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2021-22

# COVID-19 School Plan

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Berkley School District

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# COVID-19 School Plan

## Mask Guidance

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- In accordance with Oakland County Health Division, all staff and students grades TK-12 are strongly recommended to wear a face mask at all times, regardless of vaccination status
- There are two situations where TK-12 staff and students may be required to wear a mask:
  1. As part of the quarantine guidelines, following "mask to stay" guidance from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
  2. If there is evidence of classroom or school spread
- Students and staff who attend programs outside of Berkley Schools buildings will follow the mask guidance of the District/program they are attending
- **All students (ages 2 and up) and staff at Berkley Building Blocks, including home visits, are required to wear a face mask until children ages 2 years and older are eligible to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19**
- **Any student, PreK-12, while riding a bus** (daily transportation or athletics) **is required to wear a mask** according to a federal regulation. Masks must be worn over both the nose and mouth, following CDC guidelines.
- KN95, cloth and surgical masks are available to any staff or student who requests one
- Masks are welcome and supported in our schools

## PPE, Cleaning & Disinfecting

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- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are readily available in every classroom
- Desk shields and face shields will be available for any student who requests them
- All buildings will be cleaned and disinfected nightly
- Bathrooms will be spray disinfected at a minimum every four hours. Staff will note the time, date and initials on a cleaning chart that is kept daily.
- The District will ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products

## COVID-19 Testing

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- Berkley School District hosts its own testing clinic at the Berkley High School East Gym (2325 Catalpa) from 7:15-8 am, Monday - Friday. If you receive communication from our school nurses or principals that testing is an option for your child, or if your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you may take advantage of the District's clinic. This clinic will continue to run as long as testing supplies are available.
- The District will follow the MHSAA testing requirements for athletes

## Visitors & Volunteers

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- Visitors will be allowed in buildings for regular school business. Visitors will be required to wear masks while in our buildings during school hours.
- All guests attending after-school events and activities are strongly encouraged to wear a mask
- Volunteers will have to complete the volunteer application process and wear a mask while volunteering, unless in an outdoor setting. Volunteers may be required to be vaccinated depending on a program-based guideline.

## Daily Health Screening

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[Clear To Go](#) is not required, but is available for families to use as a reminder to check daily for COVID-19 symptoms.

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## Meal Time Guidance

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- For the 2021-22 school year, all school meals are free for all students
- Families who are eligible for free/reduced meals are encouraged to fill out a free/reduced meal form to receive benefits like reduced athletic fees and to ensure the District receives funding for critical staff members
- Cafeteria and food service staff will wear protective equipment while preparing and serving meals
- Students will either eat in their classrooms or in the gym/cafeteria, depending on building space usage
- All students may eat snacks in their classroom

## COVID-19 Symptoms & Contact Tracing

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### COVID-19 Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. View the CDC [symptom list to check if your symptoms are on the current COVID-19 list](#). People with these symptoms, that are new and not related to a pre-existing condition, may have COVID-19.

### Contact Tracing

The District will continue to work with Oakland County Health Division to perform contact tracing to identify students and staff who would be considered close contacts.

Close contacts are defined as staff and students who are exposed to someone with COVID-19, within 0-3 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.

## Notifications of COVID-19 Cases in Schools

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All students and staff are required to share if they have tested positive for COVID-19, using a rapid or PCR test. Once the District is notified, it will send a report to the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD).

Families will be notified if their child is unvaccinated and identified as a close contact of any confirmed *probable* (rapid test result) or *positive* (PCR test result) cases in the

classroom, maintaining confidentiality according to ADA and privacy laws.

Elementary school families will receive a classroom letter if a child in their class has tested positive for COVID-19.

All COVID-19 school associated cases are reported on the [District's Dashboard](#).

## Vaccine Availability

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Oakland County Health Division is offering free vaccines to any persons aged 5 years and older. The health division is offering Save Your Spot Community Clinics with the ability to set an appointment online or simply walk-in to receive a vaccine. Many pharmacies and other health care providers

also have shots available and are welcoming walk-in visits. Visit the [Oakland County Vaccine website](#) for details on the vaccine as well as locations to receive the shot.

## Ventilation

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Berkley School District has a Heating Ventilation Air Condition (HVAC) system in all buildings that includes Vertical Unit Ventilators that circulate fresh air into the classrooms. The District's system exceeds the [CDC recommendation for ventilation in schools](#), per the

[ASHRAE recommended hourly air exchanges for viruses](#).

The District maintenance team checks the HVAC system daily to ensure all units are working properly. In addition, air filters are changed four times per year.