

## USD 240 Twin Valley Schools

### *Operational Guidelines*

*Jan. 24, 2022*

#### ***Masks***

- Optional for students and staff.
- It is not optional in a school vehicle. Federal Law requires all staff and students to wear a mask while being transported in a school vehicle.
  - CDC Public Transportation Mandate (SD 1582/84-21-01A, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>) masks on all public transportation which includes school buses and all school transportation. (Districts were informed of this mandate on 8/05/2021)

It is the responsibility of families to monitor their child(ren) for signs of COVID-19 disease and to keep a student home when he/she is sick.

**USD 240 will no longer contact trace positive cases.** Close contacts will no longer be notified of exposure with a positive COVID case. If you are aware of an exposure, parents should watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 disease for 10 days after exposure, especially in those who are not considered immune.

**Symptomatic** (symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, headache, body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, loss of taste or smell)

1. Test with permission, if a negative test result, send home for a minimum of 48 hours. If fever persists beyond 48 hours, must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
2. A symptomatic student not tested will be sent home for 5 days. If a negative test is obtained, the person may return before the end of the 5 days. If no test is completed, the student may return wearing a mask for days 6-10.

#### **Household Contact of a positive case with no symptoms**

1. We encourage isolating from others in the house when possible, including using different restrooms.
2. Person may continue to attend school with a daily negative test for 5 days. Masks will be worn for all 10 days.
3. If the household contact chooses not to test, person will isolate for 5 days, return to school on day 6 and wear a mask for days 6-10.

#### **Transportation**

Any student in the testing protocol will not ride the school bus in the morning, but can ride the bus at the end of the day with a negative test.

If vaccinated/boosted/ or have had a confirmed positive COVID test in the last 90 days (not within the last 5 days), can come to school with no symptoms/no testing. Wearing a mask is recommended.

If your child is sick and absent for any reason, please reach out to the teachers for guidance regarding

missed work during his/her absence.