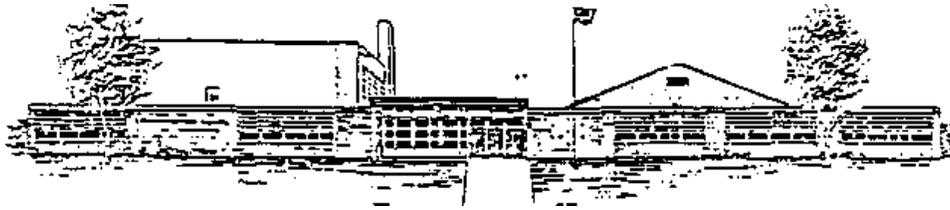


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## Starkweather Public School 2020-2021 K-12 Smart Restart Health and Safety Plan Green/Blue Phase

Starkweather Public School is committed to providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy learning environment. It is important to note that this Health and Safety Plan is a living document and is subject to change as directed by local and state health officials.

### Starkweather School COVID-19 Team

- Larry Volk, Secondary Principal/Superintendent
- Alysson Groves, Elementary Principal
- Chris Berg, School Board President
- [Lake Region District Health Unit](#) (LRDHU)

### COVID-19 Team Responsibilities

- Distribute hard copies of the Health and Safety Plan to Starkweather School staff and families
- Publish the Health and Safety Plan on the Starkweather School website and Facebook group
- Ensure that the Health and Safety Plan is implemented safely and consistently by all staff
- Ensure compliance of the Health and Safety Plan by all Starkweather School staff, students, and families
- Train students and staff on [the proper way to wash hands](#) and [the appropriate use and wearing of facial coverings](#), according to CDC and [NDDoH guidelines](#)
- Communicate updates and changes with SWS staff, students, and families using the school's website, Facebook group, and Instant Alert system
- Work with LRDHU and NDDoH to monitor students and staff for symptoms, history of exposure, and absenteeism
- Report positive COVID-19 cases to LRDHU, NDDoH, and SWS staff, students, and families
- Be available to receive positive COVID-19 case reports from SWS staff, students, and families

### If a staff member, student, or visitor is exhibiting any [COVID-19 symptoms](#)...

- They must stay home.
- If they are already in the building, they will be sent home immediately
- If they are not already wearing one, students who are waiting for a parent/guardian to pick them up will be asked to put on a mask and will wait in a designated isolated area within the school. Any staff member waiting with the student will also wear a mask.
- If they have no symptoms after 24 hours, they can return to school. If symptoms still exist, they should consult their physician.

### If a staff member or student is [diagnosed with COVID-19](#)...

- They must stay home.
- They will be required to [self-isolate](#) for 10 days from symptom onset.

- If asymptomatic, they are required to self-isolate for 10 days from the collection date of the test.
- They must be symptom-free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducers in order to return to school
- Family members living in the home will need to [quarantine](#) for 14 days.
- Students who are self-isolating or quarantining will be expected to participate in distance learning.
- Staff who are self-isolating or quarantining will be expected to follow the procedures outlined in the Starkweather School Staff and Faculty Handbook to obtain a substitute in-house or from a pool of local professionals. They will work with that substitute to facilitate classroom instruction during their absence.
- In the event of exposures outside the school setting, families are expected to notify LRDHU and a member of the SWS COVID-19 Team (contact information below). Staff and students will need to self-isolate at home until they receive the results of a COVID-19 test and take action accordingly.

#### **Following a positive COVID-19 case in the school building...**

- A member of the SWS COVID-19 Team will contact LRDHU and the NDDoH.
- A member of the SWS COVID-19 Team will send an Instant Alert to staff and families notifying them of the positive case.
- The area in which the person worked or spent significant time will be closed. After 24 hours, a staff member wearing proper PPE will clean and disinfect the area. If more than 7 days has passed since the person who is sick visited or used the area, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
- Anyone who has had close contact with the person diagnosed with COVID-19 will be sent home and will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days from the date of the last contact with the person. "Close contact" has been defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet of someone for 15 or more cumulative minutes.

#### **Disinfecting and Cleaning**

- Starkweather School staff and faculty will be responsible for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces by:
  - Wearing disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. Gloves will be discarded after each use, and hands will be washed immediately after removal.
  - Cleaning dirty surfaces with soap and water before disinfecting.
  - Using disinfectant containing an alcohol content of 70% or greater.
  - Using wipes that are EPA approved.
  - Handling dirty laundry with gloves and washing laundry with a bleach product.
- Randy Griedl (Custodian/Bus Driver) will be responsible for the school's common areas.
- Larry Volk (Secondary Principal/Superintendent) and Julie Wass (Business Manager) will be responsible for the front and main offices.
- Staff and faculty will be responsible for their own classrooms.
- Randy Griedl and Nick Iverson (Bus Driver) will be responsible for school buses and other school vehicles.
- Randy will also be responsible for ensuring that staff and faculty have access to appropriate cleaning supplies.

#### **Physical Distancing**

- Starkweather School is currently operating at 22% of the building's capacity, enabling students and staff to follow social distancing guidelines in most cases in classrooms and common areas.
- Students will remain in consistent student groups throughout the day.
- Markers and other signage will be placed around the building to provide visual reminders and guidelines to assist in maintaining social distancing.

### **Transportation and Morning Arrival**

- Students' morning arrival times will be staggered according to the following schedule:
  - In town/drop offs – 8:05-8:10
  - Randy's bus route – 8:10-8:15
  - Nick's bus route – 8:15-8:20
- Students will not be allowed in the building before 8:05.
- Parents must contact the school office if their child(ren) will be late, absent, or leaving school early. Students who are not in the building by 9:00 without prior notification will receive a call from the office inquiring as to their whereabouts. In the event of illness, parents may be asked additional health-related questions.
- Students who walk or get dropped off by a parent will arrive first, and have their temperature taken at the door by a staff member. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will not be allowed to enter the building and will be sent home immediately.
- Parents who are dropping students off will be required to wait until the staff member indicates that it's ok for them to leave. Students who enter the building will use hand sanitizer before moving past the entry way.
- Randy Griedl (Custodian/Bus Driver) and Nick Iverson (Bus Driver) will be responsible for taking each child's temperature in the morning before they allowed to get on the bus. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will not be allowed to board, will be required to stay at home according to the guidelines outlined earlier.
- Randy and Nick will also be responsible for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting the buses after each route.
- Staff and students are required to wear a mask while riding the bus. Families who are concerned about obtaining masks should contact the school office.

### **Mealtimes and Recess**

- Each elementary class will have a designated table in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch.
- Due to their low numbers, high school students will have a designated table in the cafeteria for breakfast but will be allowed to sit at a table of their choice during lunch.
- During lunch, elementary classes will come to and leave the cafeteria at staggered times.
- High school students will come to lunch after all elementary classes have left. Tables will be disinfected after breakfast, and in between lunch groups.
- Dismissal to outdoor recess will be staggered according to class. Re-entering the building after recess will also be staggered. Students will use hand sanitizer, put things away in their lockers if necessary, then will go wash their hands before returning to their classrooms.

### **Distance Learning**

- If a student or students must remain at home, an option for distance learning is outlined in our [Starkweather Public School COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan](#). Families wishing to participate in distance learning must contact the school office.
- As conditions and mandates change, Starkweather School staff and families must be prepared to switch to online distance learning at any point in time throughout the year. Any and all changes will be communicated to families through our Instant Alert system, as well as through the school's website and Facebook group.

### **Additional Safety Measures**

- Students and staff who are considered high risk are encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day. Families who are concerned about obtaining masks should contact the school office.
- Shared computers/devices and materials will be disinfected after each use.

- Drinking fountains throughout the school will be “closed”. Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home.
- Two individuals will be allowed in the bathroom at a time.
- Non-essential visitors and volunteers need to contact the office before coming to the school. Upon arrival, their temperature will be taken by a staff member, and they will need to be wearing a mask before they will be permitted to enter the building.

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