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CLK School COVID-19 Measures & Procedures

Currently CLK Schools are taking the following measures and procedures to manage communicable diseases, including COVID-19, as guided by the recent update CDC and MDHHS guidelines for K-12 schools.

Measures

- *Physical Distancing* - when and where possible it is recommended that students maintain 3-6 feet of physical distance between themselves
- *Health Screening* - parents should monitor their children for illness daily and staff must monitor their health daily
- *Stay home when sick and/or getting tested* - students and staff need to stay home when sick, and if they have a pending COVID-19 test
- *Hygiene* - handwashing and properly covering coughs and sneezes will be promoted
- *Ventilation* - when outside temperatures allow teachers will open windows to allow for fresh air to circulate; the HVAC system has been upgraded to cycle fresh air into the buildings along with being outfitted with an air purification system
- *Cleaning & Disinfection* - daily cleaning will continue along with an extra midday cleaning of common spaces and touch points throughout the district

Procedures

- *Contact Tracing* - parents will be notified by the school if your child has been identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more of positive case) and provided with the health department recommendations for when your child is exposed to COVID-19. Attached are the most recent recommendations from MDHHS.
- *School Base COVID-19 Case Reporting* - per the one remaining MDHHS Epidemic Order that pertains to schools, we will continue to post school based COVID-19 cases on our website.
- While not new, the following guidance has some changes per recent updates.
 - Students testing positive for COVID-19 must stay home and isolate. Return to school will be based on:
 - Clearance to return to school from healthcare provider, or
 - Completion of isolation period as described in attached MDHHS recommendations, and
 - 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication, and
 - principle symptoms have improved
 - Students with a pending COVID-19 test
 - Stay home while waiting for test results
 - Positive results = follow above guidance for a positive case
 - Negative results = return to school
 - Positive case in the household
 - A student who is not positive but has a positive case in their immediate household should not be sent to school until cleared by the family healthcare provider; vaccinated students and students that have been COVID positive in the previous 90 days are exempt from this and okay to attend school
 - In general, students experiencing any symptoms of illness should stay home until symptoms have subsided.

Mission: "The mission of the Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw School District is to educate young people in a safe and orderly environment where lifelong essential learning skills are taught and mastered, initiative is encouraged and achievement is recognized."



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MDHHS updates COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools

LANSING, Mich. – Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its [K-12 school quarantine and isolation guidance](#) to reflect recent updates made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that modifies or shortens the quarantine and isolation periods to as short as five days in some circumstances.

Changes include language on isolation guidance that allow students, teachers and staff to return to school sooner after infection, under certain circumstances. Quarantine guidance is also updated, allowing students, as well as staff and teachers, to return to school sooner after a school-based exposure.

The state is committed to ensuring Michigan students and educators are as safe as possible in the classroom. When layered prevention strategies such as vaccination, masking, distancing, testing, isolation and quarantine are applied consistently, school-associated transmission of COVID-19 is significantly reduced. MDHHS continues to recommend universal masking in K-12 settings. This guidance will help K-12 schools maintain in-person learning by outlining mitigation strategies when students, teachers and staff are exposed to a COVID-19 case in a school setting.

“We always advocate for preventative measures that keep our children safe,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Children of school age – ages 5 and up – are now eligible to get vaccinated, and children ages 12 and up are eligible to get boosted. In addition to masking and testing, we feel confident that schools can remain as safe as possible for our children.”

Quarantine and isolation are determined by the local health department and are used as important tools to prevent the spread of disease.

- You [isolate](#) when you are already infected with COVID-19 and have tested positive, even if you do not have symptoms. Isolation is used to separate people who are infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected.
- You [quarantine](#) when you might have been exposed to COVID-19. This is because you might become infected with COVID-19 and could spread COVID-19 to others.

Overview of COVID-19 Isolation Guidance for K-12 Schools

- **Students, teachers & staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or display [COVID-19 symptoms](#) should isolate regardless of vaccination status:**
 - If positive with no symptoms, monitor for symptoms from day of exposure through day 10 of isolation; and

- Isolate at home for 5 days (day "0" is day symptoms begin or day test was taken for students, teachers & staff who do not have symptoms); and
- If symptoms have improved or you continue to have no symptoms, return to school, while wearing a [well-fitted mask](#), for days 6 -10; or
- Stay home for 10 days if unwilling/unable to wear a mask.

If you have a fever, stay home until you are fever free for a period of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance for K-12 Schools

- **[Close contacts](#) of a COVID-19 case do not need to quarantine at home if they:**
 - Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days; and/or
 - Are up to date on [all recommended COVID-19 vaccines](#) for which they are eligible

These contacts should still monitor their symptoms and "Mask to Stay" for 10 days from the date of last exposure.

- **[Close contacts](#) of a COVID-19 case who do not meet the criteria above need to quarantine or may [test to stay](#) and/or mask to stay.** Exposed individuals may:
 - Home quarantine for days 1-5, if feasible test on day 5, AND "Mask to Stay" for days 6-10; or
 - "[Test to Stay](#)" for days 1-5 AND "Mask to Stay" for days 1-10; or
 - Home quarantine for days 1-10 if unable/unwilling to mask

Students, teachers & staff should monitor for symptoms throughout quarantine period (days 1 through 10). Day "0" is day of last close contact with any COVID-19 positive student, teacher or staff. If symptoms develop, get tested.

Symptom Monitoring

During days 0-10 following exposure:

- Watch for symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or other COVID-19 symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, get tested immediately and isolate until receiving test results. If test is positive, then follow [isolation](#) recommendations.
- If symptoms do not develop, get tested at least five days after last exposed.
- If possible, stay away from others in the home, especially people who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.

For the full 10 days after last exposure, avoid people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, and nursing homes and other high-risk settings

Test to Stay: test every other day for 6 days following the exposure and consistent and correct use of a well-fitted mask.

Mask to Stay: is the consistent and correct use of a well-fitted mask when around others and in school and public settings.

For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

To find a vaccine, visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).

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Public Schools of CLK In-Person Learning Guidance Update

Dear Parents,

Contact tracing in educational settings remains a mandate outlined in Michigan Administrative Code R. 325.174(2). Close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case should be identified through contact tracing efforts. Close contacts in an unmasked setting are defined as individuals who are within 6 feet of a positive case for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more. You are receiving this letter because your child has been identified as a close contact.

The January 10, 2022 MDHHS updated COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools details the recommendations for what to do when a student is exposed but doesn't have symptoms. Please see the chart below for determining what is recommended for your child as a close contact without symptoms.

<p>Close Contact Quarantine Exemption Close contacts do NOT need to quarantine at home if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days; and/or• Are up to date on all recommended COVID-19 vaccines for which they are eligible <p>These contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days from the date of last exposure.</p>	<p>Close Contact Quarantine For close contacts who do not meet the exemption criteria, it is recommended they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home quarantine for days 1-5, if feasible test on day 5, and mask at school for days 6-10; or• Home quarantine for days 1-10 in unable/unwilling to mask <p>Students should monitor symptoms throughout the quarantine period (days 1 through 10). Day "0" is the day of last close contact with any COVID-19 positive student, teacher, or staff.</p>
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If your child is identified as a close contact and is symptomatic they need to stay home until the recommended quarantine period (5 days from date of symptoms) is complete and symptoms subside. In general keeping ill children home helps promote and sustain a healthy learning environment.

Sincerely,



Christopher M. Davidson
Superintendent

Your child's exposure date: _____