



Spring Lake Public Schools
Continuity of Services Plan
2023-2026

Spring Lake Public Schools will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to students. Ensuring that this can happen both consistently and safely during the upcoming school year, the 2023-26 Learning Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that respiratory illness prevention and mitigation measures are implemented in a way that fosters optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in Spring Lake Public Schools.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants or if the risks of severe disease, hospitalizations, or death increase. The plan may also need to vary based on in-school respiratory illness activity and outbreaks. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow the district or building to make adjustments to mitigation strategies. Periodically, the plan will be reviewed and updates will be completed, if deemed necessary.

Supporting Documents:

[MDE and MDHHS "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools"](#) [MDHHS Readiness, Response, Recovery Cycle](#)

The CDC will determine the respiratory illness community level for the county. Based on the community level, as determined by the CDC, Spring Lake Public Schools, in consultation with MDHHS, will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to foster optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

The district will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

The following plan outlines measures for respiratory illness in relation to community levels of low, medium, and high.

Low	Medium	High
Instructional Format		
In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will occur.	In-person instruction will occur, but some classes, grades, or buildings may be moved temporarily to remote instruction if recommended by the health department due to outbreaks and to control in-school spread.
Athletics		
Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted and additional health and safety protocols as deemed appropriate may be put into place. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions may be paused; if practices continue, they may focus on skills building with increased social distancing encouraged. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
<i>Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.</i>		
Cleaning and Disinfecting		
The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms during the day as recommended.

Cohorting			
Mixing of students will not be restricted.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.	Mixing of students may be restricted in some areas, activities, classrooms, and/or buildings.	
COVID-19 Testing			
SLPS will continue to follow guidance from MDHHS. Tests are available via District Office.			
Extracurricular and Field Trips			
Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be paused.	Short-term dismissals and suspension of extracurricular activities and field trips may be paused.	
Face Coverings (Masks)			
Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are not required to wear masks.			
Food Service			
Normal foodservice operations will occur.	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place as indicated.	Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols will be put in place as indicated.	
	Gathering and Facility Use		
No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.	Restrictions on gathering size and/or use of facilities may be implemented. Outside agency use of facilities may be restricted.	

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand Hygiene/Hand Sanitation and Respiratory Etiquette are expected.

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Isolation and Quarantine

The District will follow current guidance and recombinations of MMDHS, MDHHS, and CDC pursuant to the district's authority under MCL 380.11a(3) and Rule 325.175(2).

Meetings and Conferences

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.

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Offices

District and building offices will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy.

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Remote/Virtual Learning

The district does not have a virtual option. The district will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person due to isolation or quarantine. If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure may be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the closure.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is not required.

Health Screening

DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.

Student Illness

Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or different/worse from their baseline of any chronic illness shall remain home or excluded from school or excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. (see https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Managing_CD_in_Schools_FINAL_469824_7.PDF)

Transportation

Normal transportation operations will occur.

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Vaccinations

The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated for COVID-19. MMDHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person

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