



NORTHLAND SCHOLARS ACADEMY

The Northland Scholars Academy COVID-19 Response Plan

As the COVID pandemic continues, the health and safety of our students, educators, and families remains of the highest importance. We are excited for students and staff to stay on campus and enjoy a healthy learning environment. We continue to monitor CDC notices to help determine risk mitigation and health factors when making decisions regarding our school operations.

NSA Goals for the school year

We will continue to focus on a few critical things.

Safety - We will continue to take actions to keep students and staff physically safe.

Caring - We will continue to care for the social-emotional and mental health needs of our students and staff.

Learning - We will continue to provide students with a challenging and rewarding learning environment that prepares them for life experiences.

Flexibility - We will continue to design flexibility into school schedules and procedures to meet the learning needs of our students.

As a boarding school, Northland Scholars Academy has great capacity to screen residents prior to entry, secure its campus, and control subsequent exposure risks during the term. With a small population, large space, private campus, and limited external exposure, we can implement mitigation strategies similar to “stay at home” households.

General Hygiene

- A. The school will provide hand sanitizers, paper towels, tissues, and hand washing signage in multiple locations.
- B. The school will provide direct instruction and signage on hand washing, sanitizer use, and expectations.
- C. The school will provide direct instruction and signage on coughing, sneezing etiquette and tissue disposal practices.
- D. Classrooms and dormitories will limit shared materials and personal items.
- E. The school will promote hand washing before each meal.

Spacing and Movement

- A. Arrange classroom and common spaces to maximize distancing.
- B. Classroom/common space windows will be open as the weather allows.
- C. Limit/control guest access into school buildings (e.g check-in/screening/PPE/escort)
- D. Maximize use of outdoor spaces as weather permits.



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Instruction

- A. Daily temperature checks will occur for students.
- B. Masks will be provided when needed.
- C. We will maintain small classes, utilizing larger available spaces for larger classes.
- D. Staff will work with parents who request that their child receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Food Service

- A. Mandatory hand washing of staff before serving.
- B. No community source utensils, plates, etc.
- C. Barriers between consumers and food supply.
- D. Gloving of food service personnel during food preparation/and plating
- E. Restricted access to the kitchen by non-food service personnel.

Cleaning

- A. Regular sanitation of touched surfaces (door handles, light switches).
- B. Classroom surfaces will be sanitized between class periods with approved sanitizer. The classroom teacher will be responsible for in-day sanitizing.
- C. Student Life Staff will be responsible for periodic sanitation of common surfaces in residential halls.
- D. Kitchen staff will be responsible for routine sanitizing of dining hall surfaces.
- E. Student involvement in all routine sanitizing is encouraged.
- F. Shared restrooms will be cleaned daily.
- G. Cleaning materials will be held in safe and well labelled locations in classrooms and residential halls.
- H. Waste materials from cleaning will be disposed of appropriately.