



# 2021-2022 Health & Safety Protocols

## Instruction

Mattawan Consolidated School will conduct in-person instructional programming five full days per week following typical schedules. Students will be expected to adhere to the following safety protocols – required and recommended. Recommendations are subject to change.

Mattawan Consolidated School offers third-party, K-12 virtual programming. Please contact your child's building office for more information.

## Mitigation Strategies

Mattawan Consolidated School works closely with local Health Departments (Van Buren and Kalamazoo) in developing and maintaining our safety protocols. MCS will follow the strictest mandate from with department.

## Health Screening

- Contact your health care provider with any questions
- We are asking parents and staff to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming to school or any activities or sports.
- Stay home if you are symptomatic.
- Use this [Health Screener](#) tool.

## Masks

- Mattawan Consolidated School will follow the most restrictive requirements from either Van Buren Cass District or Kalamazoo County Health Departments at this time.
- Read [current order here](#).
- Masks are required for all students, staff, and volunteers Young 5s – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, while indoors per this order.
- In addition, masks are required for students, staff, and volunteers in grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. This requirement will end the same time the above order ends: 6 weeks after the vaccine is available for children under 12 years of age.
- Masks will not be required for any student-athlete participating in indoor athletic events or practices or for spectators; this is subject to change. **Masks and social distancing are strongly recommended for all participating and attending indoor events or practices.**

- [Mask Guidance](#)

### **Athletic Testing**

- Testing of student-athletes for COVID-19 is not required. This will only be applied under a direct mandate from health officials.

### **Social Distancing**

- When possible, both 3 feet and 6 feet social distancing will be utilized; however, we cannot guarantee this will happen in all cases in district facilities or on district transportation.

### **Handwashing & Hand Sanitizing**

- Students and staff will have frequent opportunities to wash and/or sanitize hands. Sanitizing stations and sanitizer will be located in classrooms, offices, hallways, lunchrooms, and district transportation.
- Frequent hand-washing is strongly recommended throughout the day.

### **Facility Cleaning**

- The district uses cleaning products approved by the EPA to kill the human Coronavirus and other viruses in its buildings and on all its district transportation.
- The district will continue to follow a rigorous cleaning schedule aligned with CDC guidelines and local health authorities. This will include:
- Main entries - cleaned after everyone enters the building, as needed throughout the day.
- Lockers - exteriors cleaned and sanitized at least daily.
- Desks – will be cleaned and sanitized at least once daily.
- Self-sanitizing of desks will be available to all students.
- High-touch areas (faucets, handles, dispensers, toilet seats, doorknobs, rails, switches, countertops, etc.) will receive additional sanitization throughout the day and overnight.
- The custodial team will replenish sanitizing supplies throughout the day in all buildings.
- All procedures are subject to change based on local conditions and needs.

### **Ventilation**

- The district utilizes MERV air filters. Routine exchange performed.
- The district installed Bi-Polar Ionization (BPI) units in all rooms this summer. BPI systems neutralize harmful viruses and bacteria in the air, as well as odors. [More about BPI.](#)

- HVAC systems are set to mix 10%-20% fresh air; this is the recommended range by experts to dissipate harmful airborne viruses and bacteria.

## **Food Service**

- Mattawan Consolidated School is participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2021-2022. [More Details here.](#)
- ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.
- Cafeteria tables will be spaced out to the greatest extent possible. Social distancing will be used to the most significant degree possible but cannot be guaranteed.
- Students will go through breakfast and lunch lines to pick up their food.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the front of each serving line. Students will be expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entering the lunch line.
- Meal ordering - we will be using the same pre-ordering system that we used last school year.
- Families will be able to register, pre-pay, and view what their child is eating at [Meal Magic and RevTrak.](#)
- We encourage each household to fill out and sign the [Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application.](#) This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from various State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I-A, At-risk (31a), Title II-A, E-Rate, etc.

If you have questions, please contact the [Food Service Department](#) at 269-668-3361 x1765.

## **PPE**

Our facilities and district are well-stocked with the appropriate PPE. These supplies include face masks, rubber gloves, thermometers, and hand sanitizers.

## **Positive Cases/Contact Tracing/Quarantining**

*Per Health Department, AS of 8/25/21 and subject to change*

**Any positive case must quarantine for ten days.**

**These apply to indoor Athletics and Extracurricular.**

### **If You Are Vaccinated and Exposed to a Positive Case**

If you are vaccinated, asymptomatic, and exposed to a COVID+ case, you no longer need to quarantine if you are fully vaccinated and received all required vaccine doses, with the last dose taking place at least two weeks before the exposure and have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID+ exposure. The district may require proof of vaccination.

### **If You've Had COVID-19**

If you've had COVID-19 within the last three months and are asymptomatic, you do not need to quarantine. The district may require proof of a positive test.

### **If You Are Unvaccinated and Exposed to a Positive Case w/Masks**

If you are unvaccinated, asymptomatic, and within close contact to a positive case and both you and the positive case correctly wore a mask the entire time, and you were between 3 and 6 feet, you do not have to quarantine.

**NOTE:** A student may return on day 8 of a 10-day quarantine if they receive a negative COVID test that has been administered on days 5, 6, or 7 of quarantine.

### **If You Are Unvaccinated and Exposed to a Positive Case w/o Masks**

If you are unvaccinated and are within close contact to a positive case, and both you and the positive case did not wear masks, and you were within 6 feet, for a total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours, you must quarantine for ten days.

### **I am a close contact of someone within my household**

- Close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours starting from two days before symptoms began (or if no symptoms, two days before the test date).
- The COVID+ person needs to isolate within the home fully. This means the COVID+ person has their own bathroom, bedroom, meals are brought to the room, and will not use or share common spaces in the home. For more information, [learn how to isolate](#) yourself in your home to protect your family.
- If you are able to isolate yourself completely from the COVID+ person in your household, then you will need to Quarantine - stay home, separate yourself from others, and monitor your health for ten days after your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID.

### **The positive person in my household is not able to fully isolate from others in the home.**

Since you cannot isolate from the COVID+ person, your quarantine period begins when the COVID+ person develops symptoms (or if no symptoms, on their test date) AND continues for ten days after the COVID+ person has completed their isolation. Therefore, a household contact who is not able to isolate completely from the COVID+ person will need to be in quarantine for 20 days.

**Note:** A student may return on day 12 if they receive a negative COVID test that has been administered on day 11 of quarantine.

## **Attendance**

- Students will adhere to the attendance policies in place with the exception of COVID-related absences that will be reviewed by building administration on a case-by-case basis.

- Students/families should report absences due to quarantine or exposure to their attendance line.

## **Special Education Services**

### **COVID-19 Special Education Considerations**

Students receiving special education services will adhere to the safety protocols deemed necessary in their building of attendance. The IEP Team contingent may consider additional safety precautions on the individual health needs of the student. Such additional considerations would be identified and documented in the student's individualized education plan.

### **Work-Based Learning**

Work-Based Learning (WBL). Students using school transportation to attend work-based learning sites will follow CDC and local health department guidelines for all community experiences. According to current federal guidelines, facial coverings are required for all students and employees while on public transportation, including school buses. Parents will have full discretion if their student attends a community experience. If guardians are uncomfortable with work-based sites, they should contact the student's case manager.

Students will continue participating in transition activities, internships, and jobs, as long as health and safety protocols are followed. The transition coordinator will make contact with the student's place of employment to be aware of their COVID procedures and what protections are required of employees.

### **Specialized Transportation**

Special transportation continues to be offered for students who require this related service. According to current federal guidelines, facial coverings are required for all students and employees while on public transportation, including school buses.

### **Individualized Education Program (IEP) Meetings**

IEP meetings will be scheduled in person or via Google Meet (or other virtual meeting capabilities) on a mutually agreed upon date. \*If an IEP meeting is held in a Mattawan Consolidated School building, invited visitor protocols must be followed.

## **Transportation**

- Per CDC order, masks are required to be worn on public transportation, which includes school buses. Information regarding this federal CDC order can be found [here](#).
- Students will have assigned seats for contact tracing purposes.
- We will socially distance to the best of our ability.
- A regular ridership schedule is requested for each address in order to support our capacity and contact tracing efforts.

- Buses will be thoroughly sanitized after each route.

If you have questions, please contact the [Transportation Department](#) at 269-668-3361 x8710.

[Ridership Registration](#)

## **Visitors & Volunteers**

- At this time, visitors/volunteers to Mattawan Consolidated School must follow current safety guidelines.
- Lunchroom visits are not currently permitted at Mattawan Consolidated School.
- Special programs and celebrations inviting parents into the classroom will be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the health department and in line with up-to-date guidance; however, outdoor events can be planned and approved by building administrators.
- The Conferences format will be determined in the near future.
- Outside direct service providers (mental health and healthcare consultants, intervention specialists, etc.) will be permitted and will adhere to the current safety guidelines.