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These plans are for in person and hybrid learning.

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Section I: Social Distancing and Minimizing Exposure

In common areas such as hallways and the lunchroom, floors will be labeled with 6' markers.

Lunch tables will be marked to maximize distance between students during meal times. Meals will be served by staff; there will be no self-serve items.

In classrooms, the number of students at tables/desks will be limited to maximize distance between them. Students will stay in small pods for all instruction.

Students will provide their own transportation or use Metro Transit. Masks will be recommended for students who use Metro Transit.

Desks for office staff will have see-through barriers to conduct business.

All-school meetings will be held in Google Meet, outdoors or in the gym to ensure there is adequate space between individuals.

Section II: Face Coverings

All students and staff will be required to wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose. Students and staff may bring their own face mask or use masks provided by school. We will follow the Mayo Clinic guidelines on masking. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/documents/acceptable-masks-for-patients-staff-and-visitors-at-mayo-clinic-campusus/doc-20490709>

See-through face masks have been purchased for staff members who choose to use them so students can see facial expressions and read lips as needed.

Section III: Protecting Vulnerable Populations

For students who are in high-risk categories, distance learning can be implemented. Depending on the class, material may be delivered through an online platform or via packets.

When possible, staff members will stay in their own classrooms. Staff meetings will be held online or in a large space to maximize distance between individuals.

Section IV: Hygiene Practices

Hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes will be available in every classroom, the lunchroom, the front desk and the main office.

Students and staff will be reminded to frequently wash hands for at least twenty seconds and extra time will be given between classes and at lunch as needed for hand washing.

Section V: Cleaning and Materials Handling

Common areas such as the lunchroom, drinking fountains, doorknobs and sink handles will be sanitized throughout the school day.

Tables and desks will be wiped down between classes.

Drinking fountains will be used exclusively as water-bottle filling stations as it is no-contact.

Supplies (such as paint, brushes, colored pencils) that are usually community-based will be packaged for individuals only. Books will be individual or online. Chromebooks will be one-to-one devices for the 2020-21 academic year.

Classrooms may have personal effects, superfluous décor and furniture removed to lessen surface areas that could become contaminated.

Lunches will be served on single-use trays and utensils. Condiments will be in single-use disposable packs.

Section VI: Monitoring and Excluding for Illness

Watershed will use infrared (no contact) thermometers to check temperatures of students, staff and visitors upon entry. If a person displays a fever of 100.4 or greater, they will not be allowed in the building. (A student can wait in a secluded room until a parent can take them home.)

Students and staff will be educated as to symptoms of COVID-19.

Students and staff will stay home if:

- They have tested positive or are showing symptoms for COVID-19.
- They have recently been in close contact with a person with COVID-19.

Students and staff may return when criteria from the MDH decision tree have been met.

Section VII: Suspected or Confirmed Positive Cases of COVID-19

The executive director will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. As back up, the dean of students will take their place. The director will be responsible for coordinating with local health authorities, staff and families.

Families of students and staff members shall inform the executive director of a positive COVID-19 test or close exposure to an individual who is positive. Informing the director shall be through telephone call, text or email.

Whereas there is a positive test, the family shall share a copy of the test result.

For suspected cases or individuals who are symptomatic, they can wait in a secluded space until a family member/transportation arrives. A staff member who stays with a student and the symptomatic individual shall wait with masks on. After the individual vacates the space, all surfaces shall be cleaned with disinfectant.

If a student or staff member needs transport to a medical facility during the school day due to suspected COVID-19, an ambulance shall be called to transport the individual if a family member is unable to do so.

MDH shall be notified of confirmed COVID-19 cases among students and staff via health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us

The Watershed community shall be notified of any positive cases in coordination with local health officials while maintaining confidentiality.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school building, the school building shall be closed for two weeks to deep clean and to help keep asymptomatic individuals from contracting the illness. During this time, distance learning will take place for students while at home.

Section VIII: Water and Ventilation Systems

CDC's Guidance for Reopening Buildings after Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation shall be followed for the safety of the Watershed community.

Water and Ventilation systems are used regularly by the Mount Calvary staff and maintained by them. Watershed leases a portion of the building.

Water fountains shall be sanitized and used only to refill water bottles as this requires no contact.

Section IX: Transportation

Families shall provide their own transportation or use Metro Transit.

If a student should become ill while at school, a parent/guardian will provide transportation so the student does not use group/public transportation.

Section X: Mental Health and Wellness

School staff will share resources for Mental Health and Wellness with the Watershed community.

Watershed shall contract with a licensed mental health practitioner should students and staff members need counseling.

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