Week of September 14-17

- Based on the current trends in our district and community we are continuing to recommend masks and social distancing indoors regardless of vaccination status.
 - The delta variant is proving to have an alarming ability to spread easily and cases are increasing in schools and childcare. This means that it's more important than ever that we use our available tools to slow transmission including masking, social distancing, washing hands, and staying home when ill.
- Per federal guidelines, masks must be worn on buses. Please send a mask with your child if they ride the bus.

Our goal is to keep our students in school and ensure that each child is safe, healthy, engaged, supported, and challenged.

DISTRICT DATA

Viking Elementary Pre-K-6		PR High School Grades 7-12	
LEARNING MODEL	In-Person	LEARNING MODEL	In-Person
Total Number of Students:	549	Total Number of Students:	419
Number Quarantined:	44	Number Quarantined:	2
Total Active Cases:	1	Total Active Cases:	1
Percent of Active Cases:	0.2%	Percent of Active Cases:	0.2%
Total Number of Staff:	91	Total Number of Staff:	61
Number Quarantined:	1	Number Quarantined:	1
Total Active Cases:	1	Total Active Cases:	1
Percent of Active Cases:	1.1%	Percent of Active Cases:	1.6%

^{*}Quarantine refers to the 14-day period those exposed to a close contact or those with a household member having a positive COVID-19 test result.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY DATA

Date Range	% of cases per 10,000 persons (Source MDH)	# of new cases per 100,000 persons (Source CDC)	
8/22 - 8/28	18.1%	High (200+)	
8/15 - 8/21	19.7%	High (200+)	
8/8 - 8/14	13.8%	High (200+)	
8/1 – 8/7	14.7%	High (200+)	

IMPORTANT: Contact Cherie Lynnes, District COVID Coordinator when you or a household member have a positive COVID-19 test, any close contact to a person with a lab confirmed positive test, or are having any symptoms. 218-863-5910 x4354 or clynnes@vikes.us .

We will continue to post updates on our school website, Facebook page, and via Skylert.

Along with the COVID-19 confirmed cases in each of our buildings, decisions regarding health and safety recommendations are also determined by the following factors: Minnesota Department of Health guidance, Otter Tail County Public Health guidance, and the ability to maintain health and safety guidelines in our school buildings. We remain committed to protecting the privacy of individual students and staff.