

Menominee Area Public Schools COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, the following established procedures illustrate how Menominee Area Public Schools (MAPS) will provide preventative measures to limit/prevent transmission of COVID-19 within school buildings. The information in this document is subject to change based on directives and/or mandates from the State of Michigan or Public Health of Delta and Menominee Counties (PHDM).

These procedures are designed to establish a starting point for opening school in the fall of 2021 and to provide guidance for how the school will respond to changes in COVID-related health issues. The levels of mitigation in this plan will be determined by MAPS officials in collaboration with health officials. The levels listed below represent a range of mitigation measures within each domain and may or may not be adjusted in unison. Highlighted areas are how MAPS will begin the 2021-2022 school year.

If attendance in any buildings drops to 88% the board will consider adjusting prevention measures to further limit and prevent transmission.

CDC COVID-19 Prevention Strategies				
Promoting Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff and students are not required to have nor provide documentation of the COVID-19 vaccination ● MAPS will partner with state and local public health authorities and provide vaccination information to staff, and parents of students who are eligible for the vaccine. ● MAPS will provide students with flexible options for excused absences in order to receive a COVID-19 vaccination 			
Consistent and Correct Mask Use	<p>Mask wearing is optional</p>	<p>Mask wearing is required on all district provided transportation</p> <p>Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must provide supporting documentation to the teacher/ building principal from a qualified, licensed medical professional. This documentation must be provided in advance in order to establish a safe and acceptable plan.</p> <p>Facial Coverings may be homemade or disposable level one (basic) grade surgical masks.</p> <p>Masking wearing is optional in the K-12 schools.</p>	<p>Mask wearing is required on all district provided transportation</p> <p>Mask wearing is required for all indoor non-classroom settings in K-12 schools. Masks are required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. <i>(Exception: While eating and drinking during scheduled times and designated areas.)</i></p> <p>Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must provide supporting documentation to the teacher/ building principal from a qualified, licensed medical professional. This documentation must be provided in advance in order to establish a safe</p>	<p>Mask wearing is required on all district provided transportation</p> <p>Mask wearing is required on all school grounds. Masks are required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.</p> <p>Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must provide supporting documentation to the teacher/ building principal from a qualified, licensed medical professional. This documentation must be provided in advance in order to establish a safe and acceptable plan.</p>

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Physical Distancing	N/A	<p>Desks will be spaced three feet apart in classrooms to the extent feasible.</p> <p>As feasible, desks will be arranged to the same direction</p> <p>Cohorts of students and duplicate seating charts will be arranged when feasible</p> <p>Teachers/staff should try to maintain three feet of spacing between themselves and students as much as possible</p>	
Screening/Testing	<p>MAPS will cooperate with PHDM regarding any protocols they require for screening students and staff</p> <p>Staff members and contractors will follow MIOSHA guidelines.</p>	<p>Level 1+</p> <p>Staff members should conduct daily self-examinations utilizing the COVID-19 Workplace Health Screening.</p> <p>Parents/guardians should conduct daily student-examinations utilizing the COVID-19 Health Screening. We ask that you complete the steps of the student screening form each morning prior to sending your child to school. This partnership is vital in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping students and staff in school.</p> <p>Each school building will have a designated quarantine area for students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 at school. If symptoms continue due to non-COVID related medical issues (ie allergies) please provide medical documentation to the school office.</p> <p>Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school or staying home for the day should refer to their healthcare provider or Health Department for testing and care.</p> <p>Visitors are required to comply with the COVID specific signage pertaining to symptoms and exposure.</p>	
Ventilation		<p>Improve ventilation by opening multiple doors and windows, using child-safe fans to increase the effectiveness of open windows</p> <p>Avoiding crowded and/or poorly ventilated indoor activities and engaging in outdoor activities when possible</p> <p>Open or crack windows in buses and other forms of transportation to improve air circulation unless this poses a safety risk.</p>	
Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette		Promoting effective and proper hand washing/sanitizing and covering coughs and sneezes.	
Staying Home When Sick and		Students and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or COVID-19, should stay home and refer to their health care provider for testing and care.	

Getting Tested	
Contact Tracing in Combination with Quarantine	<p>MAPS will cooperate with Public Health of Delta and Menominee Counties if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified with both contact tracing and quarantine of staff and students. Close contacts that remain asymptomatic and have been fully vaccinated or have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 90 days will not need to quarantine (documentation must be provided/ confirmed with the Local Health Department).</p> <p>The district will notify staff and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 and follow all mandated reporting requirements while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the ADA and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.</p>
Cleaning and Disinfection	<p>Custodial and MAPS staff will sanitize classrooms, facilities and frequently touched surfaces daily.</p> <p>Facilities exposed to COVID-19 will be disinfected and cleaned as soon as possible.</p>

Additional Considerations				
Visitors	Family members and other guests will be allowed in the school building per district guidelines and policy	Visitors will be allowed in the school building under limited circumstances determined by district and school officials. Visitors must follow building protocols. (This includes but is not limited to following current district masking policies and self screening)		
Food Service and School Meals	Students will wash hands before meals	<p>Level 1+</p> <p>Appropriate spacing to limit crowded locations inside school cafeterias</p>		
Recess	N/A	Masks are not required (but are optional) when outdoors, during recess and physical education.	Masks are required when outdoors, during recess and physical education.	
Sports and Other Extracurricular Activities	The district will comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)			
Busing and Student Transportation	<p>Transportation vehicles will be routinely cleaned</p> <p>If a student becomes sick during the day they will not use group transportation to return home. Plans will be made with parents/ guardians to ensure students can return home safely.</p>	<p>Level 1+</p> <p>The use of hand sanitizers will be required before entering the bus. Hand sanitizer will be provided on each bus.</p> <p>The bus driver, staff and all students, if medically feasible, must wear facial coverings while on the bus.</p> <p>Transportation vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Students must not be present when a vehicle is cleaned. Staff will be assigned to be responsible for this cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>Weather permitting, keeping windows open while the vehicle is in motion will be considered in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus by increasing air circulation, if appropriate and safe.</p>		

If a driver becomes sick during the day they must follow protocols for sick staff and must not return to drive students.

Signage will be posted on each bus addressing the use of face covering and appropriate hygiene.