



Goodrich Middle and High School Phase 4 Plan Overview Face-to-Face Instruction

Please know that this plan was created based on the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap published June 30, 2020, and is subject to change as new information becomes available.

What Returning to School Will Look Like for Students & Staff

Students and staff will return to campuses with increased health and safety measures in order to combat the effects of COVID-19. District leadership has received input from all stakeholders through surveys, meetings, and conversations to create a reopening plan with safety and health at the forefront.

Campus Health and Wellness Protocols

As students and staff return to face-to-face instruction in the fall, their traditional environment will look and feel different due to enhanced safety and health protocols. This new normal will require an adjustment for all, but ultimately these changes will keep health and safety as the top priorities.

Before School

- All employees will be required to complete a health check before coming to work. The school will follow the current local health department protocols for staff who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.
- Families are asked to temperature check their child and assess overall health daily.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or above without fever-reducing medication need to stay home and consider consulting their physician.
- Parents are encouraged to monitor their child for symptoms of COVID-19. The presence of any unexplained symptoms, including cough or shortness of breath, should prompt parents to keep their child home from school and consult their physician.
- An information sheet will be provided to help families assess their child's health daily in relation to COVID-19.

Arrival

- We are currently working through the logistics and safest options for students entering the buildings, with the goal of maintaining social distancing for bus riders, drivers, and drop off. Finalized arrival procedures will be communicated with parents prior to the start of school.
- Face coverings are required to be worn when students exit vehicles, enter the building and walk to their designated zone, the cafeteria for breakfast, and/or classroom.

Face Coverings

The school district leaders have collaborated with local health experts creating guidelines that ensure the safety of all students and staff. According to the CDC, face coverings have been shown to be an effective tool in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in concert with social distancing, hand washing and disinfecting.

- **Face coverings:**
 - Must cover the nose and mouth and be secured to the head with ties or straps, or simply wrapped around the lower face.
 - Should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
 - Should be disposable or made of washable materials such as cotton, silk, or linen.
 - Should include multiple layers of fabric.
 - Should allow for breathing without restriction.
- **Face covering requirements:**
 - Students in grades 6-12, staff, vendors, and visitors will be required to wear face coverings on campus.

- Student face coverings must be school appropriate and shall not interfere with the district's dress code policy.
- Please note that in the Governor's Roadmap, it notes that non-disposable face coverings must be washed daily and disposable face coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
- **Enforcement:**
 - School administration and/or staff will be stationed at entry points throughout the building to reiterate the expectation of face coverings.
 - In instances where reusable masks are left at home, a disposable mask will be provided for the day. Students who repeatedly do not wear a mask on school grounds will be educated on their importance and progressive discipline assigned. Additionally, faculty will work with students and staff as to the importance of following the Governor's requirements.
 - The school administrative team will serve as the COVID Points of Contact to work on compliance issues at the school level.
- **Exemptions:**
 - Students and staff must have a documented medical condition and note from their medical provider (MD or DO) for which a face covering would cause an impairment.
 - Students and staff may remove their face covering while actively eating.

Hygiene

Proper hygiene is imperative to stopping the spread of germs. We ask for your continued support in reinforcing these best practices at home with your child(ren).

- **General:**
 - Staff will use videos from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or safe use of hand sanitizer.
 - Staff will educate students on how to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to use a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
 - Signage will be utilized to reinforce proper hygiene and best practices.
 - During passing time the classroom teachers, perhaps with the assistance of students, will wipe down student desks, table tops and frequently touched surfaces with an approved disinfectant or mild bleach solution.
 - Students will be encouraged to take hand-washing breaks throughout the day, in addition to washing hands before and after eating.
 - Hand soap and paper towels will be provided at every sink.
 - Hand sanitizer will be in each classroom and students will be required to sanitize their hands as they enter and exit the classroom.

Social Distancing and Safety Precautions

It is our goal that as we reopen schools and welcome children into a new year of learning, that we mitigate the health concerns with which we are faced, and focus on providing high-quality instruction and engagement for every student despite the circumstances. Please know that while the Governor's order does not require social distancing, the following measures will be put into place:

- **Lockers:**
 - Students will be encouraged to keep materials/carry a backpack with them to avoid and/or minimize locker usage.
- **Classrooms:**
 - Based on the sizes of classrooms and the number of students in attendance, social distancing will be implemented to the extent possible.
 - Every classroom will be designed to maximize space and distance between each student. Classroom furniture will be removed or rearranged to provide additional space. Certain classes may be assigned to larger common areas depending on the size of enrollment and availability. Administrators will preview

and approve classroom designs prior to the start of school, and throughout the school year as adjustments are required.

- Resource room and Elective classes such as Physical Education, Art and Band will adhere to social distancing to the extent feasible and limit shared resources. Physical Education coursework will not include contact sports.
- Teachers will minimize the use of shared items in the classroom, including learning tools, pencils, and other items shared in a group setting.
- Teachers will increase the use of digital instruction and media where possible to limit the spread of germs in classroom areas and still implement best practices.
- **Restrooms:**
 - Restroom capacity will be posted and the importance of following these guidelines explained to students.
- **Passing Time:**
 - The CDC views passing time as very low risk given face masks and with no gathering. Benches will be removed or inaccessible to prevent gatherings and staff will ensure that the flow of traffic remains moving. Students will not be able to access lockers between classes in order to minimize gathering.
 - Schools will utilize signage on walls and on the hallway floors to encourage proper movement to limit contact, as well as floor signage to encourage 6-foot distancing wherever possible.
 - Staff members will monitor hallways/common areas and escort class changes when possible to ensure a steady flow of students with no congregation in hallways.
- **Meals:**
 - As an increased safety measure, new breakfast and lunch procedures have been established. Students will have a barcode that will be scanned by cafeteria staff in place of using a pin pad.
 - A grab-and-go breakfast will be available for purchase. Breakfast will be eaten in the cafeteria, gym and/or other assigned location. Students who arrive at school early and are not eating breakfast will be assigned to designated areas.
 - Hot and cold lunch options will be available for purchase or students may bring a lunch from home.
 - Lunch eating areas will be expanded to allow for students to spread out and social distance.
 - Masks will be required at all times except while students are actively eating. The expectation is to wear a face covering up to the point of beginning their meal and putting their face-covering back on as soon as they have finished eating.
 - Staff will explain to students that they are not to pass or share any items, including food, with other students. Please reinforce and reiterate the importance of this with your child(ren).
 - All tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized by custodial staff after breakfast and between each lunch period.

Dismissal and After School

- We are currently working through the logistics and safest options for students exiting the buildings, with the goal of maintaining social distancing for bus riders, drivers, and drop off. Finalized dismissal procedures will be communicated with parents prior to the start of school.
- For students who are picked-up or drive, face coverings are required up until the point they are safely in their vehicle.
- Students riding the bus are required to keep their face covering on until they safely exit the bus and more than 6 feet apart from others.
- Due to the lack of after school supervision necessary to effectively enforce social distancing, we are asking that all students exit the building after school.

Transportation

- Students will be encouraged to stay socially distanced while at the bus stop. This must be a joint education effort between families and school personnel.
- Face coverings are required to be worn to and from school.
- Students will sanitize their hands before boarding the bus.

- Students will be assigned seats and members of the same household will sit together.
- Busses will be cleaned throughout the day after each route.

Visitors

- Visitors to the building will be limited. Administration will determine and communicate these protocols and/or if meetings can be held virtually instead of in-person in attempts to limit visitation.
- All district, school-based staff, vendors, community members, and essential visitors will be required to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and complete a health screening (via QR code) before entering the building.
- If you find it absolutely necessary to enter a school or district building, you should first assess your health and wellness by asking yourself the following questions:
 - Have you experienced any of these symptoms, not associated with previously diagnosed conditions, in the past 72 hours:
 - Fever greater than 100.4F/chills
 - Cough/shortness of breath
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - In the last 14 days, have you:
 - Been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19
 - Traveled internationally
 - Have a COVID-19 test pending

Field Trips and Mass Gatherings

- In order to stay committed to the health and safety of our students and staff, field trips and mass gatherings will not be permitted until further notice.

Extracurricular Activities and Athletics

- Extracurricular activities and school-based clubs will also be limited and virtual platforms will be recommended when feasible.
- Our district will follow guidance from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) to make a determination on sports. Currently, athletes are taking part in outdoor workouts in smaller, socially distanced groups while eliminating shared equipment. Students are required to bring their own water bottle and towel.

Health and Wellness Processes Screenings

- Teachers and staff will evaluate students throughout the day, including asking students how they are feeling and observing general wellness.
- Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 will be placed in a monitored quarantine area. A parent, guardian, or person listed as an emergency contact will be required to pick up the student.

Confirmed Cases/Quarantine

Schools must cooperate with the local health department regarding implementing protocols. Below is a brief overview:

- **In Case of Quarantine:**
 - Teachers will have a Google Classroom created and/or paper packets available. Students will access Google Classroom to get weekly assignments for completion at home.
- **In Case of a Shutdown:**
 - Teachers will run the normal daily schedules using Google Classroom. The curriculum/benchmarks for content/courses will be followed. Students will be expected to log on daily with either their own device or one provided by the District. Work will be assessed and grades assigned.
- **If there is a confirmed case in a school building:**
 - If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case in a school building, the district will work with the local health department as outlined in the Return to School Roadmap.