

Updated 2021 Summer COVID-19 Guidance

The Minnesota Department of Health this week provided additional guidance for schools regarding summer programs. In accordance with that guidance:

- **Face coverings:** If indoors and performing activities within six-feet of others, masks should be worn. In areas where a social distance of six-feet can be maintained, masks may be removed. No masks required outdoors.
 - Early summer school programs are strongly encouraged to maintain masks being worn indoors at all times.
- **Physical distancing:** We encourage as much physical distancing as possible. Please maintain cohorts in your programs throughout the summer.
- **Hand washing and sanitizers** is strongly encouraged, and program leaders shall establish times or practices for these activities.
- **Meal time:** Eat outdoors when possible. If eating indoors, all individuals should maintain six-foot physical distancing.
 - Food service staff should continue to wear face coverings. Face shields are not required.
- **Contact tracing** will continue throughout the summer. Please contact the nurse servicing your program if you are aware of a positive or suspected positive case.
- **Quarantines** are still required of close contacts to a person who tests positive to slow the spread of COVID-19. We will reduce quarantines from 14 days to 10 days. Positive cases will still isolate for 10 days.
- **Field trips:**
 - Strict and accurate bus seating charts must be maintained, including where the student sat and the attendance for that day. Student seating charts must be followed when going to and from the destination. When establishing seating charts, consider physical distancing of six-feet whenever possible.
 - All bus drivers and riders must wear a mask on the bus at all times.
 - Field trip participants are required to follow the venue's mitigation strategies.
- **Cleaning surfaces.** Deep cleaning of surfaces will be reduced to one time per day. Staff may consider wiping surfaces if you feel they are soiled or contaminated.