

## Return to School Update: Lapeer County Public School Districts

As we inch toward the return to in-person instruction for the majority of students in Lapeer County, the leaders of the County's six public school districts and the Lapeer County ISD will continue to work in cooperation with the Health Department to ensure a safe start to the school year. While the Pandemic has taken its toll on all of us, our goal is to bring students back into a safe and comfortable environment this month – *and to keep them there*. It is paramount that our students return to school for in-person learning and to ensure that opportunity is available whenever and wherever possible.

With that in mind, we want to put forth a joint plan for the least-disruptive return to school for our students. Please bear in mind that, as from the beginning of the Pandemic, there may be changes to this plan moving forward based on the status of the virus as well as any potential mandates or legislative changes at the state level. Our desire is to communicate a consistent message to ensure our approach moving forward is sensible and concise.

### Return to School Guidelines

Component	Our Approach
Masks	Recommended, but not required in schools. Masks are required on school buses.
Social Distancing	Recommended wherever possible, not required.
Screening/Testing	Not required. Parents are encouraged to check students for symptoms daily.
Reporting	Known cases among students and staff are still required to be reported to the District. The District will publicly report all school-associated probable or positive cases of COVID-19.
Symptomatic Illness	Any student who is sick with symptoms of any infectious disease must stay home.
Ventilation	Ventilation systems in buildings will operate within original design specifications. We will continue to keep windows open on school buses, whenever possible, to ensure proper ventilation.
Contact Tracing/Isolation/Quarantine	Districts will continue to do contact tracing in collaboration with the Lapeer County Health Department. Parents will have the option to quarantine students identified as close contacts.
Cleaning	Standard daily cleaning protocols using products approved by the CDC to mitigate surface transmission of the Novel Coronavirus.

If there are updates regarding COVID-19 health and safety requirements, we will communicate those as necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation,

The Lapeer County Superintendents