



# CROSWELL-LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Cros-Lex Families:

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement we begin the 2021-22 school year. We are all working hard in preparation of welcoming back our amazing students and staff to all our schools. Our District employees and staff members have worked continuously throughout the summer and I want to thank all our employees for their continued commitment to our students, and their families, and the hard work they put forth.

As we approach the upcoming school year, I want to provide everyone with the latest information related to our return to school COVID-19 update. I'm sure it's fair to say that this pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, and now as we gear up for the 2021-22 school year, it's more important than ever, that we stay focused on the goal of keeping our students and staff healthy, and our schools open, with rigorous learning opportunities for all our students. I am confident, when we act in partnership with one another with the shared goal to treat each other with respect, with kindness, and strive to keep each other safe, we will successfully navigate through this school year with even greater success, and emerge out of this pandemic stronger than ever before.

In the absence of federal, state, or local COVID-19 mandates, our plans for the start of the school year will include a layered approach to safety that is consistent with the protocols that have been in place with our summer school programs and camps. The only exception to date is the federal order-mandating mask wearing on public transportation. Below is the plan we are asking everyone to follow as we begin the new school year.

Subject	District Plan	Links
Mask Wearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Per the Federal Order (scheduled to expire January 18<sup>th</sup>), masks are required on all public transportation, which includes school buses.</li><li>As of August 18<sup>th</sup>, according to the MDHHS, CDC, and Local Health Department guidance, mask wearing is highly recommended by the CDC, MDHHS, and the Local Health Department in schools, but not mandated.</li><li>Mask wearing at all of our schools is encouraged by federal, state, and local health officials. The District will provide masks for those who want them. The decision to wear masks is a parental decision.</li></ul>	Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for the legal requirement vs. what is recommended.
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will be required where possible.</li></ul>	
Health Screening /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not required.</li></ul>	

COVID Testing/ Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccination is encouraged by the CDC, MDHHS.</li> </ul>	
Monitoring Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All families are asked to stay home when sick and report absences based on our schools' attendance procedures. Parents check daily for symptoms of COVID.</li> <li>When sick in school, please have your children picked up as quickly as possible when symptoms of illness are present.</li> <li>Please monitor your children's health when any of the following symptoms are present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever</li> <li>Cough</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>New loss of taste or smell</li> <li>Sore throat</li> <li>Congestion</li> <li>Runny nose</li> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Diarrhea</li> </ul> </li> <li>Any student who is sick with symptoms of any infectious disease must stay home.</li> <li>Please keep your child home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours, without medication.</li> <li>Inform your child's school if there is a positive test result for COVID-19 and you will be asked to follow the Sanilac County Health Department quarantine guidelines before returning to school.</li> </ul>	
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed cases among students and staff are required to be reported to the District. The District will publicly post the number of school associated positive COVID-19 cases.</li> </ul>	
Contact Tracing/ Isolation/Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The District will continue to inform families of positive cases, by school at both the elementary and secondary levels.</li> <li>Administrators will advise parents of the Sanilac County Health Department quarantine guidelines.</li> <li>Direct notification to close contacts of a person with COVID-19 is the responsibility of the Sanilac County Health Department, as described in the MDHHS October 6, 2020 Health Order.</li> </ul>	Click on MDHHS October 6, 2020 Health Order <a href="#">HERE</a> .
Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilation systems will operate according to appropriate design specifications of the HVAC equipment.</li> <li>Maximum efforts will be made to add fresh air via opening of windows (when possible).</li> </ul>	
Facilities/Cleaning/ Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued emphasis of daily cleaning protocols will be consistent with best practices using approved products to reduce and/or eliminate surface transmission of transmissible disease.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The District will encourage frequent handwashing and sanitizing hands. Sanitizer will be provided throughout the District's buildings.</li><li>• Mouths are to be covered in the event of sneezing or coughing.</li></ul>	
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Cros-Lex Schools will continue to offer a 100% virtual learning environment to any family who chooses that option. This option is available to any family who desires to reduce your child's exposure to other unmasked students or staff. Even though we are in the final days of planning and scheduling, if there are families who would like to transfer from in-person learning to virtual, please email our Curriculum Director Ms. Donna Barrier at [dbarrier@crosex.org](mailto:dbarrier@crosex.org) before August 26<sup>th</sup>. We will work with families on a case by case basis and make every effort possible to accommodate requests.

We remain committed to share timely communication if and when any conditions change. Conditions regarding COVID-19 and its variants are changing almost daily and the virus is unpredictable. The District will revise policies and take action as conditions require. As always, the District will keep you informed. It is my hope that we will truly work together in support of one another and defeat this common enemy, COVID-19.

Thank you and Go Pioneers!

Daniel Gilbertson  
Superintendent