



## 2021-22 COVID Preparedness Plan REVISED April 11, 2022

### Masks/Face Coverings

- **All Indoor Facilities/District Vehicles:** It is recommended that all students, staff, and visitors wear well-fitted face coverings while inside any Harbor Springs Public Schools facility or District vehicle.

### Positive Case Reporting

- All school positive cases will be reported to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNM).
- At-home positive tests should be reported to the school office or principal.
- The District will inform the School Community of positive cases within 24-48 hours.
- The District will post current School Community COVID data on its website.

### Isolation Guidelines if Positive for COVID-10

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate by staying home for 5 days (Day 0 is day of symptom onset; if asymptomatic then day of positive test)

- If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, they can return to school
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days
- If they have a fever, continue to stay home until their fever resolves
- Athletes who were positive may test to play without masks following their 5<sup>th</sup> day of isolation.

### Additional Protocols

- **Cohorts:** K-5 students will be in cohorts throughout the day (except for lunch/recess)
- **Ventilation:** To the extent possible, classroom windows will be open; bi-polar ionization generators on air handlers will be routinely monitored for output.
- **Handwashing and Sanitizing:** Staff and students will engage in frequent handwashing; elementary teachers will review handwashing protocols; hand sanitization stations available in classrooms and common areas.
- **Health Screening:** Parents will be asked to sign a [School Health Screening Agreement](#) at the beginning of the year stating that they will commit to daily screening of their children and not send them to school if they are sick or have COVID symptoms.
- **Vaccinations:** The CDC and MDHHS recommend the vaccination of all eligible individuals; HSPS does NOT require students or staff to be vaccinated.
- **Dual Enrollment and CTE:** HSPS students must comply with masking requirements and COVID protocols when on another campus (NCMC, other District, etc.)
- **Field Trips:** Field trips will be approved in accordance with District policy/regulation. Current COVID conditions will also be a factor in approving field trips, including mitigation protocols. Overnight field trips are subject to Board approval in accordance with District policy/regulation
- **Cleaning:** Custodian staff will engage in more frequent sanitizing and cleaning during the school day as well as additional sanitization in the evenings.
- **Social Distancing:** Students and staff will be distanced to the greatest extent possible.
- **School Visitors:** School visitors will be limited to pre-arranged volunteers and guests.



### **Other Considerations Regarding COVID Preparedness**

- **Federal, State, and Local Mandates and Health Orders:** Harbor Springs Public Schools will follow all federal, state, and local mandates and health orders without Board of Education approval whether or not they are consistent with any components of the HSPS COVID Preparedness Plan.
- **Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination:** The District will not tolerate any acts of bullying or harassment regarding the wearing/not wearing of facial coverings. Alleged incidents will be investigated and enforced in accordance with the [HSPS Student Code of Conduct](#) and Board of Education Policies.
- **District Provided Masks:** The District will provide up to one N95 mask or similar (i.e. KN95) per week at the request of students or staff, depending on availability. Parents should indicate their request to the school principal. The District will provide disposable surgical masks to any student who does not have a mask and requests one on a daily basis.
- **Online Curriculum:** Parents/Guardians may request a full online curriculum for their student. All requests must go through the school principal and will be dependent on third party online course availability as well as the amount of time that has elapsed in a given semester prior to enrollment. HSPS will not supply the teachers for these courses.