

GLPS COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

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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 have been or 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 **OPTIONAL** in Grand Ledge Public Schools buildings and on its buses.
- At a high COVID-19 Community Level, the CDC recommends universal indoor masking in schools and in the community-at-large.

Screening & Reporting

- Families will be expected to check children daily using the [GLPS 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.

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 as needed 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.

Communication of Positive Cases. In K-6 buildings, there will be classroom notifications of positive cases of COVID-19. In 7-12 buildings, the total number of positive cases at the building will be communicated at least monthly, likely as part of the regular building communication to families.

Updated Guidance from CDC as of August 11, 2022. GLPS guidelines are based on the expertise of BEDHD, MDHHS, and Guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#).