



Sebeka Public School Fall 2020 FAQ-Reopening School Year 2020-2021

**This document is subject to change. As more information is available from MDE and MDH, we will update as needed.*

- Of the three scenarios given by the MN Department of Education, which one will Sebeka be doing?
 - As of right now, using the metrics from the MN Department of Health, we are allowed to have in-person learning
- How will parents be notified of the change?
 - We will call using our school wide Parent Information System. Please make sure your phone number is updated with the school
 - Our school website and school Facebook pages will be updated when we change scenarios.
- What are the scenarios?
 - **In-Person Learning** : Full return to school in-person, social distance may be used but not enforced. Per the Governor's order, all staff and students will have face coverings. If you are not comfortable with in-person learning at this time, or if your student(s) is/are medically compromised, you may choose distance learning as your option.
 - **Hybrid Learning**: There are different hybrid options, determined by the data from MDH. We are still working out the details on what Hybrid may look like. Social distancing and masks would be required in a hybrid model.
 - **Distance Learning**: (This option is available, regardless of what model the school is using, in-person or hybrid.) Last Spring, schools took a reactive approach to distance learning. We assure you that we will be proactive, in providing a meaningful distance learning experience for those that choose this model. This experience may include live teaching, recorded lessons, social interaction, and enhanced teacher interaction.
- When can we choose to do distance learning?
 - You may choose for your student to participate in distance learning prior to the start of the school year.
 - At any time during the school year, you may choose to move from the scenario we are using to distance learning after communicating with administration based on a mutually agreed upon date.
 - We have yet to determine how quickly a student can jump from in-person/hybrid to distance learning and vice versa.
- Will distance learning be the same as last year?
 - We know that the last 8 weeks of school last year was not easy on our families, students and teachers. We want to do better and keep distance learners and in-person learners at the same spot. Details are still being worked out. As soon as we know, we will update this section

- Will masks be required?
 - Yes. Masks are required at school for everyone 5 years old and up. Preschoolers will not be required to wear a face covering. Face shields, in grades K-8, are the alternative when wearing a mask is problematic. Please see the MDE Mask requirements [here](#).
 - Students will not have to wear masks while participating in PE, recess or while they are eating.
- How will you make sure that staff and students stay compliant with wearing masks correctly?
 - Wearing masks will be the expectation of all staff and students. If students object to wearing a mask for any other reason, administration will meet with the family to discuss alternatives to in-person/hybrid learning.
- What type of face covering does my student have to wear?
 - Students and staff will need to supply their own compliant face mask. Types of acceptable masks can be found [here](#). If students come to school without one,, the district will provide one.
- What if my student can't wear a mask?
 - There are some students who will have a medical reason that they can not wear a mask. We ask that a letter from an MD or Advanced Practice Provider be brought to Heidi in the main office. Administration will discuss the options for that student.
 - There are special circumstances where wearing a mask for a student with an IEP can become problematic. If you feel this will be true for your student, please contact your student's case manager.
- Cleaning/Disinfecting of Facilities
 - Ionizers have been purchased for the building to disinfect these areas
 - High touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day
 - Upon entering a room, students and staff are to use hand sanitizer.
 - Students K-6 will have more hand washing breaks during the school day.
- Can I visit the school?
 - At this point, all non essential visitors will not be allowed to enter the school building.
- What if I need to meet with a staff member?
 - We recommend that you call or email that staff member first. If you need to meet in person, we highly recommend meeting outside the school building or after students have left the building at an agreed upon location between staff member and the parent.
- What if..... COVID-19 Questions
 - What if a household member of my student's family tests positive for COVID-19?
 - We will follow practices as recommended by MDH and CDC. Specific policies related to questions about COVID 19 will come at a later date.

- What happens if my student tests positive for COVID-19?
 - This information will be provided at a later date
- What happens if someone in school tests positive for COVID-19?
 - This information will be provided at a later date
- What happens if my student's teacher tests positive for COVID-19?
 - This information will be provided at a later date
- Will the school make my child take a COVID-19 test?
 - No. The school will **NOT** be doing any testing. We will cooperate with the County Department of Health if it requires the use of the facility to offer testing.
- If my student is sick with non-COVID-19 related sickness, are they expected to do the distance learning from home?
 - Students will still be required to make up the work they miss. If that is done by distance learning, that will be at the discretion of the teacher and family
- Can we have assemblies this year?
 - At this point, we are not allowed to have large group gatherings
 - Our student council and Leadership team will create activities for our students during the course of the year.
- How will my student get to and from school?
 - We are asking for parents to transport their students as much as possible to and from school.
 - Those students who live near the school, may be asked to walk to school
 - All students who are able to drive, will be asked to transport younger siblings to school.
 - Students must wear masks on the school bus
 - Bus seating will be by families.
 - During the in-person scenario, buses will social distance as much as possible
 - When we switch to the hybrid model, social distancing and 50% capacity will be enforced.
 - Buses will be disinfected after each route
- Will our students still have PE and Recess?
 - Yes. Students need to have time to be kids.
 - PE will be in the large gyms, so students will be able to spread out
- Where will my student eat their breakfast and lunch?
 - Breakfast for K-6 will be in the classrooms
 - Breakfast for 7-12 will be a grab and go style in the cafeteria (old gym)
 - Lunch K-6
 - In-person:
 - K-6:lunch will be served in the Multipurpose room and students will be staggered at the tables
 - Hybrid:

- K-1 lunch will be served in the Multipurpose room and students will be staggered at the tables
 - 2-6 lunch will be served in the Multipurpose room and students will eat in the classroom
 - Distance learning
 - If your student is doing distance learning while the school is in scenario 1 or 2, meals can be picked up in the main office.
 - Unlike in the spring, meals will be changed as free, reduced or at regular priced.
 - If the whole school is in the distance learning scenario, we are still working out those details
- Lunch 7-12
 - In-person:
 - Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and students will be spread out in the cafeteria and hallways
 - Hybrid:
 - Lunch dismissal will be staggard and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Students will be staggered throughout the cafeteria and hallway
 - Distance learning
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- Will there still be play time for preschool and kindergarten?
 - Yes! Teachers will have students broken into smaller groups
 - At the end of each day, toys will be disinfected.