Mancelona Public School

# 2021-2022 Return to School Policy

**Masks**

* The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has ordered all educational institutions to adopt a policy requiring universal masking, regardless of vaccination status, indoors for all students, staff, and visitors.
* Masks are still required for all on [buses](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS_Face_Mask_Recommendations_5.20.21_725941_7.pdf). The CDC requires that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

# Vaccination

* This is a personal choice for families and staff and will not be required by Mancelona Public Schools.

# Testing

* The district is not required to test students for COVID-19 at this time. (MHSAA may require testing of student athletes in the future.)

**Social Distancing**

* Staff will maximize distancing as much as possible. Recommended classroom distance is 3 feet (if students are masked) and 6 feet for other indoor spaces.

**COVID-19 Contact Tracing** (close contact defined as someone within 3 feet in a classroom setting when strict mitigation measures like students being masked are present or within 6 feet in any other indoor setting for 15 minutes or more)

* We will still continue to trace close contacts of COVID-19 positive students in conjunction with our health department.
* COVID-19 positive students will isolate for 10 days and can return when they are symptom free.
* Families will be notified to monitor their child for symptoms if their child was identified as a close contact. To best protect the student, staff and others, individuals who have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case must quarantine for the full 10 days, unless fully vaccinated and have no symptoms.

# Cleaning

* Enhanced cleaning protocols will continue in all Mancelona facilities and buses.
* All classrooms will be provided with cleaning and sanitizing materials.
* All buses will have sanitizing stations for students.
* Should increased cases arise, additional mitigation measures may be implemented.

# Health

* Mancelona Public Schools will continue to model appropriate hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.
* Mancelona Public Schools will encourage parents to monitor the health of their children including staying home if fever is present.
* If a student becomes ill at school (fever of 100.4 or more, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, vomiting, abdominal pain, sore throat, severe headache) parents or emergency contacts are expected to pick up the child immediately and the child will remain out of school for 24 hours and should be fever free before returning to school. For example, if sick on Monday must feel better all day Tuesday in order to return to school on Wednesday.

# Visitors

* Visitors/parents will be allowed in the building by appointment only and must be masked.
* Pick up and drop off routines will be the same as last year