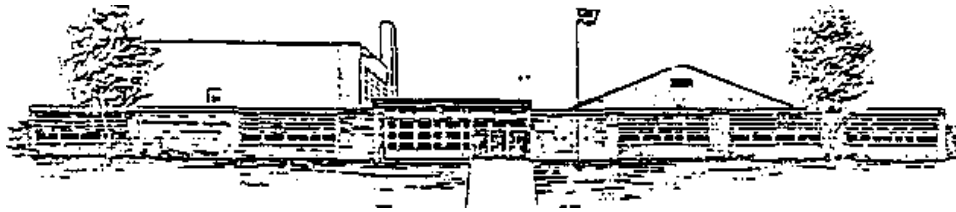


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Starkweather Public School 2023-2024 K-12 Smart Restart Health and Safety Plan Green/Blue Phase

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COVID-19 Response Plan

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. Our Starkweather School COVID-19 Team will include Sarah Beck (Secondary Principal/Superintendent), Alysson Groves (Elementary Principal), and Chris Berg (School Board President). This team, in cooperation with the [Lake Region District Health Unit](#), will ensure that this plan is implemented safely and consistently by all staff. LRDHU will notify Sara Beck of any COVID cases, and she will be responsible for reporting cases occurring in the school setting to LRDHU and the state superintendent. The SWS COVID-19 Team will work with LRDHU to monitor students and staff for symptoms, history of exposure and absenteeism. Students who are not in the building by 9:00 will receive a call from the school office inquiring as to their whereabouts. In the event of illness, parents may be asked additional questions.

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.

If a student or students must remain at home, an option for distance learning is outlined in our [Starkweather Public School Emergency Response Plan](#). Families wishing to participate in distance learning must contact the school office (701-292-4381).

Positive or Close Contact

If a staff member, student, or visitor becomes sick or demonstrates a history of exposure, they will be sent home immediately. Students who are waiting for a parent/guardian to pick them up will do so in a designated isolated area within the school. The SWS COVID-19 team will work with LRDHU to determine when that person may return to school.

If a staff member, student, or visitor is exhibiting any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), they must stay home. If they are in the building when they become sick or exhibiting symptoms, 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 has been [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 72 hours symptom-free without the use of fever reducers in order to return to school. Family members living in the home also need to quarantine.

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.

Following the diagnosis, LRDHU and NDDoH will be contacted immediately. The area in which the person worked or spent significant time will be closed. After 24 hours, the area will be cleaned and disinfected. If it has been more than 7 days 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 six feet of someone for 15 or more cumulative minutes.

In the event of exposures in the school setting, families will be notified through our school's Instant Alert system. In the event of exposures outside the school setting, families are expected to notify LRDHU and Starkweather School (Sarah Beck). Staff and students will need to self-isolate at home until they receive the results of a COVID-19 test and take action accordingly.

Communication and Training

Upon approval of this Health and Safety Plan, it will be distributed to all Starkweather School faculty and staff. They will be trained on the implementation of this plan, as well as [the proper way to wash hands](#) and the [appropriate use and wearing of facial coverings](#) during our local back to school in-service. Hard copies of this plan will be distributed to all Starkweather School families. The plan will also be made available on our school's website and Facebook page. Resources from LRDHU, NDDoH, and the CDC will be included.

Hygiene and Cleaning

Starkweather School faculty and staff will follow CDC and [NDDoH guidelines](#) for safe hygiene and facial covering practices. These guidelines will be reviewed and discussed during our local back to school in-service. These guidelines will be reviewed and discussed with students on our first day of school.

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. Sarah Beck (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 (Custodian/Bus Driver) 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.

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.

Additional Safety Measures (As Needed)

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 and may fill them using the school’s bottle fillers.

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.

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.

Students’ morning arrival times will be staggered. 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 is ok for them to leave. Students who enter the building will use hand sanitizer before moving past the entry way.

Students will arrive to school according to the following schedule. Students will not be allowed in the building before 8:05.

- In town/drop offs – 8:05-8:10
- Randy’s route – 8:10-8:15
- Nick’s route – 8:15-8:20

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.

As 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. As stated earlier, families who are concerned about obtaining masks should contact the school office.

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