

Milford Area Public Schools #124

Fall 2021 Transition Plan

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The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have updated this joint summary, fully adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning and related CDC FAQ (updated as of May 27, 2022). This updated guidance supersedes all prior COVID-19 school guidance documents and applies to all public and nonpublic schools that serve students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (pre-K-12)

The updated CDC school guidance aligns with Community Levels for recommendations for testing and masking. Community levels can help schools and local health departments, as well as individuals, make decisions based on their local context and their unique needs. When communities are at a “high” level, the CDC recommends universal indoor masking as masks are critical to keeping classrooms open for in-person learning. In all Community Levels, staff and students with COVID-19-like symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are encouraged to wear a mask around others. The following chart summarizing masking and testing recommendations at the three Community Levels.

COVID-19 Community Level	Prevention Strategy for Masking	Prevention Strategy for Testing
Low	Support those who choose to continue to mask	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to implement screening testing
Medium	Person who are immunocompromised, at high risk for severe disease or have household or social contacts at high risk for severe disease, should be encouraged to talk to their healthcare providers about whether they need to wear a mask	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing
High	Universal masking indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status, should be promoted. Persons who are immunocompromised should be encouraged to wear a mask or respiratory that provides greater protection.	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing

The updated CDC guidance recommends “strategies for everyday operations” or actions schools can take every day to prevent the spread of infectious disease, including the virus that causes COVID-19. The following strategies will be in place at all Community Levels:

- Implement policies that encourage students and staff to stay home when sick
- Optimize ventilation systems
- Reinforce proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Utilize proper cleaning and disinfection procedures.

MAPS #124 Learning Model

Students and staff will be participating in full in-person learning daily as articulated in the approved 2022-2023 school calendar.

Face Coverings

Recommendations will follow the current CDC school guidance using the COVID-19 Community Level Chart.

Precautions

- A. Classrooms
 - Hand sanitizer station in each classroom
 - Emphasis on the 3 foot apart rule as much as possible

Transportation

- A. Some of the 7 daily routes may have more than 50 students riding.
- B. Routes may be altered based on the number of students needing daily transportation.
- C. Bus Riding Guidelines

- Student should not ride the bus if exhibiting COVID like symptoms
 - Hand sanitizer available on bus
 - Seating charts required and must be followed/enforced
- D. Individual students encouraged to sit next to window
- E. Disposable masks available upon request
- F. Sanitization of each bus will occur daily
- G. Accurate bus rider lists will be maintained and communicated to administration

Self-Quarantine

Separate space in building for students displaying symptoms or having a temperature over 100.4. Parent will be notified and asked to pick up student. Most up to date self-quarantine guidelines will be used throughout the school year in collaboration with CDC/IDPH and Iroquois County Public Health Department guidance.

COVID-19 Isolated

- A. Instructor will not come to student home. Student will remote learn in real-time as teacher instructs on site class unless student is too ill to remote learn.

School Cleaning & Disinfecting

- A. Daily classroom cleaning
- B. Lunchroom - in between lunches
- C. Classroom Lunch (If needed) – cleaning classrooms where students eat if unable to safely be in the cafeteria due to distancing
- D. Sanitizing spray bottles for each classroom

Student Hygiene

- A. Handwashing Stations & Schedules
- B. Reminders of “no face touching”

Students / Staff / Parents Entering Building

- A. Students report to 1st period classroom upon arrival not gym or the hallways
- B. Student designated entrances
- C. Staff currently have designated entrances
- D. Parents/guardians not allowed in building unless they have a scheduled meeting
 - 1. Drop boxes for forgotten materials - vestibule