The Paw Print



Dates To Remember

Oct 19 PTO Meeting 9am Oct 21 Virtual Wednesday Oct 23 Picture Retakes Oct 26-31 Total Cluster Fudge fundraiser Oct 28 Virtual Wednesday Nov 16 PTO Meeting 9am Dec 14 PTO Meeting 9am Dec 21-Jan 1 NO SCHOOL (Winter Recess) Feb 15 PTO Meeting 9am

Mar 29-Apr 2 NO SCHOOL (Winter Recess)

PTO Meeting 9am

Mar 15

Apr 19 PTO Meeting 9am May 17 PTO Meeting 9am

Remember...Clocks fall back November 1st!







G Generosity

S Solidarity Greetings Maltby Parents,

NWFA..

Our Bullpups are wrapping up their NWEA Reading Assessments and will be taking the math assessment next week. As part of the process our students will be given a growth goal for the year in Reading and Math. Student results will be sent home with 1st trimester Report Cards. For more information on NWEA please see the Parent NWEA Guide.

Pink Week...

Thank you Maltby Families for your generosity during our district-wide Pink Week. Thank you to our PTO for arranging a fun Pumpkin voting contest and for some awesome Pink Week decorations! Our Bullpups raised \$180 by voting for their favorite pumpkin with their spare change!! Thank you to our mystery pumpkin carvers Ms. Eldred, Ms. Szymanski, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Weiland, and Ms. Keller. Our winning pumpkin was carved by our Office Secretary Ms. Keller!! The kids did a great job with their spirit wear all week and we had a fantastic Pink Out on Friday!!

Reproductive Health for 6th Grade Students...

We have had a few inquiries into whether we will be teaching the Reproductive Health Unit that this year's 6th graders missed last year as 5th graders. We are planning on teaching that missed curriculum to our 6th grade students and are currently working on a plan for doing so. We anticipate this unit would be taught after our mid-year point. We promise to give parents plenty of lead time ahead of that curriculum and as always parents have the opportunity to preview materials and opt their student out should they choose. The Reproductive Health Unit will be taught to 5th grade closer to the end of the year.

Maltby Student Leadership...

We held our first ever virtual Maltby Student Leadership meeting on Wednesday! Our Leadership Bullpups are collecting and assembling Hero Packs for our veterans at the U of M VA Hospital! Great job Bullpup Leadership kids!!

Cold Weather...

Parents PLEASE make sure your Bullpup is coming to school with appropriate cold weather clothing! We are fast approaching the days when a hoodie is no longer warm enough for recess!

Parent - Teacher Conferences...

Parent-teacher conferences are being scheduled by our individual teaching teams and will be held virtually this year. Look for information from your child's teacher about conference times and process within the next few weeks.

Parent -Student Drop Off and Pick-Up...

Please remember to exercise caution as you drive in our parking lot and in the school zone as we have some students who walk to school or ride their bikes. Parents please obey the designated traffic patterns, especially as the mornings get darker and the weather gets more challenging. I know mornings are busy for most of us, but collectively we can never be too busy to work together for the safety of our students.

Please-

- Do a thorough check around the vehicle before backing up
- Do NOT cut through parking spaces to avoid traffic
- Do not let your child walk unattended in our busy parking lot
- Proceed slowly at all times

Parent Connect...

We are approximately at the midway point of our 1st trimester. If you have not accessed Parent Connect yet we would encourage you to do so as this is an up-to-date snapshot of your student's progress in their classes. All of our parents can follow their student's academic progress via Parent Connect. If do not have an account yet please visit the Maltby website at: https://www.brightonk12.com/Domain/306 and click on the Parent Connect link at the bottom right. A handy feature to utilize in Parent Connect can be found under the "Email Notification" tab. Check the box for Assignments and Parent Connect will email you each time your child's assignments are updated.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Brenner & Mr. Aten



The PTO is a parent teacher organization where all Maltby parents are members. We welcome your ideas and participation!

Recess bags are coming soon! The PTO purchased multiple playground items for each homeroom including footballs, playground balls, jump ropes, and flying discs...another way we can help your student have a fantastic year!

Thank you to all the families that have donated this year so far. If you would still like to contribute, donations can be via PayPal: maltbypto@yahoo.com, or the direct link here: www.paypal.me/MaltbyPTO. We also accept cash or checks, payable to 'Maltby PTO' and dropped off in the front office. Thank you!

> Our next PTO meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday October 19, 2020 at 9am! Please join us! https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88150860325?pwd=WjFFY1JvSHNvaDVFVFFFelE2cmF6Zz09

> > Meeting ID: 881 5086 0325 Passcode: 189944

Did you know there is a Maltby Parent Group page on Facebook? On Facebook, search Maltby Intermediate School-Parent Group. Request to join the group and then answer the questions. There is a lot of communication to families via this group...check it out!

There is also a separate Facebook page where BVA families can communicate, specific to virtual learners - search Brighton Virtual Academy-Parent Group.

Future meeting dates: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan TBD, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

Maltby PTO: Jennifer Marks - President, Ginger Timney - V.P., Angel Hamilton - Treasurer, Katie Tierney - Secretary



Maltby 2020/2021 **DAILY SCHEDULE***

First bell at 8:26am

H.R.-8:40-8:44 1st -8:45-9:40 2nd -9:45-10:40 3rd -10:45-11:40

Lunches

A-11:45-12:20 (5th) B-12:15-12:50 (5th)

C-12:45-1:20 (6th)

D-1:15-1:50 (6th)

5th -1:35-2:30

6th -2:35-3:27

*May be subject to slight change

Transportation Information Transportation Dept. (810) 299-3890



Bus Cards – Make sure your student knows their home elementary school.

Transfer buses leaving Maltby at the end of the day will transport students to their home elementary school where they will board their home bus. Students can only ride their designated transfer bus to their home elementary. All buses will be clearly labeled with the elementary home schools. Hornung home elementary school students will meet in the upper gym bleachers at the end of the day and walk over to Hornung Elementary to get on their buses. There are NO guest riders at Maltby or any other school this year, no exceptions. This is to aid in contact tracing efforts.

Masks are to be worn on the bus - this is required. Students will load the bus from back to front, and will unload the bus from front to back.

Example of bus card bus number/drop off:

MSP44

M-Maltby, SP-Spencer, 44 Bus Number.

Key for card -M-Maltby, MSP-Spencer, MHI-Hilton, MHO-Hornung, MHA-Hawkins

PLEASE NOTE THAT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES. PLEASE BE AT PICK UP SPOTS 10 MINUTES EARLY.



Friday, October 23rd, 2020 • EVTNH4DXW

*Please have your student turn in the unwanted pictures to the photographer at that time.

Cell Phones at MIS

In accordance with the **Brighton Area Schools** Cell Phone policy, our students at MIS are permitted to bring their cell phones to school. We recognize the necessity and importance of family communication, but unfortunately ringing cell phones and the temptations of new games, cameras, and the technology that accompanies cell phones can present a distraction

for your student and/or others in their classes.

Therefore at MIS our students:
Turn off cell phones at the beginning of the day and place them in their backpack. Refrain from texting friends or parents during school hours.
Utilize the main office phone to contact parents in the event of an emergency.
We have had great success in keeping Maltby

a distraction-free learning environment by following these procedures. In addition, we ask that parents please refrain from calling or texting their student during the school day. Any messages of an emergency nature can be relayed to students through the front office at 810 299-3600. Please call before 3:05pm to ensure your child receives the message! Thank you!



Office (810) 299-3600

The McKinney Vento Act

The Brighton Area Schools is part of a consortium to serve students in temporary living situations that provides financial support for educational needs, referral for housing, clothing and other needs, general support and technical assistance. To ensure compliance with federal law, all school staff must help identify student living in the following situations: emergency shelters/transitional housing, motels/hotels, car, parks or public spaces, shared housing due to a loss of housing or economic hardship, or living temporarily with non-parent or guardian.

The district's homeless liaison is Starr Acromite and each building has trained staff members to assist in the endeavor. Our consortium contact at the Livingston Educational Service Agency is Candice Uyttendaele.

Please contact your building principal or Starr Acromite at 810-299-4040 for information/assistance.

PARENT CONNECT

Be sure to sign up/log in to your PC account. Go to the Maltby's website and click on Grades Icon, then click on the Parent Connect and follow instructions. Click on Enter Parent Login Info, then Need Login Info if you have forgotten your password or need to sign up. You will then enter your email address. Your password and login information will be emailed to you. If you experience difficulties, please email PC@brightonk12.com.

Masks are a requirement this school year, so please make sure your student is aware of how to wear one and what the expectations are regarding them.



If you have moved, or have a change to your phone number or email address, please contact the office as soon as possible, or update in Parent Connect.

Thank you!

Office Reminders

- You can deposit money into lunch account(s) via Parent Connect.
 For questions regarding your child's lunch account, please email gandola@brightonk12.com or call (810) 299-4175.
- Parents may drop off medication (in the original bottle) in the office along with the medication form signed by the doctor by appointment. Please do not send the medication in with your student.
- Maltby and Brighton spirit wear is available to purchase from Ivory Vines (<u>www.ivoryvines.com</u>) or Kensington Valley Varsity (<u>www.kvvarsity.com</u>).
- Masks are required and must be worn while at school. Please work with your student to make sure they are prepared and know what to do and what not to do with their masks.

2019/2020

YEARBOOK

We still have some Maltby yearbooks from the 2019-2020 school year for sale! They are \$35 cash or check (made out to "Maltby Intermediate") available for your student to pick up in the Maltby office.

At this time, yearbooks for the 2020/2021 year are on hold...we will let you know more information in the future! Thanks!



THANK YOU, MALTBY PTO!

Our students love their recess bags...they make recess so much more enjoyable! We appreciate all you do!

MALTBY TEACHERS AND LUNCH STAFF

NOTICE **FIRST AGENCY, INC.***NOTICE

Student Insurance is available online. If you are interested in enrolling, please follow the instructions below. Thank you!

How to Find the Brochure PDF and/or enroll online:
Go to our home page at www.1stAgency.com
From there, go to "Find Your School"; select the state; hit "Go"

A Word From The Special Education Department

Brighton Area Schools provides a variety of learning options for eligible students with disabilities by offering a continuum of educational environments, from generalized education class placements with special services to pull out programs in specialized classrooms. Special education programs and services are operated and administered in the local school buildings in collaboration with the Livingston Educational Service Agency.

If staff members or parents believe a student is struggling academically, socially, or behaviorally, a referral should be made to the C.A.R.E. Team through his/her general education teacher or the school administration.

Attendance & Office Procedures



If your student is going to be absent from school please use our convenient twenty-four hour absence call-in line (810) 299-3688.

- Please obtain a doctor's note to receive a medically excused absence.
- Please call when your student will be coming in late.
- You must call in each day that your child is absent.
- Please call no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence.
- Students arriving late to school should be dropped off at the flag pole door.
- **Do not** drive off until your student has rang the doorbell and is **inside** the building.
- Students arriving late to school must report to the office to sign in. Parents cannot come inside.
- Please send in a note for early dismissal and have it signed by office personnel.
- We will only allow students to be signed out by people who are listed on the emergency card.
- If you need an in-person meeting with a Principal or with staff, we ask that you please call and make an appointment.



Memo from the Maltby Library

We are still missing over **500 books** from the 2019-2020 school year!



Ms. Johnson is sending written notices home with students this week. Please help your student(s) look for any books from last year.

Books from other libraries can be returned to Maltby and we will pass them on to their home library.

Thanks for your help!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!

BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS STUDENT NUTRI-TION DEPT. IS IN NEED OF DEDICATED FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS.

- PERFECT JOB TO HAVE WHILE CHILDREN

 ARE IN SCHOOL
- WEEKENDS , HOLIDAYS, AND SCHOOL BREAKS OFF.
- WORK SHIFTS ALLOW YOU TO STILL PICK YOUR CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL
- LEARN A FUN NEW JOB, AND EARN SOME EXTRA MONEY.

JOIN OUR NUTRITION SERVICE FAMILY

APPLY ONLINE AT https://bit.ly/2x3S20m

OR CALL 810-299-4175 FOR MORE INFORMATION





Student Nutrition Program Brighton Area Schools to Provide Free Breakfast and Lunch to all Students

Friday, October 2, 2020

Effective immediately, school breakfast and lunch will be available at no charge to all Brighton Area Schools students under a temporary waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). ALL students learning in the classroom, or remotely are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch through December 31st or until Federal funding runs out.

A credit will be issued back to student lunch accounts for all reduced-price and full-paid meals purchased as of September 14th through today. Students who do not qualify for free meals will lose this benefit when the waiver expires or funding ends.

Furthermore, the USDA waiver provides the flexibility and funding to ensure nutritious meals reach all children 18 years and younger in this fluid and fast-changing time.

Brighton Area Schools will continue to serve breakfast and lunch according to our established back-to-school meal service plan. Remote study students may still pre-order meals for pick up on Wednesdays at any Brighton High School.

Families are still encouraged to apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits by October 15th to avoid any disruption of current meal benefits when this USDA waiver expires. We recommend families apply for school meal benefits online. The online process is quick and easy, and we are able to review your application much faster than the traditional paper method. This service is free and facilitates a socially distanced, contact free application process for our families! Online applications can be found at https://www.brightonk12.com/domain/28. Please email gandola@brightonk12.com to request a paper application if preferred.

Brighton Area Schools is committed to ensuring that our children have access to safe, healthy, and nutritious meals. We look forward to serving your children! Additional information about the Student Nutrition Program can be found at https://www.brightonk12.com/Page/7681

If you have any questions about the program, please contact:

Richard Browder, Director of Student Nutrition browder@brightonk12.com 810-299-4171

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-filing-cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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October 2020

Maltby Intermediate Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Whole Grain Bosco Cheese Breadstick Marinara Sauce Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Celery Sticks Hummus Cups Diced Peaches
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples	Mini Twin Cheeseburgers Broccoli Floret Ranch Lite Dressing cup Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Chicken Nuggets Wholegrain Mini Biscuit Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Celery Sticks Hummus Diced Peaches
• Big Daddy Cheese Pizza • Salad Greens & Tomato • Sliced Apples	Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Floret Ranch Lite Dressing cup Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Whole Grain Bosco Cheese Breadstick Marinara Sauce Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Celery Sticks Hummus Cups Diced Peaches
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Ice -Cold Milk (included with all meals): Prairie Farms 1% Chocolate Milk, Prairie Farms 1% White Milk, Prairie Farms Fat Free Milk

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November 2020

Maltby Intermediate Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples	Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Broccoli Floret Ranch Lite Dressing cup Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Chicken Nuggets Wholegrain Mini Biscuit Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Celery Sticks Diced Peaches
 Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples 	Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Floret Ranch Lite Dressing cup Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Whole Grain Bosco Cheese Breadstick Marinara Sauce Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	Hot Dog on a Whole Grain Bun Celery Sticks Diced Peaches
 Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples 	• Mini Corn Dogs • Broccoli Floret • Ranch Lite Dressing cup • Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Beef Taco Sticks Baby Carrots Sliced Apples	• Grilled Cheese • Celery Sticks • Diced Peaches
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples	Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun Broccoli Floret Ranch Lite Dressing cup Strawberry Cup	Online School/Breakfast/Lunch available to order at https://bit.ly/3lj7lcM	Thanksgiving - No School	No School
Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Salad Greens & Tomato Sliced Apples				

Maltby Menu Prices: Student Breakfast \$2.00 , Student Lunch \$2.75 , Milk \$.50 , Adults Meals \$4.75

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Free Jump Rope Clinic with the Jumpin' Allstars

Fridays Oct 23, Oct 30 and Nov 13 2 sessions each day: 4:45-6:00 or 6:15-7:30

> Community Bible Church Gymnasium 7372 Grand River Ave, Brighton

Join us for 1, 2 or all 3 Fridays
Includes instruction in single rope techniques
as well as fun games and challenges
led by our high school jumpers

Two time slots available to ensure small groups
Participants will be socially distanced
and will be required to wear masks coming and going from the gym

Boys and Girls - 3rd-6th Grade
All levels welcome
Space is limited and pre-registration is required
Sign up right away!

Jump rope builds stamina, increases coordination, and promotes a positive self-image! Join us to see what this sport has to offer!

Please bring a beaded jump rope or purchase one the day of the clinic for \$10

Pre-Registration required
Sign-up online at: https://bit.ly/JASClinic

Questions? Call or text 810-333-3872 or email info@jumpinallstars.org

Find us online at www.jumpinallstars.org and on Facebook to learn more about our team

Dismissal at Maltby

1. Students being picked up:

- a. Students are able to take out cell phones & turn them on vibrate.
- b. Students will keep their phone on the desk. Parents are asked to text their student their location when they arrive.
- c. When the student receives a text and the teacher hears the buzz, the student will be dismissed as soon as they can move in a socially distanced manner.
- d. If a student does not have a phone and is a pickup, the teacher will dismiss those students at a good time so that they can socially distance themselves from others.
- e. Parents may either wait along the pickup lane in their car for their student.

Or

- f. Park and walk to the nearest sidewalk and wait for your student.
- g. <u>Students MAY NOT walk to your car in the parking lot unaccompanied.</u>
- Students riding buses will be dismissed by their home or transfer school over the PA system.
 - a. Hornung bus riders will always be the last called as their buses arrive last.

Lunch, Recess, and Encore Procedures

Due to our Return to Learn plan, below are descriptions of how aspects of school will change at Maltby.

1. Lunch

- a. Students will eat with their class at the same assigned tables and sit in either the cafeteria or the upper gym. Classroom cohorts will be separated by a considerable distance.
- Classes will be walked to the appropriate area and will not overlap with other cohorts.
- c. If a student orders lunch, it will be available at their table for pickup.
- There will be no microwaves for heating up a lunch, nor a condiment table (ketchup, mustard, dressings).

2. Recess

- Our recess area has been divided into 7 different sections.
- Classes will get an equal opportunity to use these different spaces on a 7 day rotating schedule.
- When at recess with their class cohort, students may remove their masks but need to adhere to social distancing.

3. Music, Band, Orchestra

a. Students will attend their musical year long in the Encore classroom. If an instrument is being played or if anyone is singing, those activities will take place outside.

4. Art, World Language

a. The Art and World Language teacher will be coming to the student's classroom.

5. PE

- a. Students will attend PE class in the gymnasium or outside.
- Students will not use the locker room nor change for PE.

6. This is our best first attempt!

a. As systems and processes begin, we are sure that we will make changes and alter procedures. At this time, this is our process. We have decades of experience facilitating student movement through a building and managing large groups of students, but this situation is new and unique. Every effort will be made to make sure our Bullpups have excellent Encore experiences while maintaining safety.

Office (810) 299-3600

Mask Up Maltby

For the 2020-2021 school year, all Maltby students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while in the classroom and in shared areas of Maltby. It must be over the mouth and nose to be used effectively. Below are some considerations for Maltby families to think about as we prepare to start school under these unusual circumstances.

- Start talking to your student about wearing a mask.
 - i. Explain why they are required at school
 - ii. Answer your students questions with confidence and encouragement
 - iii. Remind them this is not just about them, all students and staff will be wearing masks!
- 2. Ways to help your student wear a mask-
 - Ask your child to wear it at home and in other social situations. Get used to taking it off and putting it back on efficiently.
 - Encourage your student to personalize their mask or pick out their own.
- 3. Students will be required to wear masks at school.
 - The Back to School Roadmap states that in Phase 4 students will be required to wear mask in their classrooms and shared spaces within the school building
 - If your student refuses to wear a mask at school:
 - A disposable mask will be offered to the student and a warning given.
 - The second time a student is found without a face covering, the student's parents will be notified and the student will be sent home.
 - 3. If the behavior continues, disciplinary action will be taken and a parent meeting will take place.
 - ii. The only times students will not be required to wear masks is when they are eating/drinking or at recess/outside with their class cohort.

Here is a helpful article about masks and kids:

https://www.healthline.com/health-news/from-toddlers-to-teens-how-to-talk-to-kids-about-wearing-masks

COVID-19 Back to School Parent Toolkit





How Does COVID-19 Spread?



Droplets



Respiratory droplets are small particles that enter the air when we cough, sneeze, laugh, sing, yell, and talk. Basically, they are little flecks of spit. Droplets tend to settle out of the air after traveling several feet from the person that released them. Droplets can also spread directly by kissing or sharing personal items like drinks, vape pens, silverware, or other things that go from one person's mouth to another.

We can reduce the spread of respiratory droplets to each other by wearing face coverings, avoiding large crowded groups, and staying more than 6 feet apart from each other.

Aerosols



Aerosols are even smaller particles that are created when we breathe, talk, sing, sneeze, or cough. They are lighter and can stay in the air much longer than respiratory droplets but dry up more quickly.

We can reduce the spread of aerosols by increasing outdoor air ventilation or filtering air that is being recirculated.

Objects



Objects can spread the COVID-19 virus when respiratory droplets or aerosols settle on them, leaving germs behind. Objects can also spread the COVID-19 virus when someone has the coronavirus on their hands from touching their nose or mouth then touches an object. COVID-19 appears to stay on objects for one to three days.

We can reduce the spread of COVID-19 by objects by frequent handwashing, not touching our face, frequent cleaning and disinfection, and use of automatic or touchless controls.

Cloth Face Coverings



Wearing a cloth face covering helps protect people around you. Make sure your mask fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and completely covers the nose and mouth. Masks can be secured with ties or ear loops and should include multiple layers of fabric but should allow for breathing without restriction. Cloth masks should be laundered between uses.

Children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear a face covering.

Updated: 8/4/2020

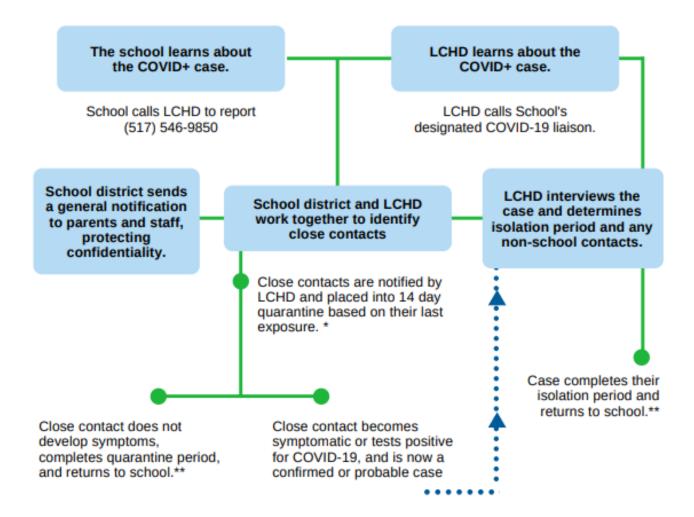
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Process for a COVID-19 Case at School



What happens when someone at school gets COVID-19?

Student/Staff is confirmed positive for COVID-19 with diagnostic test (nose/throat swab)



^{*} If someone is placed in quarantine, they may decide to get a COVID-19 test. A negative result does NOT shorten the length of the quarantine period.

^{**} LCHD issues an Isolation and Quarantine Completion Notification Letter once an individual completes isolation/ quarantine. Schools may use the this letter to determine when to allow return to school.

Process for a COVID-19 Exposure at School



How to handle symptoms and household exposures?



Does student have symptoms of COVID-19?

Yes, symptoms:

Are they at higher risk of getting COVID-19*?

Yes, at higher risk:

The student is excluded from school until:

- 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND
- Symptoms have improved AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

---OR----

They have received a negative COVID-19 test **AND** have met the criteria for return to school in "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools"

No, not at higher risk:

The student/staff person may return based on the guidance for their predominate symptoms (see "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools"). 2

Are they a close contact of a known COVID+ case?

Yes, close contact:

The student/staff person is excluded from school until 14 days past last known exposure to COVID+ person. If one or more negative tests are received, it does not change the length of the quarantine period, and does not allow them to return to school early.



Are they a household member or close contact of a person with symptoms or a pending COVID-19 test?

Yes:

Household members, classmates, and other close contacts of a symptomatic but undiagnosed person, or a quarantined person may continue to attend school and should monitor for symptoms. They do not need to be excluded from school. If symptoms develop, they should call their medical provider to be tested for COVID-19. If the household member or contact tests positive, they should follow step 2, above.

If the answers to the above questions are "no", and the person is not being isolated or quarantined for COVID-19, the staff or student may attend school.

This is a summary document that may not cover all scenarios. If you are concerned about a less common COVID-19 exposure situation at school, please contact LCHD at 517-546-9850 for guidance.

^{*} Students at higher risk of developing COVID-19 include those who in the past 14 days, had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19, had close contact with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19, or has a history of travel.

Who Might be a Contact?



Classmates

Classmates within 6 feet* of someone with COVID-19, either in the classroom or on the bus, for 15+ minutes.



Lunch Mates

Lunch mates of person with COVID-19 if sitting within 6 feet* for 15+ minutes. This is a higher risk time as face coverings cannot be worn.



Playmates

Playmates on the playground or in gym within 6 feet* of someone with COVID-19 for 15+ minutes.



Teammates

Sports teammates within 6 feet* of someone with COVID-19 for 15+ minutes.



Opposing Teammates

Opposing teammates in sporting events who shared time on the field or court and were within 6 feet* of someone with COVID-19 for 15+ minutes.



Other Classmates

Any others who had interactions with someone with COVID-19 lasting over 15 minutes in confined areas, such as bathrooms or offices where distancing of 6 feet* is difficult.



Entire Classrooms

If the contagious individual is a teacher and was frequently less than 6 feet* away from students while teaching, the entire class may need to be in quarantine.



Others

Any other person outside of school that had similar exposure to a contagious individual is considered a close contact.



* LCHD may determine that distances beyond 6 feet or less than 15 minutes can still result in high-risk exposures based on other considerations and circumstances for each case.

COVID-19 Privacy and Contacts



What happens when someone at school gets COVID-19?



The school and LCHD learn about someone with COVID-19. Someone diagnosed with COVID-19 is a "case".

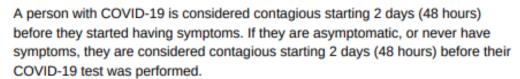


Only a select few at the school should know the identity of the person. They help LCHD figure out who are close contacts to the case. The person's identity is kept confidential to respect their privacy as well as following regulations of FERPA (for schools) and HIPAA (for the health department).



Close contacts are identified and notified.

Who is a close contact? Typically it's someone who was within 6 feet (about 2 adult arms' lengths) of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.



Close contacts are at risk of getting sick, and must be identified and be in quarantine. Quarantine separates people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.



...but what about contacts to close contacts?

Since close contacts are not yet known to be infected, the contacts to those contacts do not need to be in quarantine and do not need to be identified or contacted.

Example:

Bob sits next to Fred in class. Fred gets sick with COVID-19. Bob needs to be quarantined, even though he is healthy at this time. Bob plays on the football team, and Fred does not. No one on the football team has been near Fred. Therefore, the football team does not need to be quarantined. Hopefully, Bob will not get sick and will be back to school and football in a couple of weeks.



Cohorts Help to Limit COVID-19 Contacts



Cohorts: Keep close contacts to a minimum

One technique to minimize the number of people that need to be excluded from school is to group children together consistently.



Examples

Meet the Tadpole Pod!

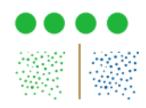
- This group of second graders has been assigned to a "pod".
 Their classroom has four pods of five children each.
- Each pod of students sits next to each other in the classroom, while still staying as far apart as practicable.
- Each pod eats lunch together, travels the halls together, and goes to recess together.



Meet the Wildcat Bubble.

- This group of 9th graders has been assigned to a "bubble". There are many bubbles of 9th graders at their school.
- Each bubble sits next to each other in the classroom, while still staying as far apart as practicable. They stay in the same room for math, English, and history, and their teachers come to them. They eat lunch together.

Cohorting can happen at many levels.



Small groups of 4-8 students -- breaking up a classroom, in space or time.

Classroom level -- keeping classrooms as contained as possible.



Cohorts keep the number of different people interacting to a minimum. It's a way to limit the number of close contacts that need to be quarantined if one person develops COVID-19.

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What are the Chances of Catching COVID-19?



While a close contact is typically someone who was within 6 feet (about 2 adult arms' lengths) of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, other factors can also come into play.

Intensity of Exposure

The intensity of exposure refers to how much virus a person is exposed to. The more virus someone is exposed to, the more likely they are to get sick.

- Was the sick person really contagious when a person was exposed to them?
- Were they coughing and sneezing without a mask on versus having no symptoms with a mask on? Did they kiss someone?
- Did they share personal items like a drink or a vape pen?
- Did the sick person sit right next to someone and have a face to face conversation with them or were they 6 feet away with their back to them?



Duration of Exposure



The duration of exposure refers to how long were a person was exposed. If a person was in a classroom for six hours a day for several days while another person was sick with COVID-19 and contagious, yet their seat was not within 6 feet of them, they may still have had a long enough duration of exposure to that person, particularly to aerosols and objects in that classroom.

Personal Health

Personal health, like how good a person's immune system is, also plays a part in whether or not a person will get infected, as does whether a person is using all the COVID-19 risk reduction methods possible.



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Age

Age also seems to play a part in risks for COVID-19. Children may be at lower risk of catching COVID-19. Children may also be a lower risk of spreading COVID-19 to others, both to other children and adults.

When a Student Should Stay Home or May Be Sent Home



Students should not go to school or participate in any school activities or sports if having symptoms of COVID-19. If a student starts having symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they need to be sent home. The student may return based on the guidance for their diagnosis (See "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools" bit.ly/2Pa0z8U) unless they are at risk for COVID-19 exposure.

As long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there is no way to prevent all risks of COVID-19 spread in schools. The goal is to keep the risk as low as possible to keep school and school activities as safe as possible.



If your child has been placed into isolation or quarantine for COVID-19, they may not attend school.

- SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 (CDC VERSION FOR K-12)
 (If new, different, or worse than any longstanding conditions)
 - Temperature 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
 - · Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - New onset of severe headache
- IS YOUR CHILD AT RISK FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19?

Students are at higher risk for COVID-19 if in the past 14 days they:

- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19.
- Had close contact with person under quarantine for COVID-19.
- Have a history of travel.



If "YES" to any questions in Section 1, and "NO" to all questions in Section 2, student should stay out of school until they meet criteria for return based on their symptoms.



If "YES" to any question in Section 1, and "YES" to any question in Section 2, student should stay out of school, and be evaluated by their healthcare provider and possibly receive COVID-19 testing.

If "NO" to all questions in Section 1, and "YES" to any questions in Section 2, students need only be excluded from school if they have had close contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19, as they should be in quarantine.

If you are asked to have your child medically evaluated, call your health care provider or follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. You can also call 2-1-1 or go to www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or <a href="www.mi.gov/cor

When a Student Should Stay Home or May be Sent Home



HOW LONG MUST THEY STAY OUT OF SCHOOL?

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, and tests positive for COVID-19:

Keep your child out of school until:

- · It has been at least 10 days from the first day they had symptoms.
- They have had 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- And other symptoms have improved. There is no need for a "negative test" or a "doctor's note" to clear your child to return to school if they meet all isolation and quarantine criteria. LCHD issues an Isolation and Quarantine Completion Notification Letter once an individual completes isolation/quarantine.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, has risk for exposure to COVID-19, and no testing has been done (or results are pending):

Keep your child out of school until:

- It has been at least 10 days from the first day they had symptoms.
- They have had 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, has risk for exposure to COVID-19, and tests negative for COVID-19:

Your child may return based on the guidance for their symptoms (see "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools" bit.ly/2PaOz8U):

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat: improvement in symptom (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
- Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement in symptom
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Severe headache: improvement in symptom

This is the letter that will be sent home along with your student if your student is exhibiting symptoms consistent with known symptoms of COVID-19:



Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

If you are receiving this document, it is because your child has been sent home with clinical signs or symptoms that may or may not be related to COVID-19. Ill persons should be isolated until medical evaluation can take place as a precaution. Please contact your student's primary care physician for a clinical evaluation. If your child does not have a primary care physician, a local urgent care visit is an alternative option. Please obtain physician documentation from your child's visit noting if and when your child is safe to return to school.

If a COVID-19 test is suggested, please have this done and wait for the results and physician direction *before* returning to school. In most cases, if the test is negative *and* your student has no risk factors for COVID-19 such as:

- travel
- sick exposures inside or outside of the home
- known recent contact with a positive COVID-19 case (less than 6 feet apart for 15 minutes or more cumulatively)

then your student is safe to return as long as they are fever free without the use of medication and have shown an improvement in symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours.

If you are unsure how to proceed after your clinic visit, please call your school for more direction before sending your child back to school.

If diagnosed as probable or actual COVID-19 case, The Livingston County Health
Department should be notified immediately. Your child, along with any other live-in family
members, should remain at home until further directions are received from the health
department.

Should your child be sent home with clinical signs or symptoms that could potentially be related to COVID-19 and you decline health evaluation, the school district is requiring a 10 day home isolation with improvement of symptoms and absence of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.

In our best effort to keep all students and families safe, thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.