

# Ellendale Elementary

## Health and Safety Information for Parents

### What is a learning group/cohort?

- A group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school year and primarily interact with each other.
- At Ellendale, the learning cohort/group will include your child, their teacher, peers, and an EA/ABA in the classroom.

### How are we keeping students safe in the classroom?

- We will teach and encourage:
  - Regular hand washing and to cough/sneeze into their elbow.
  - No physical contact (No high-5s, handshakes, etc.) is to occur in the learning group (IE: the classroom).
  - No sharing of food items or personal supplies (label with the student's names)
  - When sharing of classroom books, texts, technology, etc., students will hand wash or sanitize before and after using such items.
- Additionally:
  - High touch areas (door knobs, tops of desks, etc.) will be wiped down by our school custodian during the school day, and classrooms will be sprayed and cleaned each night.
  - Desks will be arranged to allow space between students and staff, and all for easy movement throughout the class.
  - 2 reusable masks will be available for each student.
  - A mask does not need to be worn with the adult(s) or students in the learning group (IE: the classroom); however, students are welcome to wear a mask if they would like.

### How are we keeping students safe outside of the classroom (hallways, bathrooms)?

- We will teach about and encourage students to:
  - Maintain physical distance
  - No physical contact (No high-5s, handshakes, etc.)
  - No gathering or crowding
  - Use a mask if they would like
- All staff will wear masks outside of classrooms (IE: common areas like hallways, office, etc.)

### How are we keeping students safe during recess and lunch?

- We will be teaching about and encouraging students to
  - Wash their hands before and after eating or going outside for recess
  - Maintain physical distance on the school grounds
  - No physical contact (No high-5s, handshakes, etc.)
  - No gathering or crowding on school grounds (adventure playground, swings, grass fields, etc.)