

Genesee Joint School District COVID-19 Protocols
Board approved: September 8, 2021

Cleaning and Disinfection

1. Standard cleaning protocols will be done daily.
2. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily.
3. Desks and chairs will be wiped /sprayed down daily.
4. UV light may be used in classrooms for disinfecting too.
5. Handrails, door knobs, light switches, telephones, sinks, drinking fountains, countertops wiped down daily.
6. Lunchroom tables will be cleaned prior to and after each meal service.
7. Classrooms will be vacuumed daily.
8. Computer labs / keyboards will be disinfected after use.
9. Trash will be removed daily from the classroom/ building.
10. Cafeteria will be cleaned as required, on a daily basis.
11. Food service staff will wear gloves and masks and other PPE if necessary.
12. Hand sanitizers, soap/paper towels and tissues will be made available to all employees/students.
13. Plastic gloves will be made available to all employees.
14. Gymnasiums and locker rooms will be cleaned daily.

Vulnerable Staff and Students

1. Staff and Parents of at-risk students will be encouraged to speak to a health care provider about safety protocols that are being recommended for them in a school environment.
2. Classrooms may be rearranged or moved to a different area to allow for adequate physical distancing.
3. Staff and families of students will be made aware of any situation where students and/or staff have been exposed. If there is a confirmed case of a student or staff member, then parents and all students will be notified and given safety/health recommendations or guidelines to follow.
4. District nurse will be available to support staff, students/parents.

Close Contact (within 3 ft)

1. Staff who are required to work in close contact with a student will be provided PPE (1:1) if requested.
2. Staff who are identified as high risk or have underlying health conditions may be moved to a different position within the district, if possible. Staff may be asked to provide instruction via distance learning to students.
3. Parents of students which require close contact will also be informed of risks and necessary measures that will be taken to ensure student and staff safety.

Monitoring Absenteeism

1. Day to day reporting - review for large increases.
2. Encourage students and staff to stay home when sick, especially those with cold and flu symptoms.
3. Students will be sent home if they are running a fever (100.4 or higher) or display any signs of cold or flu-like symptoms.

Absenteeism plan for staff who are not comfortable returning to school

1. If no confirmed cases within the district - staff will be required to attend work as required.
2. If the district has confirmed cases, school will only operate under the guidance of the local health department. If school is in session, staff may take personal, sick or vacation leave, unless other state or federal protocols are in place.

Absenteeism plan for students who are not comfortable returning to school

1. If parents are uncomfortable sending students to school:
 - a. Online courses will be provided to students who will not be returning to school.
 - b. Students must be signed up a minimum of a semester at a time.
 - c. Attendance will be counted based on the student's academic progress.
 - d. Assessments will be offered to students on days where school is not in full session (eg. PD days).
2. Please contact Mr. Caldwell or Dr. Moore if you would like to discuss options.

STUDENTS:

Action plan for students who show symptoms or who have been exposed* (*less than 3 ft/ more than 15 min. to confirmed COVID case).

1. **Students Exhibiting Symptoms:** If a student is exhibiting symptoms, students will be asked to stay home until symptoms have passed. No fever for 24 hours, **without fever-reducing medication**, no cough, and no signs of illness are evident.
2. ***Exposed/ Non-Vaccinated:**
 - a. Non-vaccinated students who have been directly exposed* will be asked to remain at home for 10 calendar days from the last day of exposure. Work will be provided to students during the absences. Absences will be excused.
 - b. If a student tests negative following a five (5) calendar day quarantine they will be allowed to return to school. However, they must wear masks during the school day and during any extra -curricular events for the remainder of the CDC recommended 10 day period.

3. ***Exposed / Non-symptomatic/ Vaccinated:**
 - a. Vaccinated, non-symptomatic students who have been directly exposed* will be asked to monitor symptoms for a period of 10 days. Students will be asked to wear a mask for the 10 day period. If a student is NOT showing symptoms after 10 days, they will be expected to follow district policy regarding mask usage.
 - b. If symptoms appear, students will be asked to remain at home until **all** symptoms have passed. No fever for 24 hours, **without fever-reducing medication**, no cough, and no signs of illness are evident.
 - c. If a vaccinated, non-symptomatic student chooses to test after 5 days past the date of exposure (recommended wait time), the student will be asked to quarantine for a period of 10 days. If symptoms appear, students will be asked to remain at home until **all** symptoms have passed. No fever for 24 hours, **without fever-reducing medication**, no cough, and no signs of illness are evident.

Note: If a student is unable or unwilling to show proof of vaccination, the student will be treated as a non-vaccinated student. Proof of vaccination may be either a CDC vaccination card or vaccination record provided by the student's doctor's office.

STAFF:

Action plan for staff who show symptoms or who have been exposed* (*less than 6 ft/ more than 15 min. to a confirmed COVID case).

1. **Non-exposure / Symptoms** Staff will be asked to stay home until symptoms have passed. Staff must have no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, no cough and no signs of illness are evident.
2. ***Exposed/Non-symptomatic/ Non-Vaccinated:**

Non-vaccinated staff who have been exposed but are non-symptomatic will be expected to wear a mask for 10 days and asked to monitor symptoms. If a staff member chooses to test it is recommended to wait for a period of 5 days after the initial exposure prior to testing.

3. ***Exposed/Non-symptomatic/ Vaccinated:**

Vaccinated, non-symptomatic staff will be expected to wear a mask for 10 days and asked to monitor symptoms. If a staff member chooses to test it is recommended to wait for a period of 5 days after the initial exposure prior to testing.

Note: If a staff member is unable or unwilling to show proof of vaccination, the staff member will be treated as non-vaccinated. Proof of vaccination may be either a CDC vaccination card, or vaccination record provided by the doctor's office.

Note: **Whether or not a person has been vaccinated or not** – if the student or staff is exhibiting symptoms they must remain home until symptoms have passed. They must have no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, no cough and no signs of illness evident.

Communication plan

1. Administration will work with Covid Committee to develop plans for sharing information.
2. Informing local school board - Weekly updates. Immediate update if confirmed cases within the district.
3. Informing parents - Notification asap of any confirmed cases within the district. Use of district notification systems. * In conjunction with local public health district
4. Informing staff - Notification asap of any confirmed cases within the district. Notification of any staff, students, parents who have been exposed and are quarantined.
5. Informing the community – Administration will provide communication as to the status of the district as a whole. No individual or personal information will be released.

Transportation

1. Cleaning of seats will be done following every route or event.
2. Students will be asked to sit with family members when possible. Assigned seats may be given.
3. Hand sanitizer will be made available on buses for student/driver use.

Category 1: No Community Transmission (Green)

1. Review, update and implement plan.
2. Reinforce healthy hygiene practices
3. Monitor and plan for absenteeism
4. Assess group gatherings and events
5. Create communication plans
6. Require sick students and staff to stay home
7. Minimal changes to schedule to allow for increased social distancing
8. Masks/Shields are optional.
9. Parents of PK-1 will be allowed to walk students to their classroom and drop off at the door. Grades 2 and up are asked to drop students off outside the building.

Category 2: If Minimal Community Transmission (Yellow)

1. Coordinate with local health officials to determine decisions regarding response.
2. Implement physical/social distancing
3. Cancel field trips, large assemblies, large gatherings.
4. Increase space between desks, tables, cafeteria
5. Reduce congestion in office areas
6. Limit non-essential visitors/guests.
7. Discontinue cross-school transfers for programs
8. Consider alternative class size/structures.
9. **Masks /Shields are required** for all staff and students in buildings, buses, etc.
10. Extra-curricular events may be limited or scaled down. **Masks are required** for guests in attendance.
11. No parents or outside guests will be allowed in the building during school hours (8:00 am to 3:15 pm).

Category 3: Moderate Community Transmission (Orange)

1. Coordinate with local health officials to determine decisions regarding response.
2. Implement increased physical/social distancing
3. District may consider moving to a Hybrid model (example: ABAB - Friday's online instruction/ PD/ Deep clean)
4. Cancel field trips, assemblies, large gatherings.
5. Increase space between desks, tables, smaller class sizes
6. Avoid common areas
7. Reduce congestion in office areas
8. Limit non-essential visitors/guests.
9. Discontinue cross-school transfers for programs
10. Limit large group meetings - Staff meetings become virtual, etc.
11. **Masks/ Shields are required** for all staff and students in buildings, buses, etc.
12. Consider extended school dismissals

13. Extracurricular activities may be restricted or cancelled.
14. No parents or outside guests will be allowed in the building during school hours (8:00 am to 3:15 pm).
15. Students with medical mask exemption forms that are not eligible for a 504 will either be required to wear a mask/shield or move to online learning.
16. Students who have diagnosed medical risks will be given the option to move to an online learning environment.

Category 4: Substantial Community Transition (Red)

1. Coordinate with local health officials
2. All extracurricular and large events cancelled.
3. Implementation of “at home” learning
4. Grab and Go lunch services
5. Coordinate services for students who need additional support/ at risk / social emotional needs.
6. Anyone allowed in the building will be required to wear a mask at all times. If you are alone in your workspace you will not be required to wear a mask.
7. No parents or outside guests will be allowed to be in the building.

Note: All staff, non-certificated and certificated, are required to follow the above guidelines regarding mask usage, quarantine requirements, etc.

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