

October 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT! Please read!

CURRENT STAGE (as of Monday, Oct. 19): YELLOW

As of Monday, Oct. 19th we will be moving into the **YELLOW** stage. We have been notified that we have 5 confirmed cases within the Genesee community; 2 of which are students within the secondary (7-12). Due to 2 positive student cases within our school district, we will be moving to **YELLOW which will require ALL students K-12 to wear a mask/shield during the school day.**

We typically communicate with our local Health Department every Weds. Should we need to move to a different status that would occur on the **following Monday** to give parents and staff time to make necessary changes.

Protocol Update (Changes approved by Board of Education on 10/14/20):

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

1. **Non-exposure/ Symptoms only:** 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-symptomatic:** Students who have been directly exposed* will be asked to remain at home for a minimum of 5 days up to 14 days from the last day of exposure. Work will be provided to students during the absences. Absences will be excused. **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 14-day period. If a student does not test, they must quarantine for 14 calendar days.**

Masks: PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENTS TO BRING THEIR OWN MASK TO SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS.

We do highly encourage and ask that students to bring their own masks. It is becoming very expensive providing masks on a daily basis to students who are either forgetful or too lazy to bring their own mask. Many community members have donated masks they have made, and we also have some commercially made masks for sale for \$2 each (*I would encourage elementary parents to write initials or names in masks as well*).

Athletics:

Genesee School District Protocols: **YELLOW**-masks are **REQUIRED** for indoor sporting events, and **STRONGLY** encourage wearing a mask outdoors, especially when you can't social distance. There are no occupancy limits as long as people are wearing a mask and using social distance practices.

Communication:

We will continue to update information on our district webpage throughout the year. Please bookmark www.sd282.org to keep up with the most up to date information. A huge “Thank you” to all our parents who have been calling and communicating with our office and staff when students need to be absent. We appreciate you keeping us informed.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our teachers, office staff or Administration. **Thank you for all your support!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Moore, Superintendent/ Elem. Principal

Mr. Kelly Caldwell, Secondary Principal/ AD