



Huron School District 2021-2022 COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines and Protocols



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Our community and school district have done an outstanding job remaining flexible, while balancing external pressures, state mandates, and mitigation requirements. Providing a safe and purposeful learning environment, while ensuring face-to-face learning opportunities remains a top priority. It is our goal once again to continue to provide in-person learning on a consistent basis, and we believe that the best way to achieve this is through a balanced and layered mitigation approach that allows us to accomplish our two main objectives: promoting the health and safety of our students and providing all students with a high quality and purposeful learning environment.

On February 11, 2022, the Wayne County Health Department issued a media advisory stating that they anticipate ending the County's Emergency Order requiring face masks in educational settings, by February 28, 2022. As a result, this document outlines updates to the baseline Huron School District strategy for the mitigation of COVID-19 during the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Hand Washing and Hygiene: Frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer will continue to be encouraged throughout the school day, with hand washing breaks occurring in elementary classrooms. Proper hand washing, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, will be taught and reinforced. The Huron School District will continue to provide hand sanitation stations throughout our buildings and on our school buses.

Cleaning Protocols & Building Ventilation: The Huron custodial and maintenance staff did a fantastic job keeping our buildings clean and safe during the last school year. The custodial and maintenance staff will continue to implement daily cleaning protocols throughout all school buildings. The District will continue to utilize high efficiency filtration systems in classrooms, as well as bringing in and circulating outside air throughout all classrooms. In addition, the District is installing ionic filtration technology to all classrooms in order to continue to improve indoor air quality for students and staff.

Required Health Screening: Huron Staff, Parents/Students, and visitors will continue to use the daily self-screening checklist every day before attending school, or school related activities on District property. Parents must do a health screening of their student(s) each day, prior to sending the student(s) to school or putting the student(s) on a school bus. If the answer is "YES" to one or more questions on the self-screening checklist, the individual must stay home. **The most recent update of the Wayne County self-screening checklist can be viewed here:**

COVID-19 Screening Tool for Families: <https://bit.ly/2VXWGwz>

Staying Home When Sick and Reporting Positive Cases: Students and staff members who are experiencing sickness and symptoms should stay home from school and school related activities. All suspected and positive cases of COVID-19, as well as close contact exposures, shall be reported to the school administrator or office staff. Positive cases shall be reported to the District using the form link below:

COVID 19 Reporting Form: <https://bit.ly/3svynS9>

Digital Dashboard: The Huron School District will continue to post positive case numbers on the District's Digital COVID Dashboard, found on the District's website.

Masks and Facial Coverings: The Wayne County Health Department issued a media advisory stating that they anticipate ending their Emergency Order requiring face masks in educational settings by February 28, 2022. **As a result, facial coverings will NOT be required for students or staff while in school buildings, starting on February 28, 2022. It is important to note that facial coverings are still required for students and staff on all school buses, in accordance with the federal public transportation requirements.** The Wayne County Health Department, Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services, and the CDC continue to “strongly recommend” a layered approach to COVID-19 prevention that “includes wearing masks in public indoor spaces, social distancing, frequent handwashing, increased ventilation, and vaccination.”

Please understand that there may be circumstances that arise under which masking requirements may change in the future, due to school-based spread, attendance concerns, and/or changes in state or county mandates.

Quarantine Information: The updated quarantine scenarios and procedures information, last updated on 1/12/2022, can be reviewed by clicking the link here: http://p4cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_105709/File/COVID-19/2805_001.pdf

****Please note that all mitigation guidelines and protocols are subject to change at any time. The Huron School District will continue to monitor the local and regional health situation and make adjustments as needed, while working closely with the Wayne County Health Department.***