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Dear Coleman Schools' Students and Families,

We hope all of our students, families and community are enjoying their summer break. The following information will be sent out to all Coleman Schools' community members in the Comet News soon, but I wanted to share it with you as quickly as possible. The CCS administration has been working to put plans in place for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

On June 25, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services sent out recommendations for operating schools safely and provided further clarification on August 4, 2021. Coleman Community Schools is committed to helping to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 within our community. Based on the current guidance, the following policies will be in place for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Masks are recommended and encouraged for unvaccinated staff and students while indoors. However, the use of masks will be **optional** for staff and students regardless of vaccination status both in school and during extracurricular activities.
- The current CDC order in effect does require masks to be worn on public transportation, which includes school buses and school vans. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html> Per the CDC's order, regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses and school vans.
- Vaccination against COVID-19 is recommended, however, vaccinations to attend school are not required. The District will set up and publicize Midland County Health Department vaccination clinics which are available to students, staff and families who are interested for their convenience.
- CCS will not perform diagnostic testing (Antibody testing) on staff or students as it is not required at this time by MHSSA or MDHHS.
- Since masking is not required, closed contacts will be considered those within 6 ft. a COVID-positive person.
- **Those who are close contacts, have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or tested COVID-19 positive within the past 90 days will not have to quarantine** but will be requested to mask wear and social distance for 14 days. The District will offer (not mandate) a test at day 3-5. Fully vaccinated close contacts who develop symptoms will be required to quarantine for 10 days from date of symptom onset.
- Close contacts who are **not vaccinated** may choose to either isolate from the positive case and quarantine for 10 days from most recent date of exposure **OR** be in school with a daily negative test on days 1-5, 7 and 9. The Health Department will provide the District with the

rapid test kits for families' convenience. The student/staff member choosing the daily test would go directly to the School Nurse each morning. Due to some additional 31n funding specific to physical and mental health, we plan to have a School Nurse in place by the start of school.

- CCS will continue to promote social distancing to the maximum extent possible.
- CCS will continue mitigation measures such as additional cleaning and sanitization of buses, classrooms, and surfaces that are used frequently. Staff and students will be encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands frequently.
- CCS will advise staff and students to stay home if they are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- CCS will continue to work closely with the Midland County Health Department on reporting cases and staying informed about current community transmission levels.
- CCS will continue to monitor and evaluate the 2021-2022 COVID-19 policies to best ensure the health and safety of staff and students, including continued cleaning protocols.

We will continue to monitor the recommendations and requirements set forth by the Midland County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Coleman Community Schools will return for the 2021-2022 school year five days a week for in-person learning. Over the past year, we have recognized the need for our students to be in school for face-to-face learning. There is no platform that is able to replicate face-to-face learning. Therefore, at this time the Coleman Community Schools virtual option will only be available for students who are deemed medically vulnerable by a physician. If your child meets these requirements please call (989) 465.6060 by August 23, 2021, to schedule a meeting to discuss possible options.

We stand ready to register any new residents, incoming Kindergarteners, previous home school or School of Choice students for the 2021-2022 school year anytime at the school office. Share this information with your friends, family and new neighbors so they can beat the rush. You can also look on the App and website under "Documents/Enrollment" for registration forms (<https://www.colemanschools.net/o/coleman-cs/page/enrollment--526>).

The 2021-2022 calendar is now available <https://5il.co/mf9e> or <https://5il.co/wkga>
Classroom supply lists can be found at: <https://5il.co/wkdh>
Transportation Information <https://5il.co/wkfi>
Enrollment Page- if you have a friend, family member, new neighbor or someone else interested in Coleman as Schools of Choice <https://www.colemanschools.net/o/coleman-cs/page/enrollment--526>

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or me with any questions at jmccormack@colemanschools.net or 989.400.7889. We're happy to help! #GoComets!

Sincerely,

Jen McCormack, Supt.