



SWARTZ CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Swartz Creek Community Schools Return to Learn and Continuity of Learning/Services Plan 2022-2023

Swartz Creek Community Schools (SCCS) will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to students. Ensuring that this can happen both consistently and safely during the upcoming school year, the 2022-2023 Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures are implemented in a way that fosters optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in Genesee County. This plan was developed by Swartz Creek Community Schools and supported by guidance from the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) to ensure that our school district has a detailed plan for a successful and safe return to school and learning environment.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants or if the risks of severe disease, hospitalizations, or death increase. The plan may also need to vary based on in-school COVID-19 activity and outbreaks. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow SCCS or its specific buildings to adjust mitigation strategies. Periodically, but not more than every six months during the life of the grant, the plan will be reviewed, and updates will be completed and communicated as necessary.

Supporting Documents:

- [MDE and MDHHS “Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools”](#)
- [MDHHS Readiness, Response, Recovery Cycle CDC Community Levels Mi Safe Start Map](#)

The CDC will determine the COVID-19 community level for the county. Based on the community COVID-19 level, in consultation with the GCHD, SCCS will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to advance optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

Swartz Creek Community Schools will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

The following plan outlines measures for the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels of low, medium, and high.

The left column (green) represents low community levels; the middle column (yellow) represents medium community levels; and the right column (red) represents high community levels.

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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Recommended Prevention/Mitigation Strategies:

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Instructional Format		
In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will continue, but if the GCHD recommends it, some classes, grades, or buildings may temporarily switch to remote instruction.
Athletics		
Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted, and additional health and safety protocols as deemed appropriate may be put into place. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
<i>Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.</i>		
Cleaning and Disinfecting		
SCCS will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	SCCS will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	SCCS will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms.
Cohorting		
Mixing of students will not be restricted.	Mixing of students will not be restricted.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.
COVID-19 Testing		
Testing will not be required but may be offered to families.		

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Extracurricular and Field Trips		
Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.	Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.	Extracurricular activities and/or field trips may be delayed or canceled.
Face Coverings (Masks)		
Masks are available for all staff, students, volunteers, and visitors but are not required.	Masks are available for all staff, students, volunteers, and visitors but are not required.	Masks are available for all staff, students, volunteers, and visitors but are not required. The GISD will require masks when directed by the GCHD, MDHHS, CDC, and/or OHS
Food Service		
SCCS will continue normal food service operations.	SCCS will continue normal food service operations.	SCCS will continue normal food service operations. As required by the GCHD, additional health and safety protocols may be implemented.
Gathering and Facility Use		
No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.	No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or facility use may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may also be restricted.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette		
Hand hygiene will be encouraged and hand sanitation stations will be utilized.	Hand hygiene will be encouraged and hand sanitation stations will be utilized	Hand hygiene will be encouraged and hand sanitation stations will be utilized
Isolation and Quarantine		
SCCS will follow the current guidance and requirements of GCHD.		

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Meetings and Conferences		
In-District/Out-of-District meetings and conferences will be permitted.	In-District/Out-of-District meetings and conferences will be permitted.	In-District/Out-of-District meetings and conferences may be limited.
Offices		
District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Per district policy, visitors and guests are allowed in the buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Per district policy, visitors and guests are allowed in the buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Additional health and safety protocols may be implemented as deemed appropriate, along with limiting visitors and guests as recommended by the GCHD.
Remote/Virtual Learning		
Face-to-face instruction continues to be a priority for all students (excluding students at the District Virtual Learning Center who will continue with remote learning. The District will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person due to isolation or quarantine. If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure may be provided remote learning opportunities (Schoology LMS) throughout the closure.		
Social Distancing		
Social distancing measures are not required.	Social distancing measures are not required.	Feasible social distancing measures will be put in place. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.
Health Screening		
Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. See the student illness section.		

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Student Illness		
<p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or different/worse from their baseline of any chronic illness shall remain home or excluded from school or excluded from school until they are symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. (Please reference: GCHD COVID-19 Response Guidance 2022-23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature 100.4+ or signs of fever (chills/sweating) • Sore throat • New onset of cough • Diarrhea • Vomiting • Abdominal pain • New onset of headache • Loss of taste or smell • Congestion or runny nose • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches 		
Transportation		
Normal transportation operations will occur.	Normal transportation operations will occur.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place as deemed appropriate.
Vaccinations		
<p>SCCS is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated. GCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in-person.</p>		

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