



LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMARY OF FALL 2021 MASK & MITIGATION MEASURES

Livonia Public Schools will implement a set of mitigation measures for our district which first and foremost allow for our students to participate in in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year.

These measures are intended to provide an environment for our students and staff which balances health and safety considerations, along with social-emotional well being, while remaining respectful and reflective of the guidance provided by health agencies and the feedback shared with us by our school community. A layered approach to these measures will be based on the Factors for Consideration listed below.

*****Updates may be made to any of the aforementioned mitigation measures based on changes in the key factors, or if any mandates are issued by local or state health agencies.***

From the MDHHS:

"Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19. Since schools typically serve their surrounding communities, decisions can be based on the school population, families and students served, as well as their communities. Robust layering strategies will consider...primary factors:"

The Factors for Consideration, developed based on guidance from local, state and federal health agencies, will be continuously monitored by district administration. Updates may be made district-wide, or at a particular school or level, based on necessity. All changes will be communicated to staff, parents and students.

Factors for Consideration

The following factors will be the primary considerations for decisions made regarding our district mitigation measures, including mask-wearing:

• Local Case Data

Daily review of the following: Livonia number of daily cases; Livonia 7-day cumulative; Livonia per 100K average; trend lines of data collected

Data sources: City of Livonia website [COVID-19 INFORMATION](#); Wayne County HD website [Wayne County Covid Data](#); MDHHS website [Coronavirus - Michigan Data](#); CDC website [CDC COVID INFO](#)

• School-specific or Level-specific Case Data

This will include identifying any "clusters" of cases in a particular program or activity, school or level; monitor for "signs of spread"

• Age of Students

Take into consideration access to vaccinations for each age group

Source: CDC Website CDC [COVID INFO](#) for updates on vaccine eligibility; information on vaccine rates within our community

• Wayne County Case Data

Monitor trends of cases and positivity rate by week within our region.

Data sources: City of Livonia website [COVID-19 INFORMATION](#); Wayne County HD website [Wayne County Covid Data](#); MDHHS website [Coronavirus - Michigan Data](#); CDC website [CDC COVID INFO](#)

• Local CDC Transmission Levels

Although we will not be tying our recommendation directly to these levels, review of local transmission levels will serve as one data point in our decision-making and allow us to see clear trend lines.

Self Monitoring & Daily Screeners

School mitigation plans require staff and students (regardless of vaccination status) to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms including fever (temperature of 100.4 Fahrenheit or above), new cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or onset of chills and muscle aches. When an individual is experiencing symptoms, keep your child home and consult your primary care physician. If a doctor determines that the symptoms are due to another diagnosis, or COVID-19 is ruled out, your child may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- Staff Web Screener: tinyurl.com/lpsstaffscreen
- Visitor Web Screener: tinyurl.com/lpsvisitor
- Student Daily Screener (pdf): [STUDENT DAILY SCREENER](#)

Mask Wearing - Students

Based on review of the Factors for Consideration listed above, the following mask guidelines are in effect:

- Masks are **required** for all students (except when eating/drinking or during outdoor activity) from pre-K-6th grade, as students in that age group are unable to have the protection of a vaccine.
- Mask wearing is **strongly recommended** for all students grades 7-12 and post-secondary students.
- Mask wearing is **required** for all students, staff and volunteers riding in school buses per federal guidelines (school, athletics, field trips, activities, etc).

*Mask wearing may also be required for large-scale events based on a review of factors such as duration of event, number of people in attendance, indoor location, etc. This will be clearly communicated to attendees. Masks will be provided to those who do not have them.

Allowable face coverings include:

- Reusable facial coverings (must be washed daily)
- Disposal masks (must be disposed of daily)
- Gaiters (two-layer neck and face sleeve)

Exceptions:

Students who have a documented medical condition must provide written paperwork from a medical doctor and the principal must contact the Director of Student Services. For students unable to tolerate a face mask due to a documented medical condition, a clear face shield or transparent partition will be provided for their own safety as well as the well being of those around them.

Self-Quarantine for a School Setting

Based on Wayne County Health Department and CDC guidance for self quarantines and close contact tracing the following applies: an individual who has been identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, and thus is potentially exposed to the virus, must self-quarantine for ten (10) days. If the individual is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after ten (10) days they must continue to quarantine until they are completely free of COVID-19 symptoms.

Note: Close contact is defined as someone who has been less than 3 ft of an infected person for more than 15 consecutive minutes.

However, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives per the CDC guidelines:

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 when the following conditions have been met: Negative PCR Test & no symptoms during daily monitoring.

Details: When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available then quarantine can end after Day 7 if the individual chooses to independently get a PCR test and the result is negative. (PCR only, not rapid antigen test) and if no symptoms were reported during daily

monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 24 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.

No self-quarantine period is required for a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case in the school setting when an individual is and remains asymptomatic and one of the following applies:

- The individual is fully vaccinated (defined as fourteen (14) days have passed since the close contact was vaccinated with the second dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or one dose of a Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine); OR
- The potential exposure to COVID-19 occurred in a classroom while both the positive COVID-19 case and the other individual were masked, and they had at least three (3) feet of physical distance between them; OR
- Within the past five (5) months the close contact had a positive, confirmatory COVID (PCR) test.

These exceptions to self-quarantine do not apply if a close contact starts to experience COVID-19 symptoms. See self monitoring and daily screener guidance.



Vaccines

Per the Center for Disease Control, vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic and is available to individuals aged 12 and above. If you have not been vaccinated and would like to do so, please see the information below.

Vaccinations are readily available and can be accessed at the following locations:

- **Schoolcraft College**
VisTaTech Building, DiPonio Room
Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walk in, no appointment required. 18 & older
- **St. Mary Mercy Livonia**
36475 Five Mile Road Livonia 48154
Vaccine Clinic located inside South Lobby in Classrooms 1 & 2
Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 p.m.
No appointment required. Offering Pfizer vaccines only. Available for 12 & older.
Minors must be accompanied by parent.
- More than 20 pharmacies in Livonia are offering appointments or walk-ups for vaccines.
- [Click HERE for a vaccine finder](#) that will locate a vaccine within a 1-5 mile radius of your location.
- The City of Livonia's COVID-19 Vaccine hotline remains available for residents: (734) 466-2019

Physical Distancing

Our intent is to generally return to instructional practices for classrooms that are age-appropriate and instructionally impactful. Where possible, LPS will maximize distance between student stationary seating without impacting instruction in the event there continues to be a need to distance for both transmission and quarantine purposes. This includes both classroom and lunch seating. Schools will review classrooms available and utilize additional spaces as appropriate. For stationary seating, 3 feet is desired between desks/tables but not required. Seating charts with assigned seats will be utilized in all classes for the purpose of contact tracing in the event a positive case is identified.

Cleaning

Our efforts in this area will continue in a very similar fashion to last school year. The district will provide supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues) in addition to reinforcing proper handwashing techniques. Frequently touched surfaces in the school will undergo cleaning at regular intervals (with EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution). In addition, a hospital-grade electrostatic sprayer machine will continue to be used to sanitize the buses and classrooms.

Ventilation

District school buildings have undergone extensive renovations over the past seven years, during which schools' ventilation systems were upgraded and updated to meet current code. The air in one of our typical classrooms is turned over several times per hour, approximately 6 to 8 times which exceeds the standard for school settings. Every building's HVAC and ventilation system was tested and balanced to ensure they meet or exceed the standards of current code by a company separate from that which completed the installation. LPS building supervisors always have and will continue to check system filters regularly and change them at a standard interval, typically 8-10 weeks, or based on poor condition of the filter.

Classroom windows will be open as weather permits to provide additional ventilation throughout the year whenever appropriate.

Please see the attached FAQ document for more information regarding day-to-day operations at our schools.