



Public Schools of Petoskey

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY DISTRICT PREPAREDNESS PLAN 2021-2022

The Public Schools of Petoskey has created this District Preparedness Plan (DPP) to provide direction from medical and scientific experts that will assist us in reaching our goal of maintaining in-person learning in a manner that is safe and healthy for our students and staff members. It describes the mitigation strategies the District will employ to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff. The strategies employed are based upon the COVID transmission levels as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on their COVID Data Tracker website. The District will base its mitigation response on the CDC reported transmission level for Emmet County, as well as regular and ongoing communications with Officials from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW). Further, the district will employ mitigation strategies in accordance with any Health Orders or Executive Orders issued by state or local officials or departments.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants and availability of vaccination for younger age groups. Any changes in the plan due to updates in the CDC status will be communicated via School Messenger and posted on the [District website](#). Adjustments in protocols will be determined by the school administration. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, adjustments in mitigation measures will take place on Mondays.

Supporting Documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ American Academy of Pediatrics COVID-19 Guidance for Safe SchoolsMDHHS❖ Recommendations for Safer School Operations During COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ CDC indicators and thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19❖ Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

Mitigation Action Scale per [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#):

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
0 to 9 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days	10 to 49 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days	50 to 99 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days	>100 new cases per 100,000 persons within last 7 days
<5% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days	5% to < 7.9% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days	8% to 9.9% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days	>10% of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 7 days

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Isolation and Quarantine (Staff & Students)

The District will work with the HDNW to support case investigation and the contact tracing process. The District will provide educational support for students and families who are impacted by isolation and quarantine. Isolation and quarantine will adhere to local public health requirements and operating procedures. Close contact identification will be supported by the school for classroom and athletic-based close contact identification.

NOTES: Close contact exclusion will be determined by current school operations and policies currently in place for masking and social distancing. For example:

- No masking required. Close contacts within 6 ft of a positive individual for 15 or more cumulative minutes will be quarantined for 10 days from the last date of contact. Fully vaccinated individuals **do not** quarantine unless the individual displays symptoms.
- Face masks required. Close contacts within 3 ft of a positive individual for 15 or more cumulative minutes will be quarantined for 10 days from the last date of contact. Individuals 3 to 6 ft may continue to attend school as long as they do not have symptoms. Fully vaccinated individuals **do not** quarantine unless the individual displays symptoms.

Vaccinations

The CDC recommends vaccinations to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The district is **NOT** requiring staff or students to be vaccinated.

COVID Testing

COVID testing of students or staff **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body. Athlete & extracurricular participant testing **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.

Student Health Screening and Illness

Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student [wellness check](#) prior to sending student(s) to school. Attendance policies may be waived or suspended.

DO NOT SEND SICK STUDENTS TO SCHOOL.

[Communicable Disease Policy](#)

Extracurricular Gathering Size and Facility Use

District will follow MDHHS and MHSAA requirements.

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Staff Health Screening and Illness			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and should not report to work if sick.	Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and should not report to work if sick.	Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work and should not report to work if sick.	Staff members will be required to complete the electronic https://misymptomapp.state.mi.u/ and follow the established protocols and should not report to work if sick.
Cleaning & Disinfecting			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the school day.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in classrooms during the school day.
Face Covering (Masks)			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Staff and students will not be required to wear face masks. Face masks are optional.	Elementary: Staff and students will be required to wear face masks indoors except with medical/religious exemption. Secondary: Staff and students will not be required to wear face masks. Face masks are optional.	Staff and students will be required to wear face masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except with medical/religious exemption.	Staff and students will be required to wear face masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except with medical/religious exemption.

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Transportation			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
<p>Normal Transportation Operations.</p> <p><i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements.</i></p>	<p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.</p> <p><i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements.</i></p>	<p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.</p> <p><i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements.</i></p>	<p>Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.</p> <p><i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements.</i></p>
Instructional Format			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
<p>In-person instruction.</p>	<p>In-person instruction.</p>	<p>Individual classrooms or schools may be closed to in person instruction. If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure through a mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.</p>	<p>Individual schools or the District may be closed to in person instruction. If a school or the District is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure through a mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.</p>
<p>Students quarantined by the health department may gain access to remote learning opportunities through Schoology. The building principal may approve access to synchronous learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis, medical procedure, or mental health crisis.</p>			
Cohorting			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
<p>Mixing of students will occur.</p>	<p>Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.</p>	<p>Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.</p>	<p>Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.</p>

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Social Distancing			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Feasible social distancing measures will be in place.	Additional social distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. Desks will be arranged at least 3 feet apart, to the greatest extent feasible, in rows and facing the same direction.	Additional social distancing measures will be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., will be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. Desks will be arranged at least 3 feet apart, to the greatest extent feasible, in rows and facing the same direction.	Additional social distancing measures will be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., will be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements. Desks will be arranged at least 3 feet apart, to the greatest extent feasible, in rows and facing the same direction.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected.	Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette are expected, and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be encouraged when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.	Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette are expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.	Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected, and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.
Handwashing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be taught in all grades PreK-12 at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Hand washing/hand sanitizing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be encouraged at all times.			
Extra-Curricular Activities & Athletics			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Extra-curricular events and athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. The District will follow all MHSAA requirements.	Extra-curricular events and athletic practices and competitions will be permitted, while additional health and safety protocols may be required. The District will follow all MHSAA requirements.	Extra-curricular events and athletic practices and competitions will be permitted, while additional health and safety protocols may be required. The District will follow all MHSAA requirements.	Extra-curricular events and athletic practices and competitions may be paused or suspended. The District will follow all MHSAA requirements.

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Field Trips			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Field trips may occur as scheduled, based on CDC COVID transmission data at home, as well as at the field trip destination.	<p>Elementary: Field trips are suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue.</p> <p>Secondary: Field trips may occur as scheduled, based on CDC COVID transmission data at home, as well as at the field trip destination.</p>	Field trips are suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue.	Field trips are suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue.
Food Service			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Normal food service operations.	<p>Elementary: Meals will be consumed in spaces where social distancing is most feasible.</p> <p>Secondary: Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.</p>	<p>Elementary: Meals will be consumed in spaces where social distancing is most feasible.</p> <p>Secondary: Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.</p>	<p>Elementary: Meals will be consumed in spaces where social distancing is most feasible.</p> <p>Secondary: Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.</p>
Offices and Visitors			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings and must be masked.	District and building offices will remain open. No building access will be permitted. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place.	District and building offices will remain open. No building access will be permitted. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place.

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Meetings and Conferences			
Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
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 and virtual/remote.	Only remote/virtual in-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.