

BARNUM SCHOOLS

Summer 2021 COVID Preparedness Plan

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This plan may be updated in accordance with state requirements.

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Introduction

Barnum Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our workers, students, and visitors. To ensure we have a safe and healthy workplace, **Barnum Public Schools** has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All district employees are responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplaces and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our workers and management. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in our workplaces.

The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is administered by Mike McNulty, Superintendent, who maintains the overall authority and responsibility for the plan. However, management and workers are equally responsible for supporting, implementing, complying with and providing recommendations to further improve all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Barnum Public Schools is serious about safety and health and protecting our employees. Employee involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have involved our employees in this process via the district's crisis response team.

Barnum Public Schools' COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows the [COVID-19 Universal Guidance for All Businesses and Entities \(PDF\)](#) (staysafe.mn.gov/assets/covid-19-universal-guidance-for-all-businesses-and-entities_tcm1152-480317.pdf) developed by the state of Minnesota, available at the [Stay Safe Minnesota website](https://staysafe.mn.gov) (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>), which is based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19, Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) statutes, rules and standards, and Minnesota's relevant and current executive orders. The following requirements must be addressed, but each business is encouraged to consider additional recommendations and adopt additional requirements that appropriately address COVID-19 mitigation strategies the business deems necessary.

- **Face masks/coverings**
- **Health screening, isolation, and quarantine**
- **Hand hygiene practices**
- **Cleaning and disinfecting**
- **Indoor facilities, utilities, and ventilation**

Face masks/coverings

Face coverings will be required in the following circumstances:

- While riding on district transportation. All people are required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings on all public transportation conveyances (airports, public buses, etc.), **including school buses.** ▪ CDC: Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html)
- Masks are required in all childcare (Bomber Club) settings until at least July 1 pending further guidance and recommended in all summer school settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Health screening, isolation, and quarantine

Screenings

Parents are required to pre-screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to their arrival at school.

In accordance with Minnesota Department of Health standards and Barnum Public School's Health Plan, students with the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not come to school:

- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4 F *
- New onset and/or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- OR at least two of the following:
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting *
 - Diarrhea
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Excessive fatigue
 - New onset of severe headache
 - New onset of nasal congestion or runny nose

****Please Note: The standard illness policy states that students must stay home for at least 24 hours after the last incident of vomiting or frequent diarrhea and/or resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.***

Staff and students are required to stay home if:

- They have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms as detailed above, until they meet MDH criteria for return.
- They, or any member of their household, is being tested for COVID-19 and are waiting for results.
- They have been identified as a Close Contact of a person with positive COVID-19 test results, until they meet criteria for return.

- Follow the MDH COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs (found at www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf) to determine who must stay home and when staff or students may return.

The MDH [COVID-19 screening poster](#) will be posted at building entrances to remind people entering of the symptoms of COVID-19 and to not enter if they are experiencing symptoms.

Staff and students are encouraged to self-monitor symptoms throughout the day. Staff or students who develop symptoms during the school day must notify their supervisor or supervising staff member immediately.

To assist families and staff in determining when to come into the building based on symptoms, Barnum Public School will provide and post the MDH COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs fact sheet.

Reporting Methods

Barnum Public School will request parents, guardians, and staff to self-report if they or their student have COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test, or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

During the summer months, these reports should be made to:

Mr. Mike McNulty , Superintendent, mmcnulty@isd91.org ; 218-389-6978

Melissa Johnson, Nurse, mjohnson@isd91.org ; 218-389-6978

Hand hygiene practices

Proper hand washing practices are very important to reduce the spread of any virus. Hand sanitizer will be provided to staff members for their desks and workspaces. Hand washing is more effective than hand sanitizer in reducing germs. However, in instances where handwashing is not readily available, hand sanitizer can be used. Visibly dirty or greasy hands should still be washed as soon as feasible.

Cleaning and disinfecting

Barnum Public School has implemented a regular schedule and checklist for cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces (workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, doorknobs, etc.), shared items, shared equipment, and high traffic areas. **Barnum Public School** will continue to perform other routine environmental cleaning according to established schedules and procedures. Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfecting supplies have been purchased and are available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications, and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product. This procedure is consistent with [CDC: Cleaning Your Facility \(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfectingbuilding-facility.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfectingbuilding-facility.html) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) List N for products that meet EPA's criteria for use against

SARS-CoV-2. See [EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-for-use-against-sars-cov-2) (www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-coronavirus-covid-19). Custodial staff have been trained on proper PPE required when using these chemicals.

Indoor facilities, utilities, and ventilation

Barnum Public School has evaluated the operational capacity of indoor ventilation systems and developed a plan to increase and maintain ventilation provided throughout indoor spaces. Steps will be taken to increase the intake percentage of outside air to increase dilution of contaminants, and minimize recirculation, whenever possible, while maintaining indoor air conditions. In the absence of effective mechanical ventilation, steps will be taken to increase natural ventilation as much as possible, including opening windows when possible and safe. This plan is consistent with applicable Stay Safe Industry guidance.

In addition, outdoor classroom space will be available. Barnum Public School encourages supervisors of summer programming to hold activities outdoors whenever feasible.

Additional Mitigation Strategies

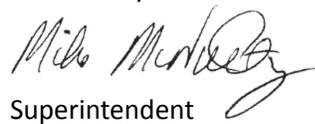
Floor Markings

Floor markings made of non-skid materials will be placed in areas that may see congestion such as but not limited to the following: outside of restrooms, at communal sinks and in offices.

Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountains will be turned off at this time. Bottle fillers will remain in use and students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home for use during the day.

Certified by:



Superintendent

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