

Dear Minneota Public Schools Families,

Yesterday, Governor Tim Walz introduced the state plan for reopening schools for 2020-2021. School districts will open and follow procedures dependent on how many cases of the Coronavirus are present in the three counties our school district touches: Lyon, Lincoln, and Yellow Medicine. These numbers will be updated every two weeks on the [MDH Website](#).

The following chart displays the ranges that will be used for determining if our school district will be in person, hybrid, or distance learning:

## Recommended policy options based on 14-day case rate range

Policy Option	Range (14-day case rate per 10,000 people)
In-person learning for all students	0 to less than 10
Elementary in-person, Middle/high school hybrid	10 to less than 20
Both hybrid	20 to less than 30
Elementary hybrid, Middle/high school distance	30 to less than 50
Both distance	50 or more

Currently, our numbers show we are in **HYBRID** for PreK-12.

Due to our total enrollment being less than 50% of the building occupancy and because we were able to space students in our classrooms 6 feet apart, we can bring all students back in **HYBRID**!

The primary goal is for the number of Coronavirus cases to decrease in the Lyon, Lincoln, and Yellow Medicine East counties so we can keep all of our students attending our school every day. For that to happen, we need your help! Social distancing and wearing face coverings will improve our chances of keeping our schools open.

A task force convened seven weeks ago to plan a safe return for our staff and students. Our Fall Re-opening Handbook was approved by the Minneota School Board on July 30 and is attached to this e-mail. Please take the time to read through it, as it provides many essential details.

Finally, your principal will be sending a survey so we can determine who will be attending school in person or choosing to distance learning. Please complete the survey no later than Thursday, August 6, at 4 PM.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
Dan Deitte  
Superintendent of Schools, Minneota and Ivanhoe

"You will either step forward into growth, or you will step backward into safety." Abraham Maslow