



PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

August 10, 2021

Dear Shamrock Families,

We hope this email finds you enjoying the peaceful days of summer. As we prepare for the school year ahead, we want to begin sharing our plan to return to school on August 25.

Offering face-to-face instruction in school is extremely important to us. Emergency transitions to distance learning would only occur when mandated, or if a significant number of student or staff absences are attributable to COVID-19.

The chart below is an easy reference guide to answer questions related to our COVID protocols.

Mask Use	Not required. Voluntary. Required on public transportation, including school buses, per <u>Federal Order</u> (set to expire September 13).
Physical Distancing	Not required.
COVID-19 Screening/Testing/Vaccination	Not required.
Ventilation	Ventilation systems in buildings will continue to operate to original design specifications.
Staying home when sick/getting tested	Staff and families are expected to screen at home, stay home when they are sick, and report absences according to our attendance policies.

Contact Tracing	Work with Ionia County Health Department (ICHHD) to support robust case investigation & contact tracing.
Isolation & Quarantine	Isolation & quarantine will adhere to local public health requirements and operating procedures. Currently: Quarantine distance recommended by ICHHD is three feet. Quarantine is recommended except in outbreak situations and for household contacts, where quarantine is required by local order.
Cleaning & Disinfection	Standard daily cleaning protocols using products approved by the CDC to be effective against the COVID-19 virus.
School Day	Traditional classroom setup (secondary desks will remain three feet apart), normal flow of traffic between classes, use of lockers, use of cafeteria, unrestricted recesses, assemblies, field trips, class parties, and other opportunities to welcome guests back into our buildings.
Athletics	We will follow all MHSAA guidelines. They can be viewed here: https://www.mhsaa.com/coronavirus *Local school districts and county health departments will serve as the authority for their school buildings. This means that teams/individuals participating at those buildings will follow any requirement set forth by the host school during regular season play.
St. Patrick School Clubs	Will follow current school guidelines.
Learning Model	Face To Face

As the school year progresses, changes may occur. If mandates occur at the federal, state, or local levels we will try to communicate clearly and quickly to minimize disruption to our students, families, and staff.

Thank you for your partnership in education.

Sincerely,

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