

COVID-19 HANDBOOK

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

We are pleased to provide you with our GRPS COVID-19 Handbook.

This handbook is intended as a quick reference guide for all GRPS parents and guardians as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a living document that will be updated as changes or new information emerges.

If you have questions or want more info, please contact your school.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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COVID-19 STAFF & STUDENT HEALTH SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued commitment, dedication, and resiliency during these uncertain and ever-changing times.

I am writing to reiterate our staff and student health safety expectations.

1. Masks are required at all times in GRPS district buildings.

2. You are required to stay home if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms regardless of vaccination status:

- Fever 100.4F or higher
- OR feels warm to touch
- New cough or change in cough
- Shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Severe headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Congestion or runny nose

Also stay home if you are unvaccinated AND:

- Have had close contact or live with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- Live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 and is awaiting test results

3. Health safety protocol when in buildings: When possible, please keep 6 feet social distance and ALWAYS wear proper masks that cover your nose and mouth at all times. Practice good handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

We want everyone to remain safe and healthy, so we must be vigilant in our ways. Thank you.

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COVID-19 METRICS DASHBOARD

METRIC	TARGET	TARGET RISK LEVEL DEFINITIONS	DATA SOURCES
COUNTY POSITIVITY RATE 7 day average	 < 5% LOW RISK Consider 5-10%	RISK LEVELS Low = < 5% Moderate = 5-8% Higher = 8-10% Highest = > 10%	Kent County Health Dept.
COUNTY INCIDENCE PER 100,000 over 7 days	 AIM < 9 cases/100K Consider > 10 cases/100K	CASES/100,000: Low = < 9 Moderate = 10-49 Substantial = 50-99 Highest = > 100	Kent County Health Dept. Center for Disease Control
COUNTY VACCINE RATE 7 day average	 AIM > 70%	Percentage (%) of eligible population fully vaccinated*	Kent County Health Dept.
GRPS ZIP CODES VACCINE RATE 7 day average	 GRPS ZIP CODES AIM > 70%	Percentage (%) of eligible population fully vaccinated*	Kent County Health Dept.

The GRPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard will be populated with data and updated weekly on the district website. The Data Dashboard will be used to guide our District's decision making in consultation with the Kent County Health Department.

*Fully Vaccinated = at least 2 weeks have passed since the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna), or a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)

COVID-19 STUDENT SYMPTOM REMINDER

Before leaving for school please check your student for symptoms of COVID-19.

Keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms regardless of vaccination status:

- Fever 100.4F or higher OR feels warm to touch
- New cough or change in cough
- Shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Severe headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Congestion or runny nose

Also keep your child home if they are not vaccinated AND:

- Have had close contact or live with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- Student or any household member are awaiting COVID 19 test results.

If you believe your student's symptoms are related to a different sickness or illness, please contact your school nurse before sending your child to school. You may be required to provide proof of this diagnosis.

If your child develops any of these symptoms during the school day, the school will isolate your child away from others and call you to arrange for pick up. If we are unable to reach you, we will call the emergency contacts listed in Synergy. It is extremely important that you keep your contact information updated in Synergy.

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What to do if Students Test Positive or are Placed in Quarantine

The District will follow MDHHS/ OSHA requirements and protocols if an individual has a confirmed case of COVID-19, including reporting and record keeping requirements. The District will collect the contact information for any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was last present at the school.



If you have symptoms associated with COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status, you must:

- 01** Stay home
- 02** Notify your school



If you come to school and develop symptoms during the school day, you must:

- 01** Notify your teacher/school nurse
- 02** Leave school immediately

If you test positive or have been placed in quarantine because of an exposure:

- 01** Stay home or leave school immediately.
- 02** Contact your school nurse. Your school nurse will conduct contact tracing and provide you with isolation/quarantine guidelines.

Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period.

COVID-19 MASK PROCESS

In alignment with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Michigan Guidelines, and the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors in all district buildings. The CDC and OCR note, however, that a narrow subset of individuals because of a disability or documented medical condition might not be able to wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask because of these documented conditions. Individuals meeting either of these categories because they cannot safely wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidelines should not be required to wear one.

However, if a student with a disability cannot wear a mask, maintain physical distance, or adhere to other public health requirements, the student is still entitled to FAPE. Whether attending school in-person or remotely, students who cannot wear a mask due to their disability must not be denied services or disciplined for being unable to comply with mask requirements and must continue to receive instruction on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

- Shield
- Variety of Mask Types/Styles
- Acrylic Dividers
- Schedule Change
- Frequent Breaks
- Incentives
- Class Size
- Correct/Consistent Masking and Additional PPE for Others Who Work or Learn with the Student

* Remote learning may be considered if none of the reasonable accommodations are successful and for students with disabilities, their offer of a free appropriate public education can be met in whole.

For **student** mask accommodation requests, please contact your school nurse.

For **staff** mask accommodation requests, please contact Human Resources at HumanResources@grps.org.

DISTRICT MASK ACCOMMODATION FLOWCHART

Student and staff, because of a disability or documented medical condition, are unable to wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask at this time.

Review Data and Establish a Baseline for Tolerance

Review Data and Identify Reasonable Accommodation(s) to Build Student Tolerance and TEACH Mask Wearing

Review Data Weekly for Increasing Tolerance Across Environments

Implement Accommodation(s)

Review Data at 3 Week Intervals to Determine Further Recommendations

RESOURCE:

<http://bit.ly/covid-19-civil-rights-Q-and-A>

COVID-19 CLEANING REMINDERS

DEFINITIONS

Cleaning removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects using soap and water. This process does not necessarily kill germs but lowers the risk of spreading infection.

Sanitizing lowers the number of germs on surfaces or object to an acceptable level, by public health standards, and works on objects to lower the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces or objects by using chemicals but does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces. It is recommended you clean surfaces and objects using soap and water prior to disinfection.

The health of students and staff is a top priority.

Wearing a mask, washing your hands and practicing social distancing to the best of everyone's ability is going to be the key to a safe school year.

Cleaning reduces the risk of spreading infection by removing and killing germs on surfaces people frequently touch. Your child's school is prepped on custodial protocols.

Cleaning products used meet the recommended standards of the CDC, EPA, and the district's policies.

- Schools are cleaned each night.
- Routine custodial cleaning schedule or as necessary throughout the day.
- Limited use of shared objects is in place.
- Shared bathrooms and common areas are cleaned routinely during the school day.

COVID-19 BUSING UPDATE

**NEW TRANSPORTATION HOTLINE
(616) 819-6100**

YELLOW BUS TRANSPORTATION HEALTH SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Masks are required
- Assigned seating will be required for grades K and 1st
- First two seats on both sides of the bus will remain empty
- Social distancing is encouraged for all passengers
- Siblings may be seated together

COVID-19 CONTACT INFO UPDATE

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Due to the ever-changing circumstances and decision-making related to COVID and our schools, it is critically important that the district and schools have the most up to date contact information and consents for parents and guardians.

Parents and guardians must consent to the district and schools sending emails, robocalls, and text messages. Parents and guardians have access to the consents form through your ParentVue account. You will need your child's student number in order to complete the consents form, which is also available on ParentVue.

We are urging all parents and guardians to please opt-in to receive one or more of those communications.

To complete the online consents form, visit <https://bit.ly/grps-contact-consents-form>.

We also encourage parents and guardians to like the district and individual school Facebook pages and monitor the district website at grps.org for important news and information.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's school. Thank you!

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