

LAKESHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

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In-person learning has been shown to provide the greatest benefit to students, and ensuring this can happen consistently and safely during the upcoming school year has been deemed a priority for Berrien County Schools.

The *2021-2024 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 health and safety for students and staff in Berrien County. This plan was collaboratively developed by Berrien County Superintendents with the support of the Berrien County Health Department to ensure that all Berrien County School Districts have an aligned and detailed plan for a successful return to the classroom this fall.

The Lakeshore Board of Education appoints the Superintendent, or designee, as responsible for the day to day implementation of this plan, including any optional decisions within the plan.

This plan will be reviewed and ratified by the Lakeshore Board of Education during the regular monthly Board meeting.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge and relevant local data changes.

Supporting Documents:

- [BCHD Guidance for Schools](#)
- [CDC indicators and thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19](#)

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Mitigation Action Scale:

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Instructional Format			
In person	In person	In-person instruction - individual schools or classrooms may be moved to remote instruction	In-person instruction - individual schools or classrooms may be moved to remote instruction
Athletics - MHSAA Guidelines will be followed			
Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted, and additional health and safety protocols put into place.	Competitions may be paused; practices focus on skills building with increased social distancing required. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Competitions may be paused; practices focus on skills building with increased social distancing required. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
Athletic testing <u>will not be required</u> unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.			
Cleaning & Disinfecting			
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.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day
Cohorting			
Mixing of students will occur.	Mixing of students will occur.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings

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COVID Testing			
COVID testing of students or staff <u>will not be required</u> unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.			
Extracurriculars & Field Trips			
Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled	Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled	Extracurricular activities and field trips may be suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue.	Extracurricular activities and field trips may be suspended. Remote/virtual activities may continue.
Face Covering (Masks)			
Face masks strongly recommended for all students, staff, and visitors indoors. Face masks required on any Lakeshore school bus or van (CDC Requirement).			
Food Service Operations			
Normal food service operations	Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.	Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.	Normal food service operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place.
Gatherings and Facility Use			
No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette			
Hand washing & proper cough/sneeze etiquette is prioritized. Reminder and education provided to all students and staff, with extra emphasis on education for preK-5. Hand washing to be supported throughout the day, with focus on pre and post meal periods, recess and restroom use. Hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol content will be available in all buildings.			

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Isolation and Quarantine (Staff & Students)			
Work with BCHD & RESA to support robust case investigation and contact tracing. 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.			
Meetings and Conferences			
School Related meetings and conferences will be permitted.	School Related meetings and conferences will be permitted.	School Related meetings and conferences may be limited.	School Related meetings and conferences may be limited. Virtual platform prioritized.
Offices			
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. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests may be allowed in buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests may be allowed in buildings.
Remote/Virtual Learning			
Students that the health department quarantines may gain access to remote learning within 3 days of being absent. The building principal may also approve access to additional learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis,	Students that the health department quarantines may gain access to remote learning within 3 days of being absent. The building principal may also approve access to additional learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis,	If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that the health department quarantines may gain access to remote learning within 3 days of being absent. The building principal may also approve	If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that the health department quarantines may gain access to remote learning within 3 days of being absent. The building principal may also approve

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Remote learning opportunities are specific to the grade level, subject area, and teacher providing the content.			
Social Distancing			
Feasible social distancing measures in place.	Feasible social distancing measures in place.	Additional Social Distancing measures will be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.	Additional Social Distancing measures will be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.
Staff Health Screening			
Staff members will complete and sign a Staff Health Reporting Agreement that outlines the responsibilities that are required when the staff member has new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms. These forms are kept in the main office of each school building.			
Student Health Screening			
Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school. DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.	Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school. DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.	Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school. DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.	Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending student to school. DO NOT SEND STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.
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Student Illness			
<p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills • Cough • Sore throat • Runny or stuffy nose (congestion) • Muscle or body aches • Headaches • Fatigue (tiredness) • Vomiting and diarrhea <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell 	<p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills • Cough • Sore throat • Runny or stuffy nose (congestion) • Muscle or body aches • Headaches • Fatigue (tiredness) • Vomiting and diarrhea <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell 	<p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills • Cough • Sore throat • Runny or stuffy nose (congestion) • Muscle or body aches • Headaches • Fatigue (tiredness) • Vomiting and diarrhea <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell 	<p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills • Cough • Sore throat • Runny or stuffy nose (congestion) • Muscle or body aches • Headaches • Fatigue (tiredness) • Vomiting and diarrhea <p>Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell

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Transportation			
Normal Transportation Operations. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements</i>	Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements</i>	Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements</i>	Normal Transportation Operations. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented. <i>*Adhere to CDC order for facemask requirements</i>
Vaccinations			
No matter which color indicator Berrien County is in, the district encourages staff and students to become vaccinated. The district is <u>NOT</u> requiring staff or students to be vaccinated.			

¹ - It is anticipated that the Director of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Director of the Berrien County Health Department will issue a Face Covering order for this level of community transmission in which we would have to comply.