



Ogilvie Public Schools - ISD 333

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2022-2023 IN-PERSON Safe Learning Plan August 31, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff and School Board members of our Ogilvie Public Schools,

At Ogilvie Public Schools, we strive to provide the best education possible, meeting our students' academic, social and emotional needs. During this 2022-2023 school year, we will follow the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and guidance. Our District's Advisory Council will continue to meet when necessary and review the COVID-19 situation inside our school. We will also continue to monitor the community status through collaboration with Kanabec County Community Health (KCCH), Mille Lacs and Isanti County Public Health Departments as well.

The basic COVID-19 health and safety program for this year is as follows:

IN-PERSON LEARNING

**Our School is OPEN for Teaching and Learning,
Extra-Curricular and Community Events.**

In-School practices:

- Teaching/Practicing Steps of Best Handwashing
- Using Hand-Sanitizer on a daily basis - *Reminders for all of us!*
- Routine sanitizing/disinfecting of building.
- Rooms with a reported positive case of COVID will receive increased sanitizing/disinfecting from our Maintenance Department.

Most importantly:

Please have your child(ren) Stay Home if sick.

Vaccination - still considered the best prevention safety measure against COVID-19.

Ogilvie Public Schools will continue educating with our regular 4-Day Week Educational Program: daily schedule of 7:45-3:35 for elementary students and 7:50-3:40 for secondary students. School building doors are open at 7:30 a.m. Parents are invited to transport their children to school, if they so choose.

The health and safety of our students, families and staff members continues to be a high priority at Ogilvie Public Schools! With the new school year beginning Tuesday, September 6th, this communication includes the MDH/CDC Isolation Guideline as follows: [COVID-19 Isolation Guide](#). This guide will be used for the consistency for monitoring and responding to positive cases of COVID-19 in students' homes.

Other points to share:

Masks:

Masks **will not be required** to begin the school year. However, Ogilvie Public Schools will continue to support all students and staff who choose to wear a mask.

- Staff and Administration will address and respond to any harassment or bullying incidents related to masks.
- If there is evidence of Coronavirus spread in our District, Ogilvie Public Schools will work with our Advisory Council, County Health and the Ogilvie School Board to consider changes in our masking practices.

Vaccinations and Testing:

Vaccination is identified as the leading strategy in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus by CDC.

Vaccinations are highly recommended for all individuals ages twelve (12) and older.

- We will continue to provide information on vaccines and will support our staff, students and community in accessing vaccination clinics in the area.
- At this time, no COVID-19 testing will be made available to students, nor staff.

Safety Procedures:

The following safety procedures, based on parent survey input, past 2020-2022 practices and current Covid-19 information, will be implemented as strategies to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

- Daily cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms and common areas.
- Encouraging all students, staff, and visitors to wash their hands regularly.
- Hand-Sanitizer will be available for all classrooms and common areas throughout our building.
- Cleaning and disinfecting products will be made available to staff in classrooms.

Visitors and Activities:

Community and extra-curricular activities are important to the well-being and achievement of our students. We wish to continue the great relationships with, and appreciate the support of our community.

- We will follow our regular visitor practices and ask visitors to check-in at the school offices.
- If our District sees an increase in Coronavirus spread, we will work with Public Health and our District's Advisory Council and Ogilvie School Board to consider changes to our visitor practices.
- For all activities and athletics, Ogilvie Public Schools will follow the guidelines and requirements from the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). The Activities Director and coaches will continue to provide updated information to students and families.
- Sporting events and extracurricular activities are open to the public. At this time there are no restrictions, no sign up lists, or pre-registrations. Purchasing tickets at the door and concessions will be available.

Field Trips:

Experiences outside of the classroom are important to our students' development.

- Field trips may be planned, as budgeted, by our teachers. These require principal approval.
- When visiting areas outside of normal school settings, students and staff will be reminded that there is an increased risk of Coronavirus infection.

- If our community and/or District sees an increase in Coronavirus spread, Ogilvie Public Schools will work with Kanabec County Community Health, along with Mille Lacs and Isanti County Health Departments and the District's Advisory Council and Ogilvie School Board to consider changes to our field trip practices.

Food Service:

Ogilvie Public Schools will continue with normal food service operations for the 2022-23 school year.

- Students will be able to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch. Meals have returned to a pay system.
- Students, in extracurricular activities will be able to receive after school food at no cost.
- We request that all families fill out the **Educational Benefits form** (included in your Back-to-School mailing) to qualify for free and or reduced meal costs, as well as other school benefits.

Learning Model and Options:

Ogilvie Public Schools plans to educate with an IN-PERSON Safe Learning Model under our regular 4-Day Week school schedule and the board-approved calendar.

- All students (K-12) will experience IN-PERSON learning four days a week and follow a regular school schedule. Preschool 3 and 4 will follow their regular school schedule.
- If our District has evidence of Coronavirus spread, we will work with Kanabec County Community Health along with Mille Lacs and Isanti County Health Departments and the District's Advisory Council and Ogilvie School Board to consider any necessary changes to our IN-PERSON learning model.
- There will be no Online Learning, or Blended Learning this school year. This decision was based on lack of need for these services from our District students and families.

Please note that Ogilvie Public Schools believe it's in the best interest of most students to receive direct, daily, IN-PERSON safe learning with students' peers.

*Thank you so much for your continued support of Ogilvie Public Schools! We ask that you show your **Ogilvie LION Pride** by respecting the decisions and views of others as we follow state guidance with the goal of assisting ALL our students to be successful. **Let's Together, Make our School and Community Even Better!***

Kathy J. Belsheim, Superintendent

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