kit, or

get tested through your healthcare provider. All options are quick, easy, and free to you. NWPHS staff tests every other Thursday and students are able to ship tests with staff tests on those dates.

Parents must order your own kits from Vault Health, complete the test at home, then sent the completed test to school in the sealed bio-hazard bag to the school. Your student should bring it directly to the office on the date indicated.

- NWPHS has partnered with Anoka County Public Health and local health care providers to offer and promote vaccination options to our school community. These opportunities have been communicated to families via email and social media as they become available. NWPHS also has posted links to Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector.

+ **Mitigation Strategies**

- NWPHS has the unique advantage of a 3 building campus, and a history of being outdoors whenever possible. We will utilize outdoor spaces for learning frequently. Also, we have more than recommended square footage per student available for distancing student desk spacing.
- NWPHS will continue to follow protocols around social distancing, daily cleaning, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, and cohorting into small groups in an effort to mitigate disease spread. Note should we experience an outbreak of Covid it is possible that NWPHS would shift learning models as needed.

+ **Ensuring Access**

- NWPHS will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services that address students academic, social, emotional and mental health needs in a variety of ways including access to in-person and online resources, school social worker, Meal Finder resource, and more. Advisor, social worker and other staff will identify and follow-up with students experiencing lack of progress, frequent absences or other issues such as equitable access or barriers to participating in instruction can be identified and resolved.
- Digital Equity - NWPHS will provide 1:1 chromebooks to each student. NWPHS will also work with families to obtain free/low cost home internet access or provide school owned internet hotspots for use as needed.

- Appropriate Accommodations for Children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies -follow MDE guidelines as to enrolled students who may be medically vulnerable or otherwise unwilling to return to in-person or flexible learning. This guidance is still being developed and is expected from MDE soon.

- + Please note the situation, recommendations and requirements around COVID-19 are continually changing and this plan may be subject to revisions at any time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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