SCHOOL GUIDANCE ON RETURNING TO SCHOOL





PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT			
REQUIR	ED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
Facial coverings must always be worn by staff except for meals.	NONE	NONE	
Facial coverings must be worn by preK-12 students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation.			
Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and common areas by preK-12			
students in the building except for during meals.			
Facial coverings must be worn in classrooms by all students grades 6-12.			
All students in grades K-5 must wear facial coverings unless students remain with their			
classes throughout the school day and do not come into close contact with students in another class.			
STRONGLY RECO	DMMENDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
Facial coverings should be considered for K-5 students and students with special needs	Facial coverings must always be worn by staff except for	NONE	
in classrooms.	meals		
Facial coverings should be considered for preK students and students with special	Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and		
needs in hallways and common areas.	common areas by preK-12 students in the building except for		
	during meals.		
RECOMME	NDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
NONE	Facial coverings should be considered for K-5 students and	NONE	
	students with special needs in classrooms.		
	Facial coverings should be considered for K-5 students and		
	students with special needs in classrooms, especially if		
	students and teachers are not placed in cohorts.		
	Facial coverings should be worn in classrooms by grades 6-12		
	students.		



	HYGIENE	•
	REQUIRED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Provide adequate supplies (soap, hand sanitizer, paper towel, tissues, signs to reinforce proper handwashing).	NONE	NONE
Teach and reinforce handwashing.		
STRONG	LY RECOMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze properly.	Provide adequate supplies (soap, hand sanitizer, paper towel, tissues, and signs to reinforce proper handwashing).	NONE
Check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.	Teach and reinforce handwashing.	
Scheduled handwashing with soap and water every 2-3 hours.	Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze properly.	
Limit sharing of personal items.	Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer	
Keep students' personal items separate.	after changing any classroom.	
Limit use of classroom materials to small groups and disinfect between uses.		
Procure portable handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations to set up throughout school buildings.		
REC	COMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
NONE	Check and refill soap and hand sanitizers	Provide adequate supplies (soap, hand sanitizer, paper towel, tissues, and signs to reinforce proper handwashing).
	Scheduled handwashing with soap and water every 2-3	Teach and reinforce
	hours.	handwashing
	Limit sharing of personal items	Check and refill soap and hand sanitizers
	Keep students' personal items separate	Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze properly



SPACING, MOVEMENT, AND ACCESS			
STRONGLY REC	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
Space desks six feet apart in classrooms.	NONE	NONE	
When large tables are used, space students as far apart as feasible.			
Arrange all desks facing the same direction.			
Teachers should maintain six feet of spacing between themselves and students.			
Family members or other guests are not allowed.			
Post signage to indicate proper social distancing.			
Markers should be used at six foot intervals where line formation is anticipated.			
Provide social distancing floor/seating markings in waiting and reception areas			
Post signs on the doors of restrooms to remind of social distancing and hand			
hygiene techniques.			
Adult guests entering should be screened for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and			
wash/sanitize hands prior to entering. Strict records, including date and time, should			
be kept of non-school employees or other visitors entering and exiting the building.			

RECOMMENDED RECOMMENDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Windows kept open as much as possible.	Space desks six feet apart in classrooms.	NONE
Cohort groups of students to isolated hallways or areas that can be monitored.	When large tables re utilized, space students as far apart as feasible.	
"Specials" should be brought to the classrooms.	Arrange all desks facing the same direction.	
Consider a staggered school schedule that incorporates alternative dates of	Teachers should maintain six feet of spacing between themselves	
attendance or use of virtual teaching.	and students.	
Efforts should be made to keep six feet of distance between people in the hallways.	Post signage to indicate proper social distancing.	
Monitor arrival and dismissal	Markers should be used at six-foot intervals where line formation is	
	anticipated.	
Physical education should be held outside and social distancing of six feet.	Provide social distancing floor/seating markings in waiting and	
	reception areas.	
Flow of foot traffic should be directed in only one direction, if possible; hallways	Post signs on the doors of restrooms to remind of social distancing	
should be divided with either side following the same direction.	and hand hygiene techniques.	
	Window kept open as much as possible.	
	Cohort groups of students to isolated hallways or areas that can be	
	monitored.	
	"Specials" should be brought to the classrooms	
	Flow of foot traffic should be directed in only one direction, if	
	possible; hallways should be divided with either side following the	
	same direction.	



Efforts should be made to keep six feet of distance between people	
in the hallways.	
Monitor arrival and dismissal.	



SCREENING ST	UDENTS AND STAFF	
R	EQUIRED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Schools must cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff	NONE	NONE
STRONGLY	RECOMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Identify and designate a quarantine area.	Identify and designate a quarantine area.	NONE
Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 should be placed in an	Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 should be	
identified quarantine area with a surgical mask.	placed in an identified quarantine area with a surgical mask.	
Symptomatic students sent home from school should be kept home until they	Symptomatic students sent home from school should be kept home	
have tested negative or have completely recovered.	until they have tested negative or have completely recovered	
Staff should conduct daily self-examinations, including a temperature check,	Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school should be	
prior to coming to work.	kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19, or have been	
	released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.	
RECO	OMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Monitoring form (paper or electronic) for screening employees should be	Staff should conduct daily self-examinations, including a temperature	NONE
developed.	check, prior to coming to work.	
Families are encouraged to check their child's temperature at home every	Any parents or guardians entering the building should wash or sanitize	
morning.	hands prior to entry.	
Families are encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19.	Family members or other guests are not allowed	
	Families are encouraged to check their child's temperature at home	
	every morning	



TESTING PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF AND RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES

TESTING PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS AND	QUIRED	.3
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Schools must cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.	NONE	NONE
STRONGLY	RECOMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Students who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school should wear a mask and be transported for off-site testing. Staff who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school should wear a mask and be transported for off-site testing.	Students who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school should wear a mask and be transported for off-site testing. Staff who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school should wear a mask and be transported for off-site testing.	NONE
Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19, or have been released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.	Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19, or have been released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.	
Families should be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.	Families should be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.	
In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts should be made to contact any close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes less than six feet in close proximity to the student or staff member) so that they can be quarantined for 14 days at home. At this time, empiric testing of all students or staff members in the class is not recommended. Only those	In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts should be made to contact any close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes less than six feet in close proximity to the student or staff member) so that they can be quarantined for 14 days at home. At this time, empiric testing of all students or staff members in the class is	
that develop symptoms require testing for COVID-19.	not recommended. Only those that develop symptoms require testing for COVID-19.	
RECOI	MMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
NONE	Parents or guardians are encouraged to check student's temperature at home every morning.	NONE
	Parents or guardians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.	



RESPONDING TO POSITIVE TESTS AMONG STAFF AND STUDENTS				
	REQUIRED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6		
Schools must cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.	NONE	In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19 among staff or a student, the classroom or areas exposed must be immediately closed until cleaning and disinfection can be performed. If the person was in the school building without a facial covering, or large areas of the school were exposed to the person, short term dismissals may be required to clean and disinfect the larger areas. This decision must be made in concert with the local public health department.		
	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6		
Notify local health officials, staff, and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19	Notify local health officials, staff, and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19	NONE		
Employees with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should only return to the workplace after they are no longer infectious. Cleaning staff should wear a surgical mask, gloves, and a face shield when performing cleaning of these areas.	Employees with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should only return to the workplace after they are no longer infectious.			
If possible, smaller areas such as individual classrooms should be closed for 24 hours before cleaning to minimize the risk of any airborne particles.				
	RECOMMENDED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6		
NONE	If possible, smaller areas such as individual classrooms should be closed for 24 hours before cleaning to minimize the risk of any airborne particles.	NONE		



FOOD SERVICE, GATHERINGS, AND E	XTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
REQUIRED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.	NONE	NONE
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Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
NONE	Serving and cafeteria staff should use barrier protection	NONE
	including gloves, face shields, and surgical masks.	
	Students, teachers, and staff should wash hands before and	
	after every event.	
	All gatherings, including those that occur outdoors (e.g.,	
	graduations) should comply with current and future executive	
	orders that set caps on congregations of people.	
	If field trips occur, they should comply with transportation	
	guidelines within this document,	
RECOMMENI	DED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Classrooms or outdoor areas should be used for students to eat meals at school, if	Classrooms should be used for eating in place, taking into	NONE
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	If possible, school-supplied meals should be delivered to	
Large scale assemblies of more than 50 students are suspended	·	
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Off-site field trips that require hus transportation to an indoor location are suspended	·	\dashv
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Recess should be conducted outside whenever possible with appropriate social distancing		
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Extracurricular activities may continue with the use of facial coverings.		7
Classrooms or outdoor areas should be used for students to eat meals at school, if distancing guidelines cannot be met. If cafeterias must be used, mealtimes should be staggered and cafeteria staff should use barrier protection including gloves, face shields, and surgical masks. Students, teachers, and staff should wash hands before and after every event. Large scale assemblies of more than 50 students are suspended. Off-site field trips that require bus transportation to an indoor location are suspended. Recess should be conducted outside whenever possible with appropriate social distancing and cohorts of students. If more than one class is outside, students should wear facial coverings. If possible, school-supplied meals should be delivered to classrooms with disposable utensils.	Phase 5 Classrooms should be used for eating in place, taking into consideration food allergies. If cafeterias must be used, mealtimes should be staggered. If possible, school-supplied meals should be delivered to classrooms with disposable utensils. Students, teachers, and staff should wash hands before and after every event. After-school programs may continue with the use of facial coverings.	



ATH	LETICS	
REC	QUIRED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association	NONE	NONE
(MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).		
Proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other		
gathering. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without		
any symptoms prior to any event.		
All equipment must be disinfected.		
Inter-school competitions may be held provided that, facial coverings are worn if		
school transportation is provided Buses must be cleaned and disinfected.		
Spectators are allowed if facial coverings are used by observers and six feet of		
social distancing.		
Use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use, no sharing.		
Handshakes, fist bumps, and other unnecessary contact must not occur.		
Indoor weight rooms and physical conditioning activities that require shared		
equipment are suspended.		
Large-scale indoor spectator events are suspended. Large scale outdoor		
spectator or stadium events are limited to 100 people,		
Maintain six feet of distance from one another.		
STRONGLY R	RECOMMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
NONE	Indoor spectator events are limited to 50 people. Large-scale outdoor	NONE
	spectator or stadium events are limited to 250 people.	
	Students, teachers, and staff must use proper hand hygiene techniques	
	before and after every practice, event, or other gathering.	
	All equipment must be disinfected before and after use.	
	Buses must be cleaned and disinfected.	
	Use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use, no sharing	
RECON	MMENDED	
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
NONE	Indoor weight rooms and physical conditioning activities are allowed.	NONE
	Social distancing of six feet between participants should be maintained	
	Handshakes, fist bumps, and other unnecessary contact should not	
	occur.	



CLEAN	NG	-	
REQUIRED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, must undergo cleaning at least every four hours.	NONE	NONE	
Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands on classrooms must undergo cleaning after every class period			
Student desks must be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period.			
Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products.			
Staff must wear gloves, surgical mask, and face shield when performing all cleaning			
activities.			
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
NONE	Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, must undergo cleaning at least every four hours. Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands on classrooms must undergo cleaning after every class period Student desks must be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products. Athletic equipment can be cleaned with either an EPA approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution before and after each use.	NONE	
RECOMME			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
NONE	Staff must wear gloves, surgical mask, and face shield when performing all cleaning activities.	NONE	



BUSING AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION			
REQUIRED			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
Hand sanitizer before entering the bus.	NONE	NONE	
Bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, if medically feasible, must wear			
facial coverings.			
Clean and disinfect transportation vehicles before and after every transit route.			
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle prior to morning routes			
and prior to afternoon routes.			
Clean, sanitize, and disinfect equipment including items such as car seats,			
wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment being transported to schools daily.			
Create a plan for getting students home safely if they are not allowed to board the			
vehicle.			
If a student becomes sick during the day, they must not use group transportation to			
return home			
Weather permitting, keep doors and windows open.			
Consider keeping windows open while the vehicle is in motion.			
STRONGLY RECO	OMMENDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
NONE	Hand sanitizer before entering the bus.	NONE	
	Bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, if medically		
	feasible, must wear facial coverings.		
	Clean and disinfect transportation vehicles before and after every		
	transit route.		
	Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle prior		
	to morning routes and prior to afternoon routes.	1	
	Create a plan for getting students home safely if they are not		
	allowed to board the vehicle.	-	
	If a student becomes sick during the day, they must not use group		
	transportation to return home.	-	
	Clean, sanitize, and disinfect equipment including items such as car seats, wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment being		
	transported to schools daily.		
RECOMM			
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	
NONE	Weather permitting, keep doors and windows open	NONE	
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MEDICALLY VULNERABLE	STUDENTS AND STAFF	
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED		
Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Systematically review all current plans (e.g. Individual Healthcare Plans, Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Family Service Plans, or 504 plans) for accommodating students with special healthcare needs. Create a process for students/families and staff to self-identify as high-risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 and have a plan in place to address requests for alternative learning arrangements or work reassignments.	Systematically review all current plans (e.g. Individual Healthcare Plans, Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Family Service Plans, or 504 plans) for accommodating students with special healthcare needs. Create a process for students/families and staff to selfidentify as high-risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 and have a plan in place to address requests for alternative	NONE
RECOMME Phase 4	NDED Phase 5	Phase 6
Staff caring for children and providing any medical care that include aerosol-	Staff caring for children and providing any medical care that	NONE
generating procedures (e.g., nebulizers) should have N95 masks.	include aerosol-generating procedures (e.g., nebulizers) should have N95 masks.	
Enable staff who are high-risk for severe illness to minimize face-to-face contact and to allow them to maintain a distance of six feet from others, modify job responsibilities that limit exposure risk or to telework if possible.	Enable staff who are high-risk for severe illness to minimize face-to-face contact and to allow them to maintain a distance of six feet from others, modify job responsibilities that limit exposure risk or to telework if possible.	

NOT INCLUDED:

Mental and Social-Emotional Health, Instruction, Operations Components of Plan