Grosse Pointe Public School System 2021-2022 School Year At-a-Glance

Grosse Pointe Public School System Covid-19 Information





Face-to-face instruction: GPPSS will offer full time, face-to-face instruction for all grade levels beginning the first day of school. There will not be any separate cohorts or OneGP Virtual.



Masking in school buildings: Due to low local COVID-19 numbers, we anticipate beginning the school year with masks optional across all grade levels. However, masks are recommended in school buildings, especially for unvaccinated individuals. If local COVID-19 infection rates increase, we are prepared to adjust and may need to reinstate mandatory masking in school buildings.



Physical Distancing: GPPSS will not require physical distancing while in classrooms or during lunchtime. (Outdoor lunch will be encouraged when weather permits.) Each classroom will be organized according to teacher preference based on what is best for their particular room/subject matter. If local COVID-19 infection rates change, we are prepared to adjust distancing requirements.



Desk & Face Shields: GPPSS will not require desk shields to be used inside district buildings during class or lunchtime. Desk shields and face shields will be available upon request.



Lockers: GPPSS students will have access to lockers throughout the school day. Information on locker assignments will be provided at registration.



Visitors & Volunteers: Visitors and volunteers will be permitted inside school buildings. All visitors must enter through the office and follow building protocols for check-in.



Cleaning, Hygiene & Ventilation: GPPSS will continue to follow strict and thorough cleaning procedures in all district buildings. Regular hand washing is encouraged and hand sanitizer will be easily accessible to students and staff. Our ventilation systems have been updated and will continue to be maintained and run for optimal air quality. GPPSS will require individual air purifiers in classrooms with groups of students regularly assigned and filters will be changed as needed.



Daily Health Screening: GPPSS strongly recommends each student is <u>screened</u> at home before coming to school. Any student who displays symptoms will be sent home immediately. We ask all families to please keep your student home if they show any signs of illness.



Busing: Masks on buses are required by the CDC and will be provided if needed.



Contact Tracing/Reporting: Schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to the WCHD. When there is a positive or probable case within a classroom, an exposure letter will be sent home to parent(s).



COVID-19 Testing: GPPSS has never required COVID-19 testing for our students and will not require it for the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, MHSAA has lifted all requirements for student-athlete testing as of June 22, 2021.



COVID-19 Vaccination: GPPSS strongly recommends all eligible students and staff receive the COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, MDHHS does not require the COVID-19 vaccine.

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All information is current as of August 6, 2021. All protocols are subject to change based on local COVID-19 infection rates and any federal/state/county mandates.

These protocols include masking, social distancing in classrooms, lunch structure, daily screening, quarantining and other possible mitigation measures that may be necessary to address increased community COVID-19 infection rates.

REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSE

MITIGATION STRATEGY	REQUIREMENT	AGENCY	GPPSS RESPONSE
Face-to-face Instruction			Face-to-face instruction at all grade levels
Masking in School Buildings			Optional at all grade levels. Recommended in school buildings.
Physical Distancing			Teacher preference based on classroom/subject. Lunch outdoors when possible.
Desk & Face Shields			Available upon request.
Cleaning & Ventilation	✓	MiOSHA	GPPSS complies with MiOSHA standards; requires air purifiers in regularly assigned classrooms.
Daily Health Screening			Recommended each day before school.
Masks on Buses	✓	FEDERAL/CDC	Masks are required at the federal level on public transportation.
Contract Tracing/Reporting	✓	WCHD	Required to report COVID-19 cases to WCHD. Exposure letters will be sent home.
COVID-19 Testing			No testing required for school or athletics.
COVID-19 Vaccination			GPPSS recommends for those eligible; not on MDHHS required vaccination list.

AGENCY ACRONYMS:

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

MDHHS - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

MiOSHA - Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Admin.

MHSAA - Michigan High School Athletic Association

WCHD - Wayne County Health Department

HELPFUL LINKS:

CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

MDHHS COVID-19 Resources

MHSAA Health & Safety Information

MiOSHA Homepage

WCHD COVID-19 Resources