

Alma School District



2023-2024

Safe Return Plan

The Alma School District is dedicated to providing the safest possible environment for all students and staff. Our plan is based on the concept that we can mitigate, not eliminate, exposure to the Coronavirus and its variants.

Please note that this is a fluid situation; therefore, this is a fluid document and the Administration will make changes as new guidance and circumstances arise. The ultimate goal of our reopening plan is to balance the safety concerns and risks that exist with the Coronavirus and its variants, with the desire of our community and parents to have students in school.

The 2023-2024 school year will start much like the 2022-2023 school year concluded when it comes to educational programming and COVID-19. Below is how we will be handling isolation and exposure protocols for individuals that test positive for COVID-19, and those students and staff that were exposed to a positive case.

- **Isolation Protocols:**

- A student or staff member that tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate until they are symptoms free for 24 hours and must be completely fever free for a full 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. These individuals can return to extracurricular and cocurricular activities when symptom free for 24 hours.
- Masking is encouraged, but not required.
- District testing is also available.

- **Exposure Protocols:**

- The district will not be identifying close contacts or exposed individuals, and thus, no isolation is required for possible exposures.
- Masking is not required.
- If symptoms do develop, we recommend getting tested at a health facility of their choice or through the utilization of our free tests here at school.
- The School District will continue to offer free rapid antigen testing. Our testing program is designed to provide rapid results for those individuals that are symptomatic, as well as a reassurance option for those individuals that were potentially exposed. Our testing program is voluntary and open to all students and staff as long as testing supplies are available. Permission is required prior to testing.

- **Communication:**

- We will certainly continue all communication efforts. Due to confidentiality laws, we cannot release the name of any individual that tests positive.

- **Extracurriculars & Co-Curriculars:**

- See current isolation and exposure protocols above.
- WIAA and County Guidance will be used to make decisions about athletics when necessary.
- Dairyland Conference guidelines and protocols may also be established and used.

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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