



Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Grand Haven Area Public Schools Continuity of Services Plan 2023-2027

Grand Haven Area Public Schools 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 2023-27 Learning Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that respiratory illness 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 in Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

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 respiratory illness 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, 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](#)

The CDC will determine the respiratory illness community level for the county. Based on the community level, as determined by the CDC, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, in consultation with MDHHS, 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 any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

The following plan outlines measures for respiratory illness in relation to community levels of low, medium, and high.

Recommended Prevention/Mitigation Strategies:

| Low | Medium | High |
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| 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 will not be required 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. | The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended. |
| Cohorting | | |

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| 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. |
| COVID-19 Testing | | |
| GHAPS will continue to follow guidance from MDHHS. | | |
| Extracurricular and Field Trips | | |
| 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. |
| Face Coverings (Masks) | | |
| Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are not required to wear masks. | | |
| Food Service | | |
| Normal foodservice 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. |
| | Gathering and Facility Use | |
| 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 | Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette are expected and additional opportunities for proper hand washing will be |

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| | washing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing may be available when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas. | available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be available when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas. |
| Isolation and Quarantine | | |
| The District will follow current guidance and recombinations of MMDHS, MDHHS, and CDC 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 virtual. | In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences may be virtual. |
| 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 district provides virtual learning from Grand Haven Cyberschool in grades 7-12. The district will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person due to isolation or quarantine. If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure may be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. | | |
| Social Distancing | | |
| Social distancing is not required. | | |

| Health Screening | | |
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| <i>DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.</i> | | |
| Student Illness | | |
| <p>Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or different/worse from their baseline of any chronic illness shall remain home or excluded from school or excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. (see https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Managing_CD_in_Schools_FINAL_469824_7.PDF)</p> | | |
| 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 will 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 | | |
| <p>The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated for COVID-19. MMDHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person</p> | | |

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