



COVID Guidelines, Fall 2021

The following guidelines are to be understood as the current plan for reopening school on August 24, 2021. Relevant data will be reviewed as the school year approaches and throughout the year. These guidelines may be changed at any time in light of changes within our school community and Ottawa County, as well as future guidance from the Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

1. Mask guidelines effective August 17, 2021:
 - a. Masking is required in school buildings, including classrooms, hallways, offices, and common areas with the exception of time when students are eating lunch.
 - b. Masking is optional during middle and high school athletics practice and competition.
 - c. Masks are optional for outdoor activity, including on the playground and athletic fields.
 - d. Masks are required while riding District buses.
2. Physical distancing will be provided to the extent possible.
3. Enhanced cleaning protocols will be utilized district-wide.
4. Hand sanitization stations will be available throughout the District. Students and staff are required to frequently wash or sanitize their hands.
5. Daily screening for symptoms of COVID is required. Students and staff exhibiting symptoms are required to stay home and may be required to consult with their physician. Monitoring for symptoms and self-isolating at home is one of the most effective COVID mitigation strategies. A daily symptom checker will be emailed to parents under separate cover.
6. Positive Cases – Positive cases are required to isolate for 10 days.
7. Contact Tracing and Quarantine
 - a. Household and Outbreak (as defined by the CDC) close contacts are required to quarantine for 10 days. Additional details to follow.
 - b. Close contacts of positive cases within the school setting that are not deemed an Outbreak will be notified and may quarantine. Parents will make that decisions and SLPS will support your children with remote learning as needed.
8. COVID case counts by school building will be posted on the District's website and updated regularly.
9. While school offices will be open to parents this school year, visitors to classrooms will not be allowed at the start of the school year. SLPS looks forward to welcoming parents back into our buildings and classrooms and will evaluate that opportunity regularly.
10. The MHSAA has not instituted a testing requirement for athletic participation. Spring Lake Public Schools will not institute its own testing requirement.