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**Health & Safety
Policies & Procedures
2020-2021**

WHAT IS VES DOING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE?

- **HEALTH SCREENING**

- All staff and students will complete a temperature check and a squirt of hand sanitizer when coming into the building every morning.
- Any one with a temperature over 100.4 will be sent home. A call home from the office will be made to pick up the student.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- Students are broken into Group A and B so that 50% of students will be in the building to allow space for social distancing.
- Middle School students will enter and exit the building through the Middle School doors while High School students will enter and exit the building through the front door.
- Students will eat their lunch in Advisory classrooms instead of the cafeteria to maintain social distancing.
- Reminders to “social distance” will be frequent.



- **ENHANCED CLEANING**

- Desks will be disinfected and cleaned between classes.
- Common areas will be disinfected and cleaned daily.
- Hand sanitizer will be located throughout the school.
- Reminders about frequent and thorough hand washing will be given throughout the day and posted throughout the school.



Voyageurs will obtain cleaning supplies through the most easily accessible resource at the time whether that is via an online store or local distributor.

- **FACE COVERINGS**



- Masks, or other face coverings as defined by MHD, will be required in all common areas or where social distancing can not be maintained by all students and staff.
- Face coverings should be changed daily and washed nightly so that bacterial growth does not occur.
- Face coverings need to be worn correctly to ensure the effectiveness in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

WHAT PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE?

- **Visitors**

- Visitors will not be allowed in the building.
- If your student(s) need to be picked up from the school please make prior arrangements, call the office from the parking lot, and we will bring your student(s) out to you.
- All persons that come into the building will have their temperature checked.

- **Water Fountains**

- Water fountains will not be available, however water bottles may be used.
- Students will be asked to supply their own water bottles and may fill the bottles at the water filling stations to carry with them to avoid the sharing of germs.



- **Advisory**

- Announcements and lunch count will be done in morning Advisory. Students that are online learning will need to have their lunch request in by Friday for the following week to be picked up from the school.
- Breakfast options will be delivered to morning advisory.
- Computers will be checked out daily from advisory for the student to carry with him/her all day; they will be returned to advisory at the end of the day.
- Students will return to their advisory for lunch to avoid crowding in the cafeteria and comply with social distancing. Those receiving a hot lunch will have their lunch delivered to advisory.

- **Classrooms**

- Student desks/tables will be arranged to allow the 6-foot social distancing between students.
- When students are settled in their desks and social distancing can be maintained, mask breaks can be taken.
- Online students that require the use of the computer/chromebooks will need to check one out.

- **Office and Administration**

- VES will continuously monitor all guidelines from Minnesota departments of Health and Education as well as from the CDC for recommended procedures and precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- In the event of an exposure, families will be directly contacted by VES staff.