

ROTHSAY PUBLIC SCHOOL – IN-PERSON SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN (SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN)

AUGUST 12, 2022 UPDATE

Rothsay School plans to return to typical school operations and programming in 2022-23. This plan has been reviewed by our school board on July 12, 2022. This plan was developed with the safety, social, economic, financial, and political impact to students, staff, and community in mind.

The following information is guidance on how Rothsay Public School District plans to respond to a safe return to in-person learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2022-23 School Year.

Continuing to keep school buildings open for in-person instruction in a healthy and safe manner is our main priority for our students, staff, and community. Rothsay School plans to implement measures to slow and stop the virus from spreading – they are contained in this document.

Goals for this Plan: 1. Safety of students and staff 2. Prioritize in-person learning as we believe this is the way our students learn best.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

- Parents and students will be notified of changes and other news within the school by JMC texts and parent/student emails.
- Major communication will be done by the same means.
- Provide parents with Greater Minnesota Community Services contact information for mental health needs.

FACE COVERINGS

- Face coverings are **optional** within Rothsay School.

ROTHSAY SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- HS students will eat in shifts with an “A” and a “B” lunch.
- Seating will be spread out in the lunchroom with a maximum of five to a table for high school students. Elementary students will sit in their grade “pods.”
- Students will be given a handwashing break in the morning and afternoon.
- Students will be socially distanced, to the extent possible while remaining in regular classrooms.
- Elementary students will continue to be outside when weather permits during recess and before school.
- Ventilation systems will be run on a more frequent basis than what has taken place in the past.

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ROTHSAY SCHOOL STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Staff will continue to educate our students.
- Staff will screen themselves and send students to the office who appear ill with COVID-19 symptoms.

PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students will be kept at home when sick and/or exhibiting symptoms.
- Parents will have students tested when the child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Parents will remain outside the school at pick up and drop off times.
- Contact the school if you have an idea to help us improve our plan.
- Contact the school counselor or Greater Minnesota Community Services if your child is experiencing mental health problems.

ROTHSAY 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.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY MONITOR OUR LOCAL COVID DATA TO DETERMINE STRATEGIES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.