COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: 2021 - 2022 RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

In-person learning has been shown to provide the greatest benefit to students, and ensuring this can happen consistently and safely during the upcoming school year has been deemed a priority for Berrien County Schools.

The *2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan* provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures are implemented in a way that fosters optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring health and safety for students and staff in Berrien County. This plan was collaboratively developed by Berrien County Superintendents with the support of the Berrien County Health Department to ensure that all Berrien County School Districts have an aligned and detailed plan for a successful return to the classroom this fall.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants and availability of vaccination for younger age groups. If transmission rates change, transition time may be needed to allow the district or building to make adjustments to mitigation strategies. In addition, periodically, but not more than every 6 months during the life of the ESSER III grant, the plan will be reviewed and updates completed, if deemed necessary.

Indicators for Community Transmission:

Low Transmission Mitigation Strategies	Moderate Transmission Mitigation Strategies	Substantial Transmission Mitigation Strategies	High Transmission Mitigation Strategies

*The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) determines the community transmission level using multiple factors. To learn more about the determination levels please visit the Berrien County Health Department.



Based upon the community transmission level, as determined by the BCHD, Coloma Community Schools, in consultation with BCHD, will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to foster optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff.

The transmission level will be determined at the end of the day of Friday each week. Any adjustments to mitigation strategies will be implemented on the following Monday and remain in place through the following Sunday.

The district will comply with any and all local, state and federal mandates/orders.

Recommended Prevention/Mitigation Strategies:

Low Transmission Mitigation Strategies	Moderate Transmission Mitigation Strategies	Substantial Transmission Mitigation Strategies	High Transmission Mitigation Strategies
Instructional Format			
In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will occur. Individual schools or classrooms may be moved to remote instruction.	In-person instruction will occur. Individual schools or classrooms may be moved to remote instruction.
Athletics			
Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted and additional health and safety protocols put into place. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions may be paused; practices focus on skills building with increased social distancing required. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions may be paused; practices focus on skills building with increased social distancing required. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
Athletic testing **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.			
Cleaning & Disinfecting			
The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in classrooms during the day.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented in classrooms during the day.
Cohorting			
Mixing of students will occur.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.
COVID-19 Testing			

COVID-19 testing of students or staff **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.			
Extracurriculars & Field Trips			
Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips should be expected.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be expected.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be expected.
Face Covering (Masks)			
Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks for unvaccinated and/or immunocompromised individuals.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks for unvaccinated and/or immunocompromised individuals.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are strongly recommended to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are strongly recommended to wear face masks in all areas and for all activities.
Food Service			
Normal food service operations will occur.	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place.	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place.	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place.
Meal pick-up services will be provided if a classroom, building, or district moves to remote instruction.			
Gatherings and Facility Use			
No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette			

Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected.[1]	Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper handwashing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be encouraged when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.[1]	Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper handwashing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.[1]	Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette is expected and additional opportunities for proper handwashing will be available throughout the day. Hand sanitizing will be required when students leave or enter the classroom and other designated areas.[1]

Isolation and Quarantine (Staff & Students)

Isolation and quarantine will adhere to local public health requirements and operating procedures.

School Setting COVID-19 Cases and Exposures

Cases - Positive COVID-19 Student or Staff Member

1. The District shall report the positive COVID-19 case to the Berrien County Health Department.
2. The District will contact trace the positive COVID-19 student/staff member case.
3. The positive COVID-19 student/staff member shall be excluded for five (5) days from the first sign of COVID-19 Symptoms. This is in accordance with Board Policy 8450.
4. The positive COVID-19 student/staff member may return to school/work on day six (6) if they are symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication (*no stipulations)*.

School-Related Close Exposures for Student or Staff Member

1. The District will inform parents/guardians of the school-related COVID-19 exposures and refer them to the Berrien County Health Department for further instructions.
2. The student and/or staff member may continue attending school and/or work and is only strongly recommended to wear a mask.
3. If students/staff members develop COVID-19 Symptoms, the individual should get tested and be excluded (*at this point treat as a positive case*).

NON-SCHOOL Setting COVID-19 Cases and Exposure

1. If the student or staff member is fully vaccinated and has NO COVID-19 symptoms, the student or staff member does not need to be excluded but should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.
2. If the student or staff member is fully vaccinated and develops symptoms of COVID-19, the student or staff member should be EXCLUDED for five days and be symptom-free in order to return to school/work.
3. If the student or staff member is NOT fully vaccinated, the student/staff member will exclude on Days 1-5. Student/staff return to school on Day 6 if the student/staff member has ***NO*** symptoms of COVID-19.

Meetings and Conferences			
In-district/out of district meetings and conferences will be permitted.	In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.	In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences may be limited and may be suspended.	In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences may be limited and may be suspended.
Offices			
District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests may be limited.	District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Prioritize visits to minimize office visitor traffic. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place. Visitors and guests may be limited.

Remote/Virtual Learning			
Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to live remote learning opportunities after the student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days. The building principal may also approve access to synchronous learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis, medical procedure, or mental health crisis.	Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to live remote learning opportunities after the student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days. The building principal may also approve access to synchronous learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis, medical procedure, or mental health crisis.	If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to live remote learning opportunities after the student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days. The building principal may also approve access to synchronous learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis, medical procedure, or mental health crisis.	If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure will be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure. Students that are quarantined by the health department may gain access to live remote learning opportunities after the student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days. The building principal may also approve access to synchronous learning support under special circumstances related to a documented medical diagnosis, medical procedure, or mental health crisis.
Social Distancing			
Feasible social distancing measures in place.	Additional Social Distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc. may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.	Additional Social Distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.	Additional Social Distancing measures may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, activities, etc., may be made to adjust to the social distancing requirements.
Staff Health Screening			

Staff members will be required to complete district-established protocols. Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work. ***DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.***	Staff members will be required to complete district-established protocols. Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work. ***DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.***	Staff members will be required to complete district-established protocols. Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work. ***DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.***	Staff members will be required to complete district-established protocols. Staff members should conduct a daily wellness self-check prior to reporting to work. ***DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF YOU ARE SICK.***
Student Health Screening			
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Student Illness			
Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting any of the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. • *Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills* • *Cough* • *Sore throat* • *Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)* • *Muscle or body aches*	Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting any of the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. • *Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills* • *Cough* • *Sore throat* • *Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)* • *Muscle or body aches*	Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting any of the following symptoms shall remain home or excluded from the school until the student is symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. • *Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills* • *Cough* • *Sore throat* • *Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)*	Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting any of the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 5 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to school authorities. • *Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills* • *Cough*

● *Headaches* ● *Fatigue (tiredness)* ● *Vomiting and diarrhea* Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to school authorities. ● *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing* ● *New loss of taste or smell*	● *Headaches* ● *Fatigue (tiredness)* ● *Vomiting and diarrhea* Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 10 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to school authorities. ● *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing* ● *New loss of taste or smell*	● *Muscle or body aches* ● *Headaches* ● *Fatigue (tiredness)* ● *Vomiting and diarrhea* Students exhibiting the following symptoms which are strong indicators of COVID-19 shall remain home or excluded from school for 5 days unless a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note stating the student may return to school is provided to student authorities. ● *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing* ● *New loss of taste or smell*	● *Sore throat* ● *Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)* ● *Muscle or body aches* ● *Headaches* ● *Fatigue (tiredness)* ● *Vomiting and diarrhea* ● *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing* ● *New loss of taste or smell*
Transportation			
Normal transportation operations will occur.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented.
Vaccinations			
No matter which color indicator Berrien County is in, the district encourages staff and students to become vaccinated. The district is **NOT** requiring staff or students to be vaccinated.			

[1] - Hand washing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be taught in all grades at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Hand washing/hand sanitizing and proper covering of the mouth/nose area when coughing/sneezing will be encouraged at all times.