
Herman-Norcross Community School

2022-2023 School Opening Plan

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The Herman-Norcross Community School is committed to the safety of all students and staff. The HNCS 2022-2023 School Opening Plan was created using the limited number of requirements set forth by the Federal government and State of Minnesota, along with feedback collected from stakeholders over the summer.

Herman-Norcross Community School will return to typical school operations and programming in the fall of 2022. This includes:

- All students will be in school five days/week.
- Normal start and end times will be in place.
- Students will have lunch in the lunchroom.
- Students will transition from class to class, following a normal schedule.
- Special area classes (music, art, PE) will be held in the special area classrooms. (gym, art room, music room, etc.)
- The 2022-2023 calendar is posted on the district's website and will be followed.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are optional within our school facilities. Herman-Norcross Community School will maintain a limited supply of face coverings for students or staff who choose to wear them. **Face coverings are no longer required while on a school bus per federal guidelines.**

Physical Distancing

- There are no physical distancing requirements.

Vaccines

- HNCS is not requiring vaccinations for students, staff or visitors/volunteers.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, including Improving Ventilation

- Cleaning practices continue to support mitigation of COVID 19.
- Routine cleaning is scheduled when students and teachers are not occupying the space.
- Drinking fountains and water refill stations are open with no restrictions.

Health Screening, Quarantine and Isolation

- Self-Screening for symptoms of illness is a practice that keeps us all safe. If you are ill, stay home..
- Our current practice regarding someone who is in close contact with a person who is COVID positive is to notify any staff, student or family members of a close contact with a positive case and ask them to monitor their symptoms closely.

Hand washing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Students will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water during bathroom breaks, before meals and any time facial tissues are used.

Materials/Meals

- HNCS food service and purchasing departments have established material and food procedures that meet the requirements of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Accommodations for Special Populations

- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and procedures will be provided. To learn more about accommodations, parents/guardians should contact his/her child's case manager.

Coordination with State / Local Health Officials

- HNCS will continue to collaborate with state and local public health officials.

Visitors/Volunteers

- Visitors and volunteers who are ill are not to enter an HNCS building.
- Visitors and volunteers will follow regular protocols when checking in at each school building during the day.

Conclusion

The Herman-Norcross Community School is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and community members. We believe it is important that we all remember to respect the decisions and actions of others in our community while we seek the common goal of a safe environment.

As the school year progresses and should a rise in COVID-19 or other variations occur, these plans are subject to be changed or modified.