

Chippewa Hills School District

Return to School Plan 2021-2022

August 2021

Please understand that we continue to review the best options for our families as we plan a safe return to school in the fall and beyond. Chippewa Hills is also working with all the schools within MOISD to have an evolving plan that will meet our needs. Our goal is to implement strategies that provide for a safe learning environment for our students, staff, and families, while maintaining as much choice as possible to maintain that condition. We may need to be flexible and adjust quickly if our environment or conditions change. Based on the latest guidance from MDHHS and DHD 10, Chippewa Hills will be adhering to the following protocols and practices for the 2021-2022 school year:

- ★ CHSD will recommend vaccinations for those who are eligible.
- ★ CHSD will recommend universal masking for all students and staff inside school buildings regardless of vaccination status. Per current federal regulation, face masks are required on all school transportation.
- ★ CHSD will encourage social distancing as feasible (recommendation of 6 feet).
- ★ CHSD will not require antigen testing. However, we will follow MHSAA guidelines to allow our students the opportunity to participate in MHSAA tournaments if applicable.
- ★ CHSD will continue to use ventilation systems to its highest capacity, including changing filters more frequently, in an effort to maintain a healthy environment.
- ★ CHSD will continue to have staff complete a daily health screener (building entry protocol) before beginning each school day.
- ★ CHSD will promote handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes).
- ★ CHSD will ask that all individuals, staff and students, stay home when they are sick or not feeling well. Children ill with a communicable illness as specified under Michigan Administrative Code (which includes Covid-19) will not be permitted at school until medically cleared.
- ★ CHSD will assist DHD #10 with contact tracing as specified under the Michigan Administrative Code. Quarantines for close contacts will be enforced following current guidelines.
- ★ CHSD will perform routine cleaning and sanitizing to maintain a healthy learning environment utilizing enhanced practices and resources
- ★ CHSD will not be offering a virtual option for students this school year. However, students absent due to illness or quarantine will be afforded work completion as has always been done when students are medically excused (this may be offered virtually or through paper packets).
- ★ CHSD may have to occasionally utilize a virtual format for all or some of its schools during this pandemic, it is expected that all students will participate in virtual instruction with devices provided by the district.

Please understand that these are the conditions we are working under at this given time. Adjustments may occur either lessening or tightening of these protocols based on the dynamics of the situation (i.e. infection rates, outbreaks, vaccination availability, etc.). Families will be notified as changes occur so that everyone is aware of the most current expectations. Your understanding, cooperation and patience is appreciated.