



2020 ESY - The Covid - 19 Way
July 13-16 & July 20-23

Thank you for your patience!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you for your patience while we put details together for how our Extended School Year (ESY) services would look. We are excited about having students return to the school building for programming this summer. We were given an option of distance learning or hybrid (a combination of in school and distance learning) and we decided to use the hybrid option. This means that students will be in the building for some of our scheduled days. The Minnesota Department of Education, in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Health, put out guidance regarding how to operate this summer.

This booklet is meant to give you information regarding the preparation and the plans we have developed to minimize the risk for students, families and staff. Please read through the document and let us know if you have any questions. In order to make this a successful ESY session, we will need to work together to keep everyone safe. We appreciate your help in making that happen.

We are looking forward to working with your child this summer!

Preparation For Extended School Year Services (ESY)

NLA admin has been meeting with all districts to develop plans to provide ESY services for students this summer. We know things may change before July 13th, but we want you to know what the current plans are. If the Minnesota Dept of Education changes its guidance on what schools are allowed to do for summer programming or any of its requirements, we will be in contact as soon as possible and will share what those changes are.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this uncertain time as we develop programming to best meet the needs of all of our students.

We appreciate your patience!

Cleaning and Disinfecting

How NLA is meeting the
guidelines set by the
Minnesota Dept of Health

- All of the NLA classrooms and spaces are undergoing deep cleaning with upgraded disinfecting products.
- A process for disinfecting the classrooms, bathrooms, and other NLA space will be used when students and staff leave for the day.
- All high touch surfaces will be disinfected at the end of every day.
- Students will each have individual supplies and materials. They will not be sharing materials or supplies with other students or with staff.
- During the ESY programming time, staff will use soap and water and disinfectant wipes on any surfaces used frequently. This will occur at least hourly and more frequently, if necessary.

Health Check Prior to Getting on School Transportation

We ask parents and guardians to check the following:

- Student's temperature - if greater than 100, please keep your child home and call the NLA office to report symptoms
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Aches
- Sore Throat
- Headache

If your student is experiencing any symptoms, please keep your child home and call the NLA office to report the symptoms. Thank you for helping everyone to stay as healthy as possible!

STAY SAFE MN

Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs

For people (e.g., children, care providers, or staff) who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, send home or deny entry and reference the exclusion criteria in this document to determine when they may return.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following: fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

If a person has a new symptom (for example, new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

For people who received a laboratory test for COVID-19

What to do if you're waiting for COVID-19 test results (PDF)
(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/puiseifiso.pdf)

Positive test result: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

Negative test result but symptoms with no other diagnosis: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

For people with a COVID-19 diagnosis *without* a lab test OR people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 *without* a medical evaluation (e.g., monitoring symptoms at home)

Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.



For people with other diagnoses (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) that explain the symptoms, or when a health care provider says symptoms are connected to a pre-existing condition

Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific return guidance from the health care provider or follow the Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual (www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual).

If symptoms related to a pre-existing condition change or worsen, talk to a health care provider to determine next steps.

Siblings and household members **do not** need to stay home.



Face Covering to Ride Transportation

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education have strongly recommended and strongly encouraged the use of face coverings for students and staff participating in Extended School Year Services.

Parents/guardians are requested to provide a face covering (mask, bandana, etc.) for the student to wear during transportation to and from school.

If a child does not arrive at school wearing a face covering, one will be provided for the student to wear home.

Procedures for Daily Student Check In

- Students will be greeted at the door by a staff member.
- Staff will conduct visual health screenings for each student.
- Students will use hand sanitizer prior to entering the building.
- Students will be escorted to the classroom.
- Staff will teach students about the importance of using a face covering and will instruct students on how to put the face covering on and how to take it off.
- Staff will also teach students about social distancing and how to maintain a safe distance during their time at school.

Protocols NLA staff will teach and practice with students during ESY:

- Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer Use
- Social Distancing
- Supply and Material Use and Storage
- Use of Face Coverings
- Coughing and Sneezing - What to Use to Keep Everyone Healthy

Please talk with your student about each of the items on the list before they come to ESY. We have included social narratives you can choose to read with your child prior to their attendance. You do not have to read the stories if you prefer not to or if your child is older, but please go over the information contained in them.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the NLA Office at 218-878-3060.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we conduct ESY - the Covid Way.

Barb Mackey and the NLA Staff