

# **North Branch Area Schools**

**Town Hall Meeting #3**  
**August 3, 2020**



# WELCOME

## AGENDA for SAFETY & INSTRUCTION UPDATES

- NBAS COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan - Safety Updates
- Return to Learn on Aug. 24, 2020 [1st day of school]
  - Phase 4 In- person Instruction *OR* NBAS Virtual Program
  - Phases 1-3 Remote Instruction -mandated school closure
  - Phase 5 and Phase 6
- District's 2020-21 Return to Learn FAQ Document
- Questions - Elementary, Ruth Fox, High School, District



# North Branch Area Schools Collaboration

North Branch Area Schools Staff	Lapeer County Health Department
North Branch Area Schools Parents	Hi-Tech Cleaning Services
North Branch Area Schools Innovation Team; Sub-committees	Dean Transportation
North Branch Board of Education	Community Stakeholders



# MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap



JUNE 30th

# MI SAFE START

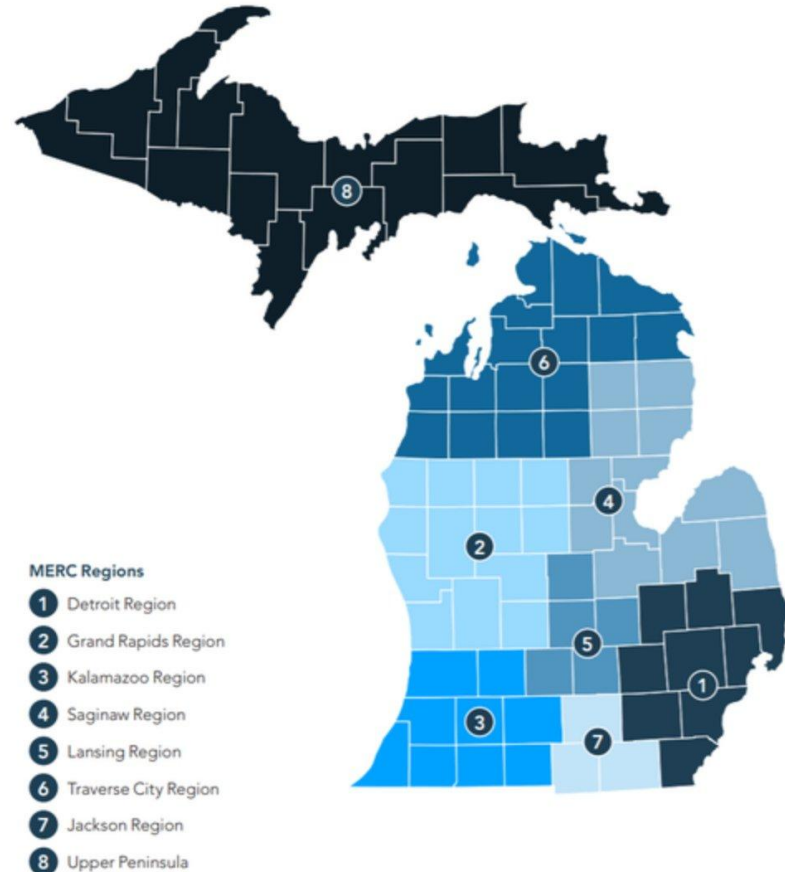
	1 Uncontrolled growth	2 Persistent spread	3 Flattening	4 Improving	5 Containing	6 Post-pandemic
<b>What's happening with the disease?</b>	Increasing number of new cases every day, likely to overwhelm the health system	Continue to see high case levels with concern about health system capacity	Case growth is gradually declining	Cases, hospitalizations and deaths are clearly declining	Continued case and death rate improvements and outbreaks can be quickly contained	Community spread not expected to return
<b>What do we need to do to stay safe?</b>	<b>Stay Home, Stay Safe:</b> Strict social distancing, travel restrictions, face coverings, hygiene best practices, remote work	<b>Stay Home, Stay Safe:</b> Strict social distancing, travel restrictions, face coverings, hygiene best practices, remote work	<b>Safer at Home:</b> Continued distancing, increased face coverings No gatherings	<b>Safer at Home:</b> Continued distancing, face coverings, safe workplace practices Gatherings with fewer than 10 people	<b>Stay Safe:</b> Adherence to new guidelines. Continued distancing, coverings, mitigated workplaces Gatherings with fewer than 50 people	Sufficient community immunity and availability of treatment
<b>What work can we do? (Examples)</b>	Critical infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First responders</li> <li>• Health care workers</li> <li>• Critical manufacturing</li> <li>• Food and agriculture</li> <li>• Essential retail (e.g., grocery)</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul>	Critical infrastructure Additional types of recreation allowed	Specified low-risk businesses with strict workplace safety measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Real estate</li> <li>• Outdoor work</li> </ul>	Additional lower-risk businesses with strict safety measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other retail, with capacity limits</li> <li>• Offices, but telework required if possible</li> </ul>	Most businesses, with strict mitigation measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurants / bars</li> <li>• K-12 and higher ed. (live instruction)</li> <li>• Travel</li> </ul>	All businesses Conventions, festivals, large events with new safety guidance and procedures Social distancing rules are relaxed and large events are permitted
<b>What factors determine progression to next phase?</b>	Analysis shows epidemic growth rates slowing Hospital and treatment capacity built, alternative care facilities established Infrastructure for crisis response and data systems to monitor progression are in place	Cases, deaths decline for extended period Monitor impact on vulnerable populations Sufficient health system capacity in place Improved testing, contact tracing and containment capacity	Cases and deaths decline more sharply, percent positivity decreasing Healthcare system capacity continues to strengthen Robust testing, contact tracing and containment protocols in place	Cases and deaths at low absolute rates per capita Health system capacity is very strong Robust testing, contact tracing and containment protocols in place	High uptake of an effective therapy or vaccine	

Note: This framing is being updated and refined as additional guidance from CDC and Public Health becomes available

It is also possible to move backwards if risk increases and if we stop adhering to safe practices

# Region 1: Where are we today?

- All regions - excluding Region 6 & 8 - are in **Phase 4**
- North Branch is Region 1
  - If school was going to start tomorrow, **Phase 4** would mean:
    - In-person instruction is permitted w/the **required** SAFETY PROTOCOLS in place
    - Requirements are coming from:
      - EO No. 2020 -142
      - [Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#)
      - MI Safe Start Plan



# NBAS COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan



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## North Branch Area Schools **COVID-19** Preparedness and Response Plan

(Executive Order 2020-142 District Preparedness Plan Template)

07/27/20

August 10th  
seek Board  
approval

# Update NBAS Health & Safety Precautions

- 100,000 disposable masks
- 450 clear masks for staff
- Bronco Masks ordered for all staff & students
- Face shields for all staff
- Safety Gloves
- Computer cleaner & cloths
- Drinking fountain spout locks
- Additional Personnel -Nurse, Custodial

- Plexi-glass protectors for offices
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Cleaning between classes w/EPA approved cleaner
- Electrostatic sprayer
- More fresh air will be filtered into classrooms/offices
- Health/Safety Training for all staff





# COVID-19 School Health Screening Agreement

## Instructions for Parents and/or Guardians

For the health and safety of our students, the local public health department requires students be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the school. Due to the time and interruption to education this would cause if doing this on site prior to school entry, the health department feels that instructing parents to do this prior to sending their kids to school is acceptable.

We ask that you complete the steps of the student screening below, prior to sending your child to school or any school activities or sports. We ask that you complete the form below indicating your understanding and agreement to perform symptom screenings on your child.

By signing this form, I am committing to screening my child daily for the 2020-2021 school year. Unless otherwise directed, I also understand that it is my responsibility to call the school as soon as possible to let them know if my child is not going to school for potential COVID-19 symptoms.

I commit to screening my child \_\_\_\_\_ for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure.

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Update NBAS Health & Safety Precautions

## PROTOCOL FOR A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19:
  - Administration will contact the Lapeer County Health Department
  - A joint assessment will take place on all information available
  - Based on findings & guidance from the Health Department, the district will respond accordingly
  - District will work with impacted families to make sure instruction continues

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# 2020-21 Fall NBAS Return to Learn Plans

- [EO No. 2020 -142](#)
- [Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#)
- [MI Safe Start Plan](#)

**Aug. 24th  
PLANS**



**Phase 1-3**

**State mandated closure:** Online Learning for all & tailored Learning "Packets" & materials; NBAS Virtual option continues

**Phase 4**

100% In-Person Instruction with **STRINGENT** safety protocols; NBAS Virtual option 

**Phase 5**

100% In-Person Instruction with; **MODERATE** safety protocols; NBAS Virtual option continues

**Health & Safety**

**QUALITY INSTRUCTION**

**Teacher-Supported LEARNING**



# Phases 1-3 *all* NBAS Students Learn Remotely

All school buildings are closed for in-person instruction

All teachers provide remote instruction

Schools provide food distribution

Schools provide resources for student mental, social-emotional health

Athletics & extracurricular activities are not permitted

**Requirements  
for Phases 1-3**

# PHASE 1 -3 Remote Instruction with Internet

- **Instruction will be more robust & rigorous and require greater time investment**
- NBAS Virtual students will continue to work through their self-scheduled online courses
- Successful completion of assignments for all students is required; attendance & grading policies will be followed
- Remote Learning Schedules will be made available online before the year begins

ALL teachers, students, & parents will use one site for **ALL** communication, lessons, assignments, video conferencing & more.

Board purchased  
Canvas.

**BK - 5** students will use a teacher - supported online approach to connect w/students daily. Instruction will consist of current curricular resources that are accessible digitally.

**6 -12** students will use a teacher - supported online approach to connect w/students daily. Instruction will consist of current curricular resources & online learning software.



# Phases 1-3 *all* NBAS Students Learn Remotely

Instructional packets will be provided weekly

Instructional packets will address online learning standards being taught

Instructional packets will be routinely delivered, collected & returned w/feedback

Instructional packets are required

Grades will be issued

**Students  
WITHOUT  
Internet  
Phases 1-3**

**PHASE 5:** We can begin to loosen procedures regarding masks & social distancing protocols. MODERATE health/safety protocols. Increased cleaning & sanitation protocols will continue.

**PHASE 6:** Post-pandemic. MINIMAL health/safety protocols. Increased cleaning & sanitation protocols will continue.

## Phase 5 and Phase 6

~Teaching & learning anchored in district curriculum & resources~



# 2020-21 Phase 4 NBAS Learning Options

## OPTION A

In-Person  
Instruction

## OPTION B

NBAS Virtual  
Learning at  
Home

\*100% Digital



If your family chooses the NBAS Virtual option, this will be a **SEMESTER-LONG COMMITMENT.**

## Phase 4 In-Person

- **STRINGENT Safety & Health Protocols**
- Instruction will be provided by NB teacher
- Regular school day; 5 days a week
- BK - 5 students grouped together to minimize movement
- BK-5 students DO NOT have to wear masks during instruction; 6 -12 students DO have to wear masks unless medically unable
- BK - 4 Special teachers coming into classroom or taking students outside
- Teaching & learning anchored in district curriculum & resources w/immersion in remote learning digital tools should the Governor send NBAS back to Phase 3

## Phase 4 NBAS Virtual

- Learning will be completely remote using standards aligned software that is self-scheduled w/parental support
- Students have to make daily & weekly progress WITHOUT face-to-face instruction with a NB teacher
- Students have same amount of courses/subjects as in-person model
- Parents & students should expect to spend an hour per day/per subject
- Students will engage with an assigned NB Mentor Teacher weekly
- Learning is anchored in software, not learning packets

# NBAS Virtual Learning Requirements

**SEMESTER COMMITMENT:** K - 12 students eligible for this option

Students will have the same number of courses/subjects as students in-person; content delivery, practice, assessments, etc. will be provided by an online program

Students expected to make DAILY & weekly progress w/self-scheduled online courses WITHOUT daily instruction from a NBAS teacher

Students should expect to spend an hour per day/per subject in **online** space

- Families have *some* control over time & location

Students expected to engage in two-way communication with their assigned NBAS Mentor Teacher each week; there will be established office hours



# NBAS Virtual Learning Requirements

Successful completion of assignments are required

Grades will be issued

Follow-up workshop will be offered to families choosing this option

Application for this option is due **MONDAY August 10th by 11:59pm**

- Switching between models can take place at semester break

Virtual students remain enrolled in district & can participate in extracurricular activities & sports



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# NBAS Virtual Learning Application

## HOW DO I APPLY?

In order to appropriately staff both our In-Person Learning Program and our 100% NBAS Virtual Learning Program, we are asking families who would like to make a **1st SEMESTER commitment** to the virtual learning option to complete the following application by **MONDAY August 10th.**

To begin the process, please complete this application:

<https://bit.ly/NBASVirtual>



Please visit the  
NBAS FAQs on  
the 2020-21  
Return to  
Learn Plan

Visit:

[www.nbbroncos.net](http://www.nbbroncos.net)

Scroll down to “Latest News”



## NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS on the 2020-21 RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

Last Revised 07/24/2020

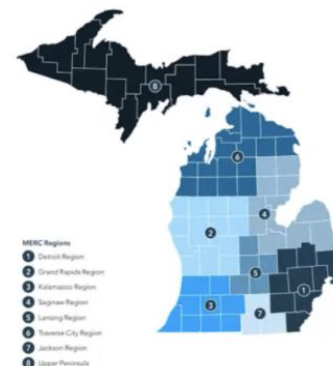
### North Branch Area Schools 2020-21 Return to Learn Plan

In an effort to continually provide updated information to our community regarding the Governor's *MI Safe: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap*, we have compiled a list of **Frequently Asked Questions** specific to *North Branch Area Schools 2020-21 Return to Learn Plan*.

The school district recognizes the important role and responsibility we have in serving our community during the COVID-19 crisis: to prioritize student, staff, and community health and safety, to serve all students with high quality instruction and to provide other critical supports our students need. We are committed to keeping you informed.

The released roadmap outlines the **required** safety protocols districts would implement in the various phases of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#). Lapeer County is currently in Phase 4. In Phases 1-3 we will be providing virtual learning and/or tailored learning packets for all students. In Phase 5 we will have less stringent requirements for in-person instruction. In Phase 6 we will move to post-pandemic instruction for our students.

Our Leadership Team will update the FAQs as new information and guidance related to the reopening of schools is shared with our school district. The *North Branch Area Schools COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan* will be shared with our community during a Town Hall





# Questions

