

COVID-19 Checklist

K – 12 Schools

Top Things You Can Do to Prepare for COVID-19

[Minnesota Governor Tim Walz released an executive order](#) directing the Commissioner of Education to temporarily close all schools, Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 27. Some school districts may have additional closure measures in addition to this order. In addition to communication from your school district, [the Minnesota Department of Health](#) (MDH) suggests the following actions:

- › If public health officials identify a staff member or student at your school or child care as a confirmed case of COVID-19, MDH will reach out to you to provide information and guidance on notifications and other infection prevention actions.
- › Children can still go to child care while schools are temporarily closed. Schools are temporarily closed to do planning so they can implement things like distance learning.
 - Child care providers should follow [MDH Strategies to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota](#).
- › Avoid prejudice to Minnesotans of Asian descent or assuming that someone of Asian descent is more likely to have COVID-19.
- › Call MDH to discuss the situation before making recommendations so that we can work together to determine the best course of action.
 - For assistance with specific questions, school administrators can contact MDH at 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414.
- › Review the list of Recommended Supplies on the MDH website and refill items as needed.
- › Continue to distribute only reputable education, resources, services, and updates to staff and families.
 - Visit the Minnesota Department of Health or Centers for Disease Control websites for current recommendations and resources.

For up to date, accurate information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) [Prepare and Prevent: COVID-19](#) webpage, or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [Coronavirus webpage](#).



Wash your hands.



Stay home when sick.



Cover your cough.



Keep 6 feet apart.



Stay informed.