

Important Information from District 593 Student Health Services

- **COVID-19:** The Crookston School District strongly acknowledges that students learn better in person, especially if the learning environment is safe, welcoming and engaging. The Crookston School District plans to return to more “normal” school operations and programming for the 2022-23 school year. The school district will be sharing their 2022-23 District Safety Plan with district families once the plan has been approved by the school board and communicated to district staff. Several key guidelines of this Safety Plan that will be in place as we start the new school year including:
 - If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms. If your child is fever free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication and symptoms are improving, your child can return to school (Day 6) and wear a mask through Day 10
 - No quarantining will be in place, except in high-risk congregate settings.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** Minnesota immunization law requires that in order for a child to enroll in child care, early education programs, or a school, a parent must present documentation from received immunizations or need to present a completed exemption form. Your child will not be allowed to attend until they are compliant with this State Law. COVID vaccinations are strongly encouraged, but not required. Your local health care clinics can assist you with getting these immunizations taken care of, as well as Polk County Health is also available to assist with immunizations. Please feel free to contact the district’s school nurse, Stacey Grunewald, if you are in need of any assistance on finding information or resources related to getting immunizations for your child(ren) taken care of before the school year starts.
Immunization State Requirement: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/121A.15>
Immunization & Exemption Information: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/exemption.html>
- **MONKEYPOX:** As we begin the 2022-23 school year, we know that many students and families may be concerned about the national outbreak of monkeypox and how it could affect our schools. While monkeypox is a serious illness and we need to take precautions, it is important to note that it is different from COVID-19 in that it does not appear to spread nearly as easily. We know that it does spread through person-to-person physical contact and by coming into contact with items or surfaces that have been touched by an infected person’s rash. At this time, monkeypox cases are not prevalent in Minnesota or in Polk County.
Monkeypox Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/symptoms.html>

If you have any questions related to the student health information shared above or any other student related health issue, please contact Stacey Grunewald, District School Nurse, at staceygrunewald@isd593.org or via phone at 218-281-5600.