



The Northland Scholars Academy COVID-19 Response Plan

As we look toward the fall, the health and safety of our students, educators, and families remains of the highest importance. We are excited for students and staff to return to campus and enjoy a healthy learning environment. We utilized both the governor's mandates and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction guidelines to develop a plan for the opening of school this year. We considered risk mitigation and health factors when making decisions regarding our school operations.

NSA Goals for the 2020-2021 school year

This fall we will 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.

Upon arrival to campus:

- A. All people on campus will be required to mask and practice physical distancing.
- B. Campus registration and move-in processes will be developed to stagger arrivals, minimize congestion, and reduce the time parents/guardians are on campus.
- C. Students will not be allowed to leave campus once they report until approval has been granted.
- D. Students will be quarantined in campus housing separate from the residence hall.
- E. Temperature checks will be conducted twice per day on all students and staff.
- F. After a 4 day quarantine period, students who are not exhibiting any symptoms will move into the residence hall.



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- G. Parents/guests will not be allowed in the residential halls.
- H. All people arriving on campus will be screened for symptoms and receive a temperature check.

General Hygiene

- A. The school will provide hand sanitizers, paper towels, tissues, and hand washing signage in multiple locations.
- B. Personal sanitizers and masks will be added to packing lists for residential students.
- C. The school will provide direct instruction and signage on hand washing, sanitizer use, and expectations.
- D. The school will provide direct instruction and signage on coughing, sneezing etiquette and tissue disposal practices.
- E. Classrooms and dormitories will limit shared materials and personal items.
- F. The school will require hand washing before each meal.

Spacing and Movement

- A. Maximum capacity, applying current distancing guidelines will be posted on each classroom and common space.
- B. Arrange classroom and common spaces to maximize distancing.
- C. Classroom/common space windows will be open as the weather allows.
- D. Limit/control guest access into school buildings (e.g check-in/screening/PPE/escort)
- E. Maximize use of outdoor spaces as weather permits. A list of appropriate outdoor spaces will be provided to faculty.

Instruction

- A. Daily temperature checks will occur for students and staff.
- B. Masks will be provided, when needed.
- C. We will maintain small classes, utilizing the largest available spaces.
- D. We will limit the size of group assemblies and maintain physical distancing.

Food Service

- A. Mandatory hand washing before entry into the dining/serving area.
- B. No community source utensil, plates, etc.
- C. Barriers between consumers and food supply.
- D. Staggered seating.
- E. Only served plates/beverages (i.e. no exposed buffets)
- F. Eating in small distanced groups
- G. Masking and gloving of food service personnel during food preparation/and plating
- H. No access to the kitchen by non-food service personnel.



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Cleaning

- A. Regular sanitation of touched surface sanitation (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. Gloves/masks will be worn during routine cleaning.
- H. Cleaning materials will be held in safe and well labelled locations in classrooms and residential halls.
- I. Waste materials from cleaning will be disposed of appropriately.