

INNOVATION ACADEMY

In-PERSON SAFE LEARNING PLAN-FY 23

Innovation Academy is committed to establishing a safe environment as a top priority. We are committed to following Federal, State, MDH, CDC, and MDE Policies.

FAQs

What will the Innovation Academy environment look like to ensure that students are in a safe environment as possible?

- All people present in school buildings and district offices wear a face covering.
- The face covering recommendation does not apply to children under 2 years of age or people of any age who are unable to tolerate wearing a face covering because of a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability.
- All people are required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings on all public transportation conveyances including school buses.

How will we handle a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?

- Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, child care facility, or camp to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Health screening, isolation, and quarantine

- Innovation Academy will follow the Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Program
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

What will spacing look like in the classroom seating?

- Innovation Academy will keep students and staff in small cohort groups that stay together as much as possible throughout the day and from day to day, particularly among student groups who are not currently eligible for vaccination (e.g., elementary age students).
- Innovation Academy will keep cohorts together and limit unnecessary mixing between cohort groups as much as possible (e.g., during lunch, bathroom breaks, arrival and dismissal, free periods, recess).
- Innovation Academy will evaluate classroom capacity with the goal of creating as much space between students as possible.
- Innovation Academy will stagger arrival and dismissal times to minimize crowding.

Will hand sanitizer dispensers be located in hallways in strategic locations?

Yes.

- Innovation Academy will establish a daily schedule for routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces in classrooms and common spaces.
- Innovation Academy will schedule routine environmental cleaning when students and teachers are not occupying the space.
- Innovation Academy will ensure the availability of appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, and tissues) and strategically place supplies in areas where they will be frequently used.
- Innovation Academy will build routines of hand hygiene into the daily school schedule for all students and staff, including handwashing and sanitation breaks during or between classroom activities. Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff.

How will personal cleanliness be addressed in the curriculum and in classroom rules/expectations?

The circle or meeting time every morning will be used to remind our students of the below practice at school, home, and anywhere they are:

- ❖ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- ❖ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- ❖ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❖ Clean and sanitize surfaces as much as is possible.
- ❖ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ❖ Stay home when you are sick.

All materials will be translated into different languages. [Center for Disease checklist](#)

Resource:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/summerexec.pdf>