

Resurrection Lutheran School COVID-19 Preparedness Plan 2021-2022 School Year

Resurrection Lutheran School is committed first and foremost to the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and safety needs of all our students and staff. Christian love, rooted in Christ's love, will be essential to the success of the 2021-2022 school year.

Resurrection Lutheran School is focused on providing an excellent education through a collaborative face-to-face learning experience. We had hoped that this fall would be a complete return to what families, students, and staff experienced prior to the start of this pandemic. Unfortunately, it appears we will continue to work through the effects of the pandemic for at least part of the upcoming school year. As a result, we know that our plans for the year will need to be flexible and could quickly change from one day to the next.

This past school year, RLS had only four students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19. Our school has not been a place for high transmission. All four of those cases resulted from exposures outside of our school. None of our students who were identified as close contacts from those four cases, or other cases they were exposed to outside of RLS last year tested positive for COVID-19. We pray that this school year will be blessed by God in the same way.

Masks

Masks are being required indoors to start the year at RLS for all Kindergarten through eighth grade students as well as all faculty, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status. This requirement will be reviewed on at least a monthly basis and changes to this requirement will be communicated to families during the school year.

Mitigation Strategies

We are social distancing in the classroom, hallways, and lunchroom. Classes will be self-contained, except for during chapel on Friday mornings and during lunch each day in the lunchroom. The ventilation system has been set to recycle air throughout the day and we will have air purifiers in each classroom. We will also continue hand hygiene practices and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

Vaccines

Vaccines are available for anyone age twelve or older, and we strongly encourage staff and students to receive the vaccine now, or when it becomes available for their age group. Vaccines will not be required for faculty, staff, or students in the upcoming school year, unless they become mandatory by law.

Information regarding vaccine availability and immunization clinics will be shared with families as we receive that information.

Health

Families need to closely monitor children for symptoms and keep their child home if they are displaying symptoms.

Health Screening Process: All people entering the building are expected to be in good health prior to entering the facility. Please see the student handbook and information at the end of this document for guidance regarding when your child should stay home. There will not be a screening form to fill out prior to arrival and we will not be screening students as they enter the building. If your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home until they have been tested.

Communication: Families will be required to report a positive case of COVID-19 to the principal. Families will be notified of a positive COVID-19 case at school. Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 at school.

Isolation: If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, he or she must have an isolation period of 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the positive test.

Quarantine: Resurrection Lutheran School will recommend unvaccinated individuals follow the CDC suggested quarantine period when they are exposed (close contact) to a positive case of COVID-19.

- 7-day quarantine
- Test on day 5 or after
- Return to school on or after day 8

Unvaccinated exposed (close contact) individuals may also choose to complete a 10-day quarantine period without a test unless they experience common COVID-19 symptoms.

Individuals vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, or who have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days are not recommended to quarantine.

Any household member not vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, or who has not had COVID-19 in the last 90 days who lives in the same household as the person who tested positive must quarantine for at least 14 days after the household close contact isolation period has ended.

Coordination With State and Local Health Officials: Resurrection Lutheran School will work with Olmsted County Health, the Minnesota Department of Health, and Minnesota Department of Education, and medical professionals from the Mayo Clinic as required.

Distance Learning

Long term: Families who wanted to distance learn long term in the 2021-2022 school year due to health issues impacted by Covid-19 needed to apply to do so by August 2, and provide medical documentation. This distance learning period will last until the end of the 2021-2022 school year, or until students are able to be fully vaccinated, whichever is sooner.

Short term: Distance learning for mental health issues will be considered on a case by case basis. A form must be filled out and approval given before this distance learning may begin. Approval to continue will be reviewed every two weeks.

Isolated and Quarantined Students: Students who are required to isolate or quarantine and are able to complete school work may be considered for distance learning on a case by case basis. All students isolating or quarantining will be provided work to complete assignments at home whether or not they are allowed to distance learn.

Symptom Guidance

People with one or many of these symptoms in any combinations may have COVID-19:

- fever or chills
- dry coughs
- shortness of breath associated with respiratory illness
- muscle pain or body ache
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- diarrhea
- fatigue
- nausea or vomiting

While typical of COVID-19, these all may be symptoms of some other illness, too. Call your primary care provider if you experience symptoms and believe you have been in close contact with a person known to have novel coronavirus.