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Dear students, parents/guardians, and school staff:

As we head into the 2021-22 school year, you're likely aware there has been a large increase in COVID circulation around certain parts of the country, specifically of the Delta variant. This increase has led to changes in recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health as we head into the school year. While these recommendations have been made, there are currently a very limited number of legal requirements being mandated for schools and businesses, leaving organizations to make judgements regarding what they believe to be appropriate.

In-person learning is critical for the educational and social development of students of all ages. This school year it is our goal to meet these educational and social needs while also minimizing the impact of COVID-19, helping to minimize spread to our students, families and staff. The Cloquet Public Schools will put reasonable precautions in place to protect our community and we thank all of you for your efforts over this past year to do the same.

We all hope for a return to normal life and while good progress is being made, our board of education has approved the following strategies for the upcoming school year:

What to expect

- K – 12 students will attend school full-time, in-person learning.
- Physical distancing will be implemented whenever possible without causing disruption of learning.
- Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be prioritized and encouraged throughout the school day.
- **Universal indoor masking will be required in school buildings.** (Beginning September 8th)
- The CDC requires that masks be worn on public transportation which includes school buses.
- We ask everyone who plans to be in our school buildings to self-assess each day before coming to school to ensure they are healthy and are not experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.
- We require anyone who is experiencing COVID-like symptoms to either wait 24 hours after all symptoms have fully resolved or to get tested and receive a negative test result before reporting to school.
- Notify the school right away if your child or someone in your household has a positive COVID-19 test.
- Families and staff will be provided notification if a child or staff member is identified as a possible close contact. At present, we will not require quarantine for close contacts.
- Increased ventilation with routine cleaning and disinfecting will continue to be important prevention strategies within each school building.
- Additional mitigation efforts may be utilized during the school year to prevent illness spread, if needed
- The district will implement and require any legally required mandates which may be ordered by authorities with appropriate jurisdiction during the school year.

It's important to note, these precautions may be changed at any time during the school year should we deem it reasonable for the protection of our students, staff and community. Our district administration has also been tasked with recommending criteria for when some of the above precautions may be lifted. Our goal is and will remain to provide an excellent learning environment for students that is safe and supports their social and emotional wellbeing.

If you feel specific accommodations are necessary for your child, please reach out to your child's building principal or the director of the program in which they participate to discuss options. Please know district staff are also working to determine how these precautions will impact extracurricular activities and athletics. More information will be shared with families through activity leaders and coaching staff.

We all hope for a return to normal as soon as possible!

Linking school and community to provide life-long learning and success for all.