



**COVID 19 Preparedness Plan
Health and Safety Guidelines for Worthington ISD 518 Assessment Administrations**

Worthington Independent School District 518 is committed to providing a safe and healthy place for all our students and staff during the administration of assessments.

The District has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID- 19 Pandemic. School and District Testing Staff Members are all responsible for implementing this plan. The goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our students and staff. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in our schools.

The ISD 518 COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows the guidance developed by the state of Minnesota, which is based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19, Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) statutes, result and standards, and Minnesota’s relevant and current executive orders.

Requirements for District and School Testing Staff Members (staff proctoring the exams)

District and School Testing Staff Members have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Staff do a self-screening using the Minnesota Department of Health [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools](#) prior to supporting testing each day. A staff member who responds “yes” to any of the following health screening questions will not support the test administration:

Health Screening Questions for Testing Staff
<p>a. Does the testing staff have <i>one or more</i> of these symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher ● Difficulty or trouble breathing ● New cough or a cough that gets worse ● New loss of taste or smell
<p>b. Does the testing staff have <i>at least two</i> of these symptoms?</p>

- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Excessive fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- New or severe headache
- New nasal congestion or runny nose

c. Has the testing staff been diagnosed with COVID-19 since they last worked with students?

d. Has the testing staff had close contact in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or doctor or other health care provider contacted you and said your child should stay home (quarantine)?

e. Is the testing staff or any other household member who is symptomatic (has symptoms consistent with COVID-19) currently waiting for COVID-19 test results?

Physical distancing will be implemented and maintained between district and school testing staff and students. The number of occupants in each testing room will be reduced to maintain physical distance between examinees testing and testing staff who will be monitoring the examinees progress. Examinees and testing staff will be alert to signage, markings, and instructions that will address the physical distance and flow of traffic.

District and School staff members will wear masks on test day. Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented at the school at all times. District and School testing staff are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of a testing session, prior to and after meals, and after using the restroom. District and School testing staff members are being instructed to avoid touching their face, particularly their mouth, nose, and eyes with their hands. Staff members are expected to dispose of tissues in provided trash receptacles and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward.

Regular practices of cleaning and disinfecting have been implemented, including a schedule for routine cleaning and disinfecting of the testing room, equipment, tools and areas in the work environment including restrooms, drop-off and pick-up locations. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting is being conducted of high touch areas, including keyboards, door handles, etc.

Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product.

The maximum amount of fresh air is being brought into the school, air recirculation is being limited, and ventilation systems are being properly used and maintained. Steps are also being taken to minimize air flow blowing across people.

For further information regarding cleaning protocols and practices, please refer to the ISD 518 Return to Learning Plan.

Requirements for Examinees (students, district staff taking exams)

Examinees, with the support of an adult, will do a self-screening using the Minnesota Department of Health [Home Screening Tool for COVID- 19 Symptoms](#) prior to arriving on the test administration date. Examinees who respond “yes” to any of the following health screening questions will not participate in the exam:

Health Screening Questions for Examinees
a. Does the examinee have <i>one or more</i> of these symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher● Difficulty or trouble breathing● New cough or a cough that gets worse● New loss of taste or smell
b. Does the examinee have <i>at least two</i> of these symptoms? <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sore throat● Nausea● Vomiting● Diarrhea● Chills● Muscle pain● Excessive fatigue (extreme tiredness)● New or severe headache● New nasal congestion or runny nose
c. Has the examinee been diagnosed with COVID-19 since they last went to their school, child care, youth program or last day of work?
d. Has the examinee had close contact in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or doctor or other health care provider contacted you and said your child should stay home (quarantine?)
e. Is the examinee or any other household member who is symptomatic (has symptoms consistent with COVID-19) currently waiting for COVID-19 test results?

If an examinee answers “yes” to any of the above questions, please notify District and/or School Testing Staff that you will not be attending and consult your health care provider for further instructions.

In most instances, a makeup date for testing has been scheduled. Examinees who cannot attend will be able to reschedule the testing.

Examinees are required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the school.

Examinees will wear masks on test day. Masks must be worn during the entire exam.

Examinees may need to show a picture id (school id or driver's license) as applicable to the assessment and will be asked to remove masks for inspection and full facial confirmation at check-in.

Gloves and hand sanitizer are acceptable for examinees to bring on test day and have in the testing room. Materials brought into the testing room are subject to inspection.

Examinees must adhere to physical distancing practices throughout the test session.

Examinees will be instructed by the school testing coordinator of what door to enter the building and the location of the testing room. Examinees must report directly to the testing room upon entering the building. Upon completion of the exam, examinees must exit promptly through the door as directed by the school testing coordinator. Again, no loitering in the building or visiting with school personnel will be permitted.

Examinees and testing staff will be alert to signage, markings, and instructions that will address the physical distance and flow of traffic.

Additionally, examinees should contact their school if they've been diagnosed with COVID-19 within 48 hours of taking the exam.

Communication Practices

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was communicated to all district and school testing staff and necessary training was provided. Additional communication and training will be on going.

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is available to all examinees and their families on the District website posted here: [ISD 518 Schools Assessment Website.](#)

Families always have the option to opt out of testing as they see fit. ISD 518 requests the state's Opt Out form be completed and submitted prior to the date of testing.