

## 2021-2022 Return to Safe Learning Birth to 3

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*Subject to change based upon requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education.*



WCED recognizes the importance of in-person learning for all students. While acknowledging the importance of in-person learning, WCED is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

### **Learning Model**

- Birth to 3 staff will meet with students and families in their homes, at a neutral site within the community, or outside.

### **Face Coverings**

- Staff are required to wear masks when meeting with students and families indoors. When they meet with students and families outside and can maintain a distance of 6 feet, masks are optional.

### **Health Screening and Quarantining**

- Families and staff will self-screen for symptoms of illness. If family members or staff are not feeling well, in-person sessions will be canceled and rescheduled. At times, the family and provider may choose to meet virtually.
- As prior to COVID, the school policy remains that your child must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication prior to returning to in-person services.
- Schools are mandated to report any positive COVID cases to the MN Department of Health.
- WCED Birth to 3 will use the MDH Decision Tree as a guide as well as consulting with member district school nurses.
  - COVID positive individuals will be required to quarantine for 10 days; first day of symptoms (if asymptomatic, day of positive test result) is day zero, returning to school/work on day 11)

**Social Distancing:** Staff and families are encouraged to social distance when possible.

**Vaccinations:** WCED does not require COVID vaccinations for students, families, or staff.

**Good Hygiene/Cleaning:** We will continue to practice good hygiene by washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer between all home visits. Items brought to the home will be cleaned prior to next use.

**Virtual Meetings:** Due process meetings will be in person or virtual. Meetings in person will be conducted with social distancing; at least 3 feet distancing per person.

**Partnership with Health Agencies:** WCED will continue to collaborate on issues related to COVID with Stearns County Public Health, MDE and MDH. Local COVID infection rates will be monitored closely in collaboration with the agencies listed above.

**Remain Vigilant:** The pandemic is not over and we will remain vigilant. We will closely monitor cases of COVID and take necessary steps to protect our students and staff. We expect families, staff, and the community to partner with us so we can keep our students in an “in-person” learning model.