

Humphrey Public Schools



2021-2022 Illness Plan

☐ Mask Guidelines

Due to the increasing number of cases with the COVID variant, the COVID-19 virus, and the potential cases of influenza, strep throat, etc. Humphrey Public has developed an illness plan, should the need arise, for instituting a mask mandate for students and staff in school and on school transportation.

Because Humphrey Public cannot and will not be asking about health conditions or vaccination status,

each individual and family should exercise any additional precautions they see fit to be in attendance at school. We need the community and parents' help to curb the spread of illness.

While masks are not currently mandated, employees and students who would like to wear them are encouraged to do so.

If mandated, mask-wearing or other precautions WILL NOT be optional.

Contact tracing may be done by Humphrey Public with the assistance from the health district, or any other medical institution. This is our best way of stopping community spread while still allowing students, staff, and families the freedoms they wish to keep regarding masks.

MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AND NOT REQUIRED PK - 12,
unless the board of education authorizes its obligation through statute:

79-526. Class III or IV school district; school board; schools; supervision and control; powers.

(1) The school board or board of education of a Class III or IV school district has responsibility for the general care and upkeep of the schools, shall provide the necessary supplies and equipment, and, except as otherwise provided, has the power to cause pupils to be taught in such branches and classified in such grades or departments as may seem best adapted to a course of study which the board shall establish with the consent and advice of the State Department of Education. The board shall make provision for pupils that may enter at any time during the school year. The board shall have a record kept of the advancement of all pupils in each branch of study. **The board shall make rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the government and health of the pupils and devise any means as may seem best to secure the regular attendance and progress of children at school.**

☐ What data will initiate a mask mandate?

Our absentee rate for ANY ILLNESS that exceeds 9% in our school will result in a mandatory mask policy for the period of 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides under the 9% if longer than 3 weeks.

An absentee rate at 11% or above may result in a 24-48 hour shutdown of the school to deep clean and will also result in a mandatory mask policy for 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides under 9%.

At 9% Absenteeism Due To Illness ...

- we will begin social distancing during the lunch hour again, at least for the period of 3 weeks.
- only immediate family will be allowed into the buildings.
- we will determine who is allowed to attend activities.
- indoor activities requirements may be handled differently than outdoor activities.
- masks will be required on school transportation during the mask mandate

9%

Humphrey Public Schools What does 9% look like?

☐ Preschool/Elementary School

13 Students absent school wide in the elementary.

Grade Level Enrollments:

PK = 29	K = 17	1st = 17
2nd = 15	3rd = 16	4th = 13
5th = 20	6th = 18	

☐ JH/High School

11 Students absent school wide in the jr-sr high school.

Grade Level Enrollments:

7th Grade - 17	8th Grade - 20	9th Grade = 17	10th Grade = 21
11th Grade = 22	12th Grade = 23		

*If we exceed the 9% due to illness, Humphrey Public will initiate a school wide mask mandate for 3 weeks.