



Holmen Elementary Schools

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Dear Holmen Elementary Families,

The School District of Holmen is planning for a return for elementary students to in-person learning starting January 25, 2021. We know that returning to in-person learning is exciting for some and worrisome for others. The updated guidance from the Harvard Global Health Institute indicates that as long as schools implement strategies of infection control, schools can safely reopen even with high levels of community spread. We are confident in our risk-mitigation strategies. Key mitigation strategies we implement are mask wearing, frequent hand washing, and social distancing.

The [CRVA](#) is the school district's fully virtual option for K-12 families that have concerns about learning in person. The enrollment window is open through January 13th.

- January 19th - Last Day of Holmen Care and Specialized Services (see more information below)
- January 20th and 21st - Morning Meeting (8:15) and individual meetings with students as needed (scheduled with you by teacher if needed only) - No in person services
- January 21st - End of Quarter 2
- January 22nd - No School Day
- January 25th - Return to in person learning (4K-5th), five days per week, regular school day schedules

Temporary Closures

Even with a commitment to return to in-person learning, we may still temporarily revert back to virtual learning for classrooms, schools, or grade levels. Virtual learning may occur when there are a high number of absences, teacher absences that exceed substitute capacity, or the inability to complete contact tracing in a timely manner. Families should maintain childcare plans for virtual learning with short notice when temporary closures occur.

Preparation

- Students will be required to wear a mask which covers their nose and mouth securely. Please send your child to school with extra masks in his/her backpack to use when another gets wet or soiled.
- Families will be responsible for screening their children for symptoms every morning before coming to school - please see the [screening document](#).
- There still may be times in which a classroom, grade level, or the whole school may need to close due to conditions in the school - please make sure you have alternate arrangements for your child(ren).
- Students should bring their devices (fully charged) back to school with them on January 25th.

Holmen Care

Holmen Care will end on Tuesday, January 19th for all students. For many of our Holmen Care cohorts, we have moved furniture and borrowed many supplies from classrooms. Some of our staff will use Wednesday and Thursday of that week to reorganize learning spaces in preparation for Monday. Staff will send students home with their devices and all of their supplies on the 19th.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to bringing the children back to the school building soon! Please reach out with any questions you may have.

In Partnership,
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