

*Independent School District #2134*

**United South Central Public Schools**

“Establishing Opportunities for Tomorrow’s Learning . . . Today!”

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**United South Central  
2022-2023 COVID 19 Procedures**

**Reporting Positive Cases:** School districts are required to report positive cases to MDH. Please call the school Health Office at 507-553-5810 to report positive cases.

**Health Screening:** If you're sick, stay home. Anyone entering USC facilities should perform a self-health screening prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

**Common COVID 19 Symptoms:** A fever 100.4 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell. If a student is at school and symptoms are present, they will be sent home.

**Isolation:** Individual who test positive for COVID-19, must isolate for at least 5 days from the date of the positive test or the onset of symptoms. Individuals testing positive may return to school after 5 days if they are symptom free for 24 hours. Masks are encouraged but not required for days 6-10.

**Quarantine for Household Members:** A quarantine period is not required. Household members should monitor for symptoms and notify the health office if you become symptomatic.

**Other Mitigation Strategies:** USC will also implement hand hygiene practices, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and enhanced indoor air ventilation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Coordination with state and local health officials:** USC School staff will continue to collaborate with officials from the Faribault County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health.