

GLPS COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

for 2021-2022 School Year *updated March 14, 2022*



GLPS Uses Layers of Defense Against COVID-19

Holes in layers of defenses show that no single mitigation measure is perfect, but layering many mitigation measures together increases success.



Cleaning, Facilities, & Hygiene

- Custodial staff will continue to clean frequently touched surfaces regularly and do deep cleanings using electrostatic sprayers.
- All district HVAC systems are being upgraded to include Dynamic Air Cleaning Systems.
- School staff will encourage healthy hygiene regarding proper handwashing or sanitizing and sneezing/coughing into elbows.

Masks / Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **Masks are now OPTIONAL in Grand Ledge Public Schools buildings and on its buses.** The Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education voted to rescind its earlier "mandatory mask requirement during the instructional day" at its [special meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022](#).

Spacing, Movement, & Access

- School staff will encourage physical distancing as much as possible as well as use cohorts and seating charts when reasonable.

Screening & Reporting

- Families will be expected to check children daily using the [GLPS Family COVID-19 Screener](#). Children must stay home if they are experiencing one or more symptoms.
- All employees are required to conduct a daily self-screening protocol at home.
- All COVID-related illnesses, testing results, exposures, and issues should be communicated to the GLPS Health Team by emailing health@glcomets.net or calling (517) 925-5725.

Food Service

- Each building will develop a plan that minimizes close contacts while being served food and while eating, minimizes time in shared spaces, and minimizes opportunities for students from multiple classes to come in close contact with one another.

Athletics

- Grand Ledge athletic programs will continue to follow all MHSAA and NFHS requirements.

Busing and Student Transportation

- Masks are optional on GLPS buses.
- Improved ventilation was added to all buses.
- Students who get sick at school are not allowed to return home using district transportation.

Responding to Positive Tests

- GLPS is required by law to work with the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) regarding COVID-19 cases and possible exposures.
- When GLPS becomes aware of a case of COVID-19 in a student or employee, the district will contact BEDHD. When BEDHD becomes aware of a case of COVID-19 in a student or employee, they will contact the district.
- GLPS will support BEDHD by providing attendance lists, seating charts, and other information to help identify people that were potentially exposed.
- BEDHD will determine and enforce quarantine requirements for people exposed to a positive case, and GLPS will follow and enforce expectations provided by BEDHD.

Masking Optional in Buildings & on Buses for 2021-2022 School Year updated March 14, 2022



Board of Education Makes Masks Recommended & Optional in Buildings on February 17, 2022

Masks are now recommended and **OPTIONAL** in Grand Ledge Public Schools buildings. The Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education voted to rescind its earlier "mandatory mask requirement during the instructional day" at its [special meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022](#).

CDC Makes Masks Optional on GLPS Buses on February 25, 2022

Masks are now **OPTIONAL** on GLPS buses. GLPS has been operating in accordance with federal requirements with regards to masks on school buses, but the CDC has changed its requirements on Friday, February 25, 2022. On that Friday, the CDC updated its "[Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#)" webpage to state, "Effective February 25, 2022, CDC does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs." GLPS will continue operating in accordance with federal requirements, and now that masks are no longer required, GLPS operations will match that.

Masks REQUIRED for the Operations of GLPS in the Following Instances:

Masks REQUIRED for the BEDHD's "Mask to Stay"

Masks are **REQUIRED** when doing a BEDHD's "Mask to Stay" option. The BEDHD's "mask to stay" means the consistent, correct use of a well-fitted mask when around others in school and in public settings. BEDHD has an isolation option for positive cases that includes "Mask to Stay" for days 6-10. BEDHD's quarantine options also include some "Mask to Stay" days.

Are mask waivers available?

Yes. To request consideration of a mask waiver for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit GLcomets.net/MaskWaiver. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis consistent with current and evolving legal requirements.

Isolation & Quarantine Guidelines

for 2021-2022 School Year *updated March 14, 2022*



Updated Guidance from BEDHD, MDHHS, & CDC, as of March 11, 2022

The [Michigan Department of Health & Human Services \(MDHHS\)](#) issued [new guidance on Mar. 11, 2022](#), and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) announced later that same day that it would update its own guidance to match MDHHS. GLPS guidelines are based on the expertise of BEDHD, MDHHS, and Guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

New Isolation & Quarantine Guidance Implemented by GLPS Beginning March 11, 2022

Isolation Required After Positive Test

If you test positive for COVID-19, do one of two options: (1) isolate at home for days 0-5 (day "0" is day of positive test), and then, if *symptom-free*, attend school wearing a mask for days 6-10 ("mask to stay") – OR – (2) stay at home for days 1-10, and then, if *symptom-free*, return to school. [If you have symptoms – as always – stay home](#). The BEDHD's "mask to stay" means the consistent, correct use of a well-fitted mask when around others in school and in public settings.

Quarantine for Household or Personal Exposures

If you are a household contact or personal contact exposed to COVID-19, monitor symptoms for 10 days. [If you have symptoms – as always – stay home](#). You are encouraged to get tested 3-7 days after exposure if symptoms develop. Wear a mask around others for 10 days after exposure. You must quarantine as follows if you are a household contact or personal contact exposed to COVID-19:

- (1) If *symptom-free*, attend school wearing a mask for days 1-10 ("mask to stay"). [If you have symptoms – as always – stay home](#). The BEDHD's "mask to stay" means the consistent, correct use of a well-fitted mask when around others in school and in public settings. – OR –
- (2) Stay at home for days 1-10, and then, if *symptom-free*, return to school. [If you have symptoms – as always – stay home](#).

Quarantine for School, Community, or Other Exposures

If you are exposed to COVID-19 at school, in the community, or other ways, monitor symptoms for 10 days. [If you have symptoms – as always – stay home](#). You are encouraged to get tested if symptoms develop. Consider wearing a mask around others for 10 days after exposure.

Communication of Positive Cases

Positive cases of COVID-19 will be communicated as part of the regular building communication to families and staff (such as in school newsletters or the like).

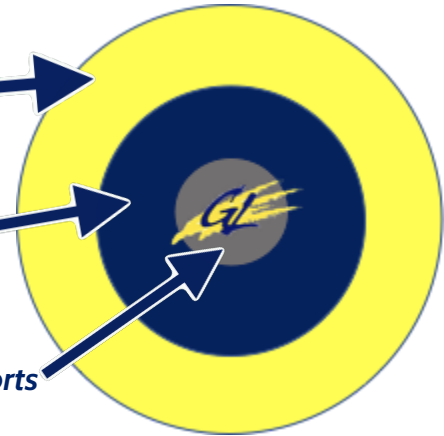
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Universal Supports for All Students

Additional Supports for Students as Needed

Targeted for Students as Needed, Beyond Additional Supports



Universal Supports for All Students

- Teachers will utilize technology tools to help communicate with families and provide resources. These may include Seesaw, Google Classroom, Schoology, IXL, Read&Write, and district curriculum resources.
- When a student requires access to homebound services, a district homebound teacher will contact the family to ensure that they have the work that they need and any questions answered. The homebound teacher will help determine the level of support needed, which may include synchronous or asynchronous supports and/or coordination with the classroom teacher.
- Classroom teachers, case managers, and other key staff will be notified of the need for homebound supports.

Additional Supports for Students as Needed

- If the student and family need additional supports, including assistance with navigating technology, assistance with accessing assignments, or assistance with assignments, they should reach out to their classroom teacher, case manager (if applicable), and the district homebound teacher (if applicable). The teachers will collaborate and coordinate to provide the supports needed during the regular school day.

Targeted for Students as Needed, Beyond Additional Supports

- If targeted supports are needed beyond the universal or additional supports, the student and/or family will alert appropriate and necessary teachers, administrators, interventionists, and key support staff to develop a plan to assist the student and family.