

# Breitung Township School District

## Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan

### 2023-2024

The Breitung Township School District 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 2023-24 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.

*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 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.*

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 levels. Based on the local COVID-19 level, as determined by the CDC, Breitung Township Schools District, in consultation with MDHHS and DIDHD as necessary, will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to foster optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

***The district will comply with legally binding 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.

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 occur, but some classes, grades, or buildings may be moved temporarily to remote instruction if recommended by the health department due to outbreaks and to control in-school spread.
Athletics		
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.	Athletic practices and competitions may be paused; if practices continue, they may focus on skills building with increased social distancing encouraged. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
<i>Athletic testing <b>will not be required</b> unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.</i>		
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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html</a>	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html</a>

<b>Cohorting</b>		
Mixing of students will not be restricted.	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.
<b>COVID-19 Testing</b>		
Testing will not be required but may be used as a Test to Stay (TTS) option under medium and high levels of transmission.		
<b>Extracurricular and Field Trips</b>		
Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be paused.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be paused.
<b>Face Coverings (Masks)</b>		
Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks if unvaccinated and/or immunocompromised.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities, especially if immunocompromised.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are strongly recommended to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities. Districts may choose to require masks when recommended by the MMDHD, MDHHS, and/or CDC.
<b>Food Service</b>		
Normal food service 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.
	<b>Gathering and Facility Use</b>	
No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may 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 may 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 will be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.
Isolation and Quarantine		
The District will follow legally binding mandates pursuant to the district's authority under MCL 380.11a(3) and Rule 325.175(2).		
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.	In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences may be limited, virtual, or may be suspended.
Offices		
District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy.	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 as deemed appropriate. Visitors and guests may be limited.	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 as deemed appropriate. Visitors and guests may be limited.
Remote/Virtual Learning		
The primary mode of instruction will be through in-person learning. In-person learning has been shown to provide the greatest benefit to students, and ensuring this can happen consistently and safely during the 2023-2024 school year is a priority for Breitung Township Schools students. However, when necessary limited virtual learning options will also be available to students with a documented medical need, prior success in a virtual program or with administrator permission. Please contact the respective school offices regarding virtual learning options as part of the "Flivver Connect" virtual learning program.		

Social Distancing		
Social distancing is not required	Social distancing measures may be implemented as practical. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, and activities may be made.	Additional Social Distancing measures may be implemented. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, and activities may be made.
Health Screening		
Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. <b><i>DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.</i></b>		
Student Illness		
<p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill. Students exhibiting the following symptoms should remain home until symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated by a medical professional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills</li> <li>• Cough, shortness of breath</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Headaches</li> <li>• Fatigue (tiredness)</li> <li>• Vomiting(two or more times)</li> <li>• Diarrhea (two or more loose or watery stools)</li> <li>• Abdominal pain</li> <li>• Rash with fever</li> <li>• Wearing skin sores that cannot be covered</li> <li>• New loss of taste or smell</li> </ul>		

Transportation		
Normal transportation operations will occur.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place as deemed appropriate. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place as deemed appropriate. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.
Vaccinations		
The district does not require staff or students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccinations.		

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District Superintendent

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