Montrose Community Schools
Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan 2022-2024

The Montrose Community School District will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to our students. The 2022-2024 Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies are implemented in a way that furthers optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in our services and programs. This plan was developed by the MCS and supported by guidance from the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) to ensure that our school district has a detailed plan for a successful and safe school environment.

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/building COVID-19 activity and outbreaks. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow the District or specific building to adjust mitigation strategies. This plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and updates will be completed and communicated as 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 level for the county. Based on the community COVID-19 level, in consultation with the GCHD, Montrose Community Schools will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to advance optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

Montrose Community School will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

- Genesee County Health Department (GCHD)
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Instructional Format

In an effort to accommodate the desires for our community and return as many students as possible to face-to-face instruction, which the District believes is the best place for students to be, the District plans to continue face-to-face in-person instruction for the vast majority of our students. Students will have the option to take online courses as outlined in section 21(f) of the Michigan School Code.

Educational Goals

STAR 360 assessments in reading and mathematics will be administered to all students three times each year: once in the first six weeks of the school year, once in January, and again prior to the last day of school. Formative assessments will provide information to inform our progress toward our goals over the course of the year.

It is the goal of Montrose Community Schools that:

- All students will improve average scaled score performance in Reading/ELA from Fall to Winter as measured by STAR Testing.
- All students will improve average scaled score performance in Reading/ELA from Fall to Spring as measured by STAR Testing.
- All students will improve average scaled score performance in Mathematics from Fall to Winter as measured by STAR Testing.
- All students will improve average scaled score performance in Mathematics from Fall to Spring as measured by STAR Testing.

Mental Health Supports

The district has increased mental health services by providing counselors, social workers and student success coordinators.

Addressing Learning Loss

The district will offer after school support, summer programming and credit recovery. Furthermore, in addition to hiring a curriculum director, the district will hire coaches, student success coordinators and MTSS personnel to address learning loss.

Special Services

Montrose Community Schools has dedicated special education staff to serve all special education students. The will provide support for students in reaching their IEP goals and accessing the general education curriculum. Staff will support general education online teachers, face-to-face teachers, as well as families needing additional resources in the home.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Montrose Community Schools will continue to follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms if needed.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing will not be required but may be offered to staff and families.

Extracurricular and Field Trips

Extracurricular activities and/or field trips may occur as scheduled. Groups are encouraged to pursue trip insurance in the event the district cancels the trip due to potentially dangerous world conditions.

Face Coverings (Masks)

Masks are available for all staff, students, volunteers, and visitors but are not required.

Food Service

The District will continue normal food service operations.

Gathering and Facility Use

No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand Hygiene will be encouraged and Hand Sanitation Stations will be utilized.

Isolation and Quarantine

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.

Offices

All district offices and buildings will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per Montrose Community Schools policy.

Remote/Virtual Learning

Face-to-face instruction continues to be a priority for all students. The District will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person learning 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 duration of the closure.

Social Distancing

Social distancing measures are not required.

Health Screening

Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. See the student illness section.

Student Illness

Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or may experience a change from baseline health or chronic illness, should remain home or may be excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. (See GCHD COVID-19 Response Guidance 2022-2023)

- Temperature 100.4+ or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New onset of cough
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- New onset of headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

Transportation

Normal transportation operations will occur.

Vaccinations

The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated. 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.

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