COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

February 2023

The United States Department of Education has directed School Districts to make plans for COVID-19 mitigation and response to in-person learning in the Fall of 2022. This plan establishes the mitigation expectations for Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools staff and students during Fall 2022, and may change as guidance is updated.

Masks: Masks are optional.

Health Screening Process: If you're sick, stay home. All people entering Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School facilities this school year are expected to perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

If you or your child has a fever 100 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse.

Isolation/Quarantine: CDC Guidelines

MSHSL Activities: Minnesota State High School League Activities will follow MSHSL guidelines for Covid 19.

Communication: Report positive cases to the school nurse.

Other Mitigation Strategies: Zumbrota-Mazeppa will implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

Vaccination Options for School Age Students: General information is available on the Goodhue County Vaccine page and on MDH https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/index.html

Students with disabilities: Appropriate accommodations will be made for students. The special education coordinator and case managers will consult with school staff.

Coordination with state and local health officials: Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools will continue to collaborate with Goodhue County Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.

ARP ESSER Funds: School districts have been provided with funds to address a number of impacts that the pandemic had on students and educators. The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District utilized or will be utilizing funds in the following areas:

- Academic impact/learning loss
  - Summer School
  - 9-12 Credit Recovery
  - Additional staffing for class-size reduction and academic interventions
- Technology
  - Computers for students
- Mitigation
  - Masks, cleaning and sanitizing supplies/equipment, hand sanitizer stations

Plan Input: This plan will be reviewed at the February 27th, 2023 school board meeting. An opportunity for public input will be provided at the meeting.