



CROSWELL-LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

August 6, 2021

Dear Cros-Lex Families:

We hope you are enjoying the warm summer season!

As we continue to prepare for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, and the first day of school scheduled for August 31, 2021, I would like to share with you the latest information that we have at this time as it pertains to COVID-19 planning. The information shared in the July 16th letter outlined some of the most pressing questions that needed to be addressed. Below is a transcript of what was sent out to the district.

Barring any new regulations, legislative action, or executive orders, all families and staff members will be asked to make the personal choice of wearing a mask to school, or at school events. We will not require the COVID-19 vaccination to work in, or attend Croswell-Lexington Community Schools. Also, we will not inquire on the vaccination status of any individual, student, staff, or visitor. We are still awaiting further guidance from the Sanilac County Health Department on the question of symptom monitoring, our response to positive cases, and quarantining procedures.

Since the letter on July 16th has been sent out, I have had the chance to meet with the County Health Director, review the recently released August 4th [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidance for opening schools](#), and consult with our legal counsel. Unless legally mandated, I am recommending to the Board of Education that the District maintains / fulfills what was communicated on July 16th. During my meeting with the County Health Director, with the exception of the optional masking recommendation, he supported our schools in continuing with the following mitigation steps.

- Mask Wearing will be optional as long as it remains a guideline by the MDHHS and local Health Department.
- Social Distancing 3' in the classrooms and continuing to try to keep large group assemblies at a minimum.
- Parents self-check their children for Flu and or COVID symptoms and keep them home if they are sick.
- Continue good hand hygiene practices and keep our buildings as clean as possible.
- Continue to access, as much as possible, fresh air ventilation. Such as opening windows when possible, adjusting HVAC air handling systems to allow more fresh air flow, etc.

We are still awaiting further information from the local health department as it pertains to contact tracing and quarantining.

I would like to invite all parents to attend a superintendent parent advisory meeting on Tuesday, August 10th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the High School Cafetorium to solicit parent input in advance of the upcoming school year.

In addition to the invitation to attend Tuesday evening's parent meeting, please consider completing a short parent survey. Your input is important to helping us improve! Click [HERE](#) to access the hyperlink to the survey.

Thank you!

Daniel Gilbertson

