



## **Eagle Ridge Academy Updated Safe Learning Plan 2021-2022**

### **Masking**

- All persons over the age of 2 years of age are required to wear a mask when they are in any building that is owned, leased, or operated by or on behalf of the Eagle Ridge Academy (ERA) regardless of vaccination status, unless an exemption is provided.
- All persons will wear a mask when on Eagle Ridge Academy Transportation.

### **Physical Distancing**

- All staff and students will physically distance when feasible and does not limit in-person instruction.
- Provide frequent reminders for students and staff to stay at least 3 feet apart from one another when feasible.
- Strive to create as much space between people as possible during the day, recognizing that it is not always feasible to have 3 feet of social distancing during primary instructional time in the classroom.
- Arranging classroom seating so that students are separated from one another by 3 feet. If it is not possible to arrange seating this way, consider turning all desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other).
- Develop and keep students and staff in small cohort groups that stay together as much as possible throughout the day and from day to day.
- Limit mixing between cohort groups as much as possible (e.g., during lunch, in the cafeteria, bathroom breaks, arrival and dismissal, free periods, recess, etc.).
- Keeping detailed records when groups are exposed to each other during the day to facilitate contact tracing (if needed). Assigned seating in lunchroom and classrooms is required.

### **Hygiene and Healthy Behaviors**

- Wash hands often throughout the day with soap and water.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and/or shared items and limit shared items.



- Shared items or furniture will be cleaned in between cohorts.
- Students who are ill must stay home if Covid symptoms are present.
- Staff who are ill must stay home if Covid symptoms are present.
- Anyone who has interacted with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home and contact the school nurse.
- Anyone who has COVID-like symptoms and is awaiting test results must stay home, along with all household members.
- Stay home if fever (100°F or higher) or other symptoms of COVID-19 are present
  - Additional symptoms of COVID-19 include:
    - New onset cough or a cough that gets worse
    - Difficulty/hard time breathing
    - New loss of taste or smell
    - OR at least 2 of the following:
      - chills
      - muscle pain
      - sore throat
      - extreme fatigue/feeling very tired
      - new severe/very bad headache
      - new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
      - gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Cover coughs and sneezes

### **Morning Arrival**

- Parents/guardians and/or individuals must complete a home self-screening before attending/sending their children to any programming. You do not need to complete a health survey.
- ERA staff will work to minimize interaction of students between drop-off and entrance to school facilities, promoting 3 feet of physical distancing as much as possible.
- ERA staff will encourage physical distancing in hallways and common areas.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands when entering the classroom (if a sink is available in the room) or on the way to the classroom.

### **Maintaining a Safe Environment**

- ERA will provide appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (such as soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, tissues).



- ERA teachers will discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
- ERA students and teachers will work to separate student's belongings from others' (in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers, etc.).
- ERA will provide adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assigning each student their own art supplies, equipment).
- ERA staff will ask students to avoid sharing high touch items, such as electronic devices.
- Students should not share food or beverages. Each student should bring their own water bottle. Water-filling stations are available.
- ERA staff will reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older students.
- ERA staff will reinforce hand washing during key times, such as:
  - arrival and dismissal
  - before, during, and after preparing or eating food
  - after using the bathroom
  - after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - after touching objects with bare hands that have been handled by other people

## **Quarantine**

- Eagle Ridge Academy will use the Eagle Ridge Academy Quarantine Decision Model for students with COVID 19 students, which can be found [here](#).
- The school nurse is the identified point of contact (COVID-19 Program Coordinator) at ERA for COVID concerns.
- The program coordinator, program lead, coach, or support staff will be the identified point of contact for programming outside of the regular school day/year.
- Staff and students should be encouraged to self-monitor symptoms throughout the day and immediately report any symptoms to the school nurse or program staff.
- If a student becomes injured or ill during the school day, staff will notify the school nurse.
  - The school nurse may come to the classroom to assist the child and/or determine if they need to go home.



- Students who are ill will be kept isolated from well students in a designated isolation space/area until a parent can pick them up.

### **Testing Recommendations**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that all students participating in in-person learning and those participating in youth sports and extracurricular activities be tested on a regular basis (every week for students in sports and extracurricular activities and every two weeks for all students). This is in addition to anyone with symptoms or anyone who was exposed to someone who tested positive. Active testing by students will protect our progress and mitigate the spread of the virus.

Please be advised that Eagle Ridge Academy only accepts laboratory confirmed tests as valid results. These results must clearly state the person's name, source of testing, date of testing, and test results. While there are rapid test-at-home options now available on the market (that do not require samples to be sent in to a lab), ERA cannot accept these as valid results.

Minnesota has an extensive statewide testing operation. Residents have several ways in which they can access no-barrier testing, including more than 20 community testing sites, a mail-order at-home test program, and clinics and hospitals across the state. Tests remain no-cost to the individual but you might be asked to provide your insurance information so the state can seek reimbursement from insurance companies.

To find a no-barrier community testing site, click [here](#).

To find testing sites based on specific search criteria, click [here](#).

To order a test kit to use at home, click [here](#).

### **Process When Informed of a Lab Confirmed COVID Positive Case**

- If you are notified of a positive COVID case during the regular school year, the following process should occur:
  - If any staff are made aware of a lab confirmed COVID positive case, they will notify the school nurse immediately.



- The school nurse will conduct contact tracing to determine close contacts and will notify parents of the student's need to quarantine.
- The school nurse will determine if notification notices need to be sent out and if so, to whom. The administrative team will help to determine and support the notifications being sent out.
- The positive case(s) will be added to the centralized documentation/tracking form for necessary follow up.

### **Exemptions from Quarantine**

There are certain circumstances where students and staff may be exempt from quarantine.

*If someone has completed COVID-19 vaccination (two doses in a two-dose series or one dose in a one-dose series) and is exposed, they do not need to quarantine if ALL of the following are true:*

- The COVID-19 exposure was at least 14 days after their vaccination series was fully completed.
- They do not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- They have provided documentation of their vaccination series to the school nurse that clearly indicates their name, date(s) of vaccination, and vaccine brand.

If a student or staff member does not want to provide their vaccine information, then they would be subject to the quarantine.

*If someone has previously been infected with COVID-19 and is subsequently identified as a close contact, they do not need to quarantine if ALL of the following are true:*

- Their COVID-19 illness was laboratory confirmed (positive COVID-19 test or positive SARS-CoV-2 antibody test) and exposure/antibody test was within 90 days of their close contact.
- They do not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- They have provided documentation of their COVID positive results to the school nurse that clearly indicates their name, source of testing, date of testing, and positive test results.

If a student or staff member does not want to provide documentation around their positive test results, then they would be subject to the quarantine.



Additionally, it is up to the school nurse to determine if ALL of the criteria were met for exemption from quarantine with the final determination made by the Eagle Ridge Academy using the guidelines outlined above.

## **Athletics and Clubs**

### Regarding Masking

- Masks/face coverings will be required indoors when not in active participation or competition.
- Universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.
- Outdoors there is no mask requirement
- For volleyball specifically, masking is required up until strenuous exercise begins (as defined by the coach).
- All students must mask on bus transportation.

### Regarding Competitions

- Games at ERA will not have spectator limitations.
- Concessions will be allowed, and physical distancing must occur when eating/drinking.
- Masks will be required for all spectators.

## **Facility Cleaning and Maintenance**

### Classroom Cleaning Protocols

- Empty all trash and recycling containers.
- Sweep and vacuum the floors and rugs.
- Disinfect tables and desktops and chairs with EPA registered disinfectant/cleaner.
- Disinfect all light switches, pencil sharpeners, door handles and other identifiable high touch areas with EPA rated disinfectant/cleaner.

### Common Area Cleaning Protocols

- Sweep and scrub all hallways.
- Empty trash and recycling containers.



- Clean and disinfect all entryway doors.
- Disinfect all stair railings, door handles, and other identifiable high touch areas.
- Clean and disinfect all drinking fountains and water bottle refilling stations with EPA rated disinfectant.

### Restroom Cleaning Protocols

- Empty trash receptacles.
- Fill all tissue and towel and soap dispensers.
- Clean and disinfect all fixtures, partitions, and sinks with EPA rated disinfectant.
- Clean mirrors.
- Disinfect restroom door handles with EPA rated disinfectant.

### Library and Office Area Cleaning Protocols

- Sweep and scrub all hallways.
- Vacuum carpets.
- Empty trash and recycling containers.
- Clean and disinfect all entryway doors.
- Disinfect all stair railings, door handles, and other identifiable high touch areas.
- Clean and disinfect all drinking fountains and water bottle refilling stations with EPA rated disinfectant.

### In-Classroom Lunch Cleaning Protocols

- Empty trash and recycling containers.
- Clean and disinfect all surfaces used for lunch.
- Disinfect door handles, and other identifiable high touch areas.