

Addison Community Schools

Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan

2022-2023

Addison Community Schools 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 2022-23 Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure both the safety and well-being of all members of our school community.

Please Note: Seasonal variations in COVID-19, as well as the appearance of more virulent or contagious variants may cause modifications in this approach. The plan may also need to vary based on in-school COVID-19 activity and outbreaks, health department and/or legislative changes. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow the district or building to make adjustments to 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, if deemed necessary. In order to inform and seek public input and comment, the plan will be reviewed and shared in a public board meeting at least every six months; time will be allowed for public comment and input and this input will be taken into account to determine if revisions are necessary. Current CDC guidance will be addressed each time plan is reviewed and revised.

At this time and in alignment with the local health department and the CDC, the management of COVID-19 will move from a pandemic response model to a more standard approach used for the management and control of all respiratory viral diseases. For the time being, the focus will be on basic illness prevention and detecting and responding to in-school clusters of cases, ongoing transmission in the school and outbreaks.

Supporting Documents: [MDE and MDHHS "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools"](#)
[MDHHS Readiness, Response, Recovery Cycle](#) [CDC Community Levels](#) [Mi Safe Start Map](#)

The district 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 levels do not apply in situations of COVID-19 outbreaks in schools, classrooms, or athletics.

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| Low | Medium | High |
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Recommended Prevention/Mitigation Strategies:

| Low | Medium | High |
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| Instructional Format | | |
| In-person instruction will occur. | In-person instruction will occur. | In-person instruction will occur, but some classes, grades, or buildings <i>may</i> be moved temporarily to remote instruction if required by the health department due to outbreaks and to control in-school spread. |
| Athletics | | |
| <p>Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted.</p> <p>MHSAA guidelines will be followed.</p> | <p>Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted and additional health and safety protocols as deemed appropriate may be put into place.</p> <p>MHSAA guidelines will be followed.</p> | <p>Athletic practices and competitions <i>may</i> be paused; if practices continue, they <i>may</i> focus on skills building with increased social distancing encouraged.</p> <p>MHSAA guidelines will be followed.</p> |
| <p><i>Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.</i></p> | | |

| Low | Medium | High |
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| Cleaning and Disinfecting | | |
| The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. | The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-buildingfacility.html | The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-buildingfacility.html |

| Cohorting | | |
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| Mixing of students will not be restricted. | Mixing of students <i>may</i> be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings. | Mixing of students <i>may be</i> restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings. |
| COVID-19 Testing | | |
| Testing will not be required but may be used as a Test to Stay (TTS) option under medium and high levels of transmission. | | |

| <div> <div>Low</div> <div>Medium</div> <div>High</div> </div> | | |
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| Extracurricular and Field Trips | | |
| Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled. | Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips <i>may</i> be expected. | Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips <i>may</i> be expected. |
| Face Coverings (Masks) | | |
| <p>Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are not required to wear face masks.</p> <p>All students, staff and families who choose to wear facemasks will be supported.</p> | Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended (but not required) to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities, especially if immunocompromised. | Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are strongly recommended (but not required) to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities. |
| Food Service | | |
| Normal foodservice operations will occur. | Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place as indicated. | Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place as indicated. |

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| | Gathering and Facility Use | |
| No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities. | Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities <i>may</i> be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted. | Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities <i>may</i> be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted. |
| Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette | | |
| Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette are 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 <i>may</i> be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas. | Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette are expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing <i>may</i> be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas. |
| Isolation and Quarantine | | |
| <p>At the current time, in the preK-12 school setting, the focus will be on basic illness prevention and detecting and responding to in-school clusters of cases, ongoing transmission in the school and outbreaks. The district, at this time, will rely less on things like case investigation, contact tracing and quarantining of students or staff following school exposures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district will follow isolation guidance for all students and staff who have been diagnosed with or are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and other illnesses. • Sick students and staff will be asked to stay home. • The district will continue to recommend that parents and staff report any cases of illnesses to the school, then reporting illnesses to the local health department as required by the public health code. • The district will monitor for increases in absenteeism, patterns in cases, or other signs of clusters, in-school spread or impending outbreaks. • The exclusion times for Common Childhood Illnesses from the American Academy of Pediatrics will be recommended for all common illnesses. See Table One. | | |

Table One: Exclusion Times for Common Childhood Illnesses

| Disease | Exclusions (unless longer per healthcare provider; consult with LHD as needed) |
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| Chickenpox (Varicella) | Until lesions crusted and no new lesions for 24hr (for non-crusting lesions: until lesions are fading, and no new lesions appear) |
| Common Cold, Croup | Exclude until 24hr with no fever and symptoms improving |
| COVID-19 | Exclude until 24hr with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) and cough has improved and 5 days since onset (or positive test if no symptoms); mask use recommended for days 6-10 |
| Diarrheal Illness, no specific diagnosis | Exclude until diarrhea has ceased for 24h or until medically cleared |
| Fifth Disease (<i>Erythema infectiosum</i> / Parvovirus B19) | No exclusion if rash is diagnosed as Fifth disease by a healthcare provider |
| Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackievirus/ Herpangina) | If secretions from blisters can be contained, no exclusion needed |
| Head lice (<i>Pediculosis</i>) | Students with live lice may stay in school until end of day; immediate treatment at home is advised |
| Impetigo (<i>Impetigo contagiosa</i>) | Treatment may be delayed until end of the day; if treatment started before next day's return, no exclusion necessary; cover lesions |
| Influenza (influenza-like illness) | Exclude until 24hrs with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) and cough has improved |
| <i>Molluscum contagiosum</i> | No exclusion necessary |
| Mononucleosis | Exclude until able to tolerate school activities; Exclude from contact sports until recovered or cleared by a healthcare provider |
| MRSA (<i>Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus</i>) | No exclusion if covered and drainage contained; No swim exclusion if covered by waterproof bandage |
| Norovirus (viral gastroenteritis) | Exclude until illness (vomiting and diarrhea) has ceased for at least 2 days; exclude from food handling for 3 days after recovery |
| Pink Eye (conjunctivitis) | Exclude only if diagnosed by a healthcare provider with herpes simplex conjunctivitis and eye is watering; exclusion also may be necessary if 2 or more associated children have watery, red eyes; contact LHD if questions |
| Ringworm (Tinea) | Treatment may be delayed until end of the day; if treatment started before next day's return, no exclusion necessary; exclude from contact sports and swimming until start of treatment |
| Strep throat / Scarlet Fever | Exclude until 12hrs after start of antimicrobial therapy |
| Vomiting Illness, no specific diagnosis | Exclude until 24hrs after last episode |
| Whooping Cough (Pertussis) | Exclude until 5 days after proper antibiotic treatment OR until 21 days after onset if not treated |
| See source for more complete list: Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools | |

- Michigan Law requires schools and childcare centers to report specific diseases according to Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978. Any reportable disease that is suspected or known to have occurred in the school or a school-sanctioned activity, including chicken pox, COVID-19, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, Haemophilus influenzae Type B, meningitis, encephalitis, hepatitis, tuberculosis, or any other serious or unusual communicable disease must be reported within 24 hours. Any unusual occurrence, outbreak or epidemic of any disease or condition must also be reported within 24 hours.
- District Policy 8450 states that the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations which pertain to immunization and other means for controlling casual-contact communicable disease spread through normal interaction in the school setting. Protocols established by the County Health Department shall be followed.

Meetings and Conferences

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences *may* be limited, virtual, or *may* be suspended.

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Offices

District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy.

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| Remote/Virtual Learning | | | |
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| <p>In-person instruction will occur.</p> <p>Students who are COVID-19 positive who are required to isolate, will have access to all required assignments via Google Classroom. Students may have access to recorded lessons.</p> | <p>In-person instruction will occur.</p> <p>Students who are COVID-19 positive who are required to isolate, will have access to all required assignments via Google Classroom. Students may have access to recorded lessons.</p> <p><i>IF</i> a school building closes due to an outbreak or legislative action, the district will follow the posted Virtual Learning plan.</p> | <p>In-person instruction will occur.</p> <p>Students who are COVID-19 positive who are required to isolate, will have access to all required assignments via Google Classroom. Students may have access to recorded lessons.</p> <p><i>IF</i> a school building closes due to an outbreak or legislative action, the district will follow the posted Virtual Learning plan.</p> | |
| Social Distancing | | | |
| <p>Feasible social distancing measures will be put in place.</p> | <p>Additional Social Distancing measures may be provided as able. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.</p> | <p>Additional Social Distancing measures may be provided as able. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.</p> | |
| Health Screening | | | |
| <p>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school.</p> <p>DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.</p> <p>See the student illness section.</p> | | | |

Student Illness

Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per Board Policy 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases.

Students exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease, shall remain home. Protocols established by the County Health Department shall be followed.

*See Table One for Exclusion Times for Common Childhood Illnesses.

Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 5 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to school authorities.

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Transportation

Normal transportation operations will occur.

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Vaccinations

The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated. MDHHS and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person