

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Fall 2022 Return to School

The United States Department of Education has directed School Districts to make plans for COVID-19 mitigation and response to in-person learning in the Fall of 2022. This plan establishes the mitigation expectations for Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools staff and students during Fall 2022, and may change as guidance is updated.

Masks: Masks are optional.

Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School facilities this school year are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

If you or your child has a fever 100 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse.

Isolation/Quarantine: [CDC Guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-to-quarantine.html)

Communication: Report positive cases to the school nurse.

Other Mitigation Strategies: Zumbrota-Mazeppa will implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccination Options for School Age Students: General information is available on the Goodhue County Vaccine [page](#) and on MDH <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/index.html>

Students with disabilities: Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

Coordination with state and local health officials: Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools will continue to collaborate with Goodhue County Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.

ARP ESSER Funds: School districts have been provided with funds to address a number of impacts that the pandemic had on students and educators. The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District utilized or will be utilizing funds in the following areas:

- Academic impact/learning loss
 - Summer School
 - 9-12 Credit Recovery
 - Additional staffing for class-size reduction and academic interventions
- Technology
 - Computers for students
- Mitigation
 - Masks, cleaning and sanitizing supplies/equipment, hand sanitizer stations

Plan Input: This plan will be reviewed at the September 26th, 2022 school board meeting. An opportunity for public input will be provided at the meeting.