



## Millinocket School Department

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### Updated Standard Operating Procedures: Optional Masking

Hello Parents and Guardians,

On March 8th our School Board made the decision for optional masking. Here are a few additional aspects of our updated Standard Operating Procedure associated with COVID-19.

- Make masking optional in schools and on school buses. Effective date: March 9th.
- Social distancing has been discontinued.
- When our school travels to other school districts for extracurricular activities, including sports, we will honor the home school's Standard Operating Procedures related to COVID-19.
- Meetings such as School Board, IEP, and conferences will remain virtual until further notice.
- Quarantining is required for positive cases through day 5. (US CDC guidelines)
- Positive COVID-19 cases will be required to mask when they return to school, day 6-10. (US CDC guidelines)
- The school department will continue to offer COVID-19 testing for symptomatic individuals and individuals living in the same household as positive cases.

**Illness Procedure:** All persons associated with the school department should remain home if they exhibit signs of COVID-19, including fever/chills, cough, difficulty breathing/shortness of breath, fatigue muscle/body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea or sore throat.

**Parent Reporting of COVID-19:** Parents are encouraged to report any COVID-19 cases to the school. Preventing transmission of COVID-19 is a community effort.

Yours in education,

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Superintendent of Schools