

Safety Protocols 2020-2021 School Year

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Personal Protective Equipment

- According to Michigan guidelines, masks are required for all students in 6th – 12th grades for the entirety of the day. Students in grades K-5 – 5th grades must wear facial coverings anytime they leave their classroom. This requirement includes bus transportation for school sponsored events.
- We understand that many parents prefer their child(ren) not wear a mask for a number of reasons. Therefore, if a parent prefers their child(ren) not wear a mask at school, they must sign and return the school provided waiver. This waiver must be turned into the office by the first day of the school year.
- Facial coverings should not have words or pictures.

Hygiene

- We will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors. This includes soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper hand washing techniques.
- We will teach and reinforce hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Students will wash their hand or use hand sanitizer after changing any classroom; teachers will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer every time a new group of students enters their room.

Spacing, Movement and Access

- Desks and tables will be spaced out according to each room's specifications.
- In classrooms where large tables are utilized, we will space students apart.
- Prior to school starting, elementary students will go directly to their classrooms in the morning.
- Prior to school starting, high school students will go directly to their homeroom classes after dropping off their coats and bags.
- Adult guests entering the building should wash/sanitize hands when entering our buildings. Strict records, including date and time, will be kept of non-school employees or other visitors entering and exiting the building.
- Efforts will be made to help alleviate student flow in the hallways by way of staggered schedules. School will still start and end at normal school hours.
- After-school pickup will remain as normal with classes separated throughout the hallway.

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Screening Students and Staff

- Our school will designate a quarantine area and a staff person to care for students who become ill at school.
- Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 (a fever and cough) will be placed in an identified quarantine area with a surgical mask in place until they can be picked up.
- Symptomatic students sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative or have completely recovered according to CDC guidelines.
- Families are encouraged to check their child's temperature at home every morning using oral, tympanic, or temporal scanners; students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater must stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms of COVID-19 are present.
- Families are encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19. The presence of any symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath, should prompt the family to keep the student home from school and to follow up with a primary care provider.

Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students

- We will notify staff and parents immediately of any positive case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.

Food Service, Gathering, and Extracurricular Activities

- Serving and cafeteria staff will use barrier protection including gloves and facial coverings.
- Students, teachers, and food service staff will wash hands before and after every meal.
- Lunch will take place in the cafeteria. Lunch times will be staggered and classes will be separated.

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Athletics

- We will use the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS) as a guideline for our athletics programs.

Cleaning

- Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, will undergo cleaning at least every four hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant.
- Computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms will undergo cleaning after every class period with an EPA-approved disinfectant.
- Student desks will be wiped down with an EPA-approved disinfectant after every class period.
- Playground structures will continue to undergo normal routine cleaning as required by the Michigan School Guidelines.

Busing and Student Transportation

- We will require the use of hand sanitizer before entering the bus. Hand sanitizer will be supplied on the bus.
- We will clean and disinfect transportation vehicles before and after every transit route.