

Parkers Prairie Public School ISD #547

Return to School Framework 2021-2022

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The goal of ISD #547 is to have an in-person learning model for the 2021-2022 school year.

ISD #547 will be five days per week with hours and schedules as published in the student handbooks.

ISD #547 will collaborate on issues related to COVID-19 with Otter Tail County Public Health, LCSC, MDE and MDH.

Transmission Levels:

- Three levels of transmission are defined in the COVID Mitigation Matrix.
- Levels will be based on the percentage of students/staff who have an active Covid-19 diagnosis.
- Levels will be established at a building level.
- While Elementary Students are receiving instruction at the High School, the current transmission mitigation level at the High School will be recognized during the instruction period.

Distance Learning:

- Full time distance learning will not be offered.
- ISD #547 has obtained permission to offer online learning during instances of building closure.

Social Distancing:

- There are NO Social Distancing requirements.

Face Coverings:

- The CDC strongly recommends wearing masks indoors for all staff and students.
- The intent of ISD #547 is to have face coverings optional and not required during the school day or during after school activities.
- Properly worn face coverings will become required during the defined period of substantial transmission.
- **Due to a federal requirement**, facemasks are required on school transportation.
- ISD #547 fully supports individuals who choose to wear or not wear a mask. There will be no mask shaming!

Testing and Vaccinations:

- Testing and vaccinations for staff and students are **NOT** required by the school.
- The district will work with health care providers to offer vaccinations and testing to staff and students who would like them.

Reporting Symptoms and Exposure:

- Self-screening for symptoms of illness will be required to be completed at home.
- **Individuals who are ill are required to stay home.**
- When calling in absence due to illness, staff will not require symptoms of illness to be reported.
- School policy remains that students and staff must be fever free for 24 hours with no medications prior to returning to school.
- COVID-19 Symptoms Include: Fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea
- The school is required to report positive COVID-19 cases to the MDH.

Notification of COVID Cases:

- Timely electronic communication of positive COVID cases in each building will be published.
- In the event that a person who tests positive for COVID attends school:

- In elementary school, the classroom student families will be notified.
- In high school, families of students in that grade level will be notified.
- If a member of your household tests positive for COVID 19, please notify the office.

Quarantine:

- Positive Cases
 - All COVID- 19 positive students/staff are required to stay home from school for 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or positive test result and may return after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later).
- Exposed Non-Household
 - Exposed students/staff should monitor symptoms closely but they are not required to quarantine.
 - Any families who wish to quarantine their child after an exposure will be allowed to do so. Parents/guardians will determine whether or not to quarantine their child for an outside the home exposure. If you choose this option, please notify your child's school.
- Exposed Household
 - Students who are able to isolate from the positive household member and are not exhibiting symptoms, should monitor symptoms closely but they are not required to quarantine.
 - Students who test positive for COVID 19 have a 90-day period following their positive test in which they do not have to quarantine for household positive exposure. Proof of positive test will be required to be on file with the school to recognize the 90-day period as an exemption from quarantine.
 - Vaccinated students determined to have been exposed with a positive household member with no symptoms can continue to attend school. Proof of vaccination will be required to be on file with the school to recognize vaccination as an exemption from quarantine.
 - Non-Isolating unvaccinated students determined to be exposed to a positive household member will need to be monitored for COVID symptoms and will be required to quarantine for a **minimum of ten (10) days** from the start of symptoms or positive test results of family member and may return to school if not exhibiting symptoms and proof of negative test at the end of the **ten (10) days**. If symptoms begin, please report symptoms to the school office. As a parent/guardian you might want to consider having your child quarantine longer and/or wear a mask when they come back to school.

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

- Hand sanitizer will be available in common areas at the high school.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the classrooms of both the high school and elementary school.
- Staff and students are to practice frequent hand washing.
- Cleaning and sanitization will follow CDC guidelines, including frequent cleaning of high touch points.

Water Fountains:

- Drinking fountains and water refill stations will be open for students.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle for their own use.

Meals:

- Students will eat all meals in the cafeteria.
- The Food Service Department has 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).
- Free breakfast and lunch is available to all students during the 2021-2022 School Year. The only fee will be for a la carte items and/or extras.

All provisions are subject to change based upon requirements of the United States Federal Government, Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education. All provisions are subject to change with state or federal mandates.