

September 17, 2021

COVID Status: **YELLOW** – Beginning Monday, Sept. 20, Masks are required for staff and students, unless a current medical excuse is on file. Currently, we have multiple families that have had direct exposure to COVID and have been quarantining due to symptoms/exposure. AS of 9/16, we have no confirmed student or staff cases, but we do have spouses and parents with confirmed cases of COVID. Due to the large uptick of confirmed cases in the Genesee community, we are going to begin requiring masks as of Monday, Sept. 20th until we see the risk decrease. We do ask that students bring his/her own mask to school.

Masks will be provided to those students who do not have one. Students will not be required to wear masks during breakfast / lunch or during outside recess or outside PE.

UPDATED COVID Protocols: Protocols for the 2021 school year have been updated. The new protocols can be found at <https://www.sd282.org/> under Announcements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the office at 2082-85-1161 to schedule a meeting or you can email wmoore@sd282.org.

Communication: Please continue to notify the school if your student is ill or has been exposed or show symptoms of COVID, so we can be sure that we are following safety protocols.

Common Cold vs COVID : It is very typical for students to come down with colds, etc. at this time of year. Many of our students participate in fair and 4H events and literally just get worn down. This year, like last is tricky as we are a little more watchful of illness symptoms. Symptoms of COVID that we are particularly watching for are fever (100.4), deep cough, aches and pains and possible loss of taste and/or smell. If your child has none of these symptoms and just a bit of a stuffy nose or cough from post nasal drip, they should be okay to send to school. However, if your child has a persistent cough or experiences more of the COVID like symptoms, we ask that you please keep them home and monitor their symptoms until they are feeling well enough to return to school.

Athletics: Sports are underway and **masks will now be required for all fans and non-playing personnel at all indoor locations.** Coaches actively coaching will NOT be required to wear a mask.

We are still broadcasting games over the NFHS Network. We ask if you do not feel well to stay home and catch the games over the network. Most of our league schools broadcast over the NFHS Network. If this is of interest, please go to the following link: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/> to create an account and sign up. You can purchase a monthly or annual subscription. This is also used to broadcast state tournaments.

Thank you for all your support! We appreciate you continuing to support our school district through these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Moore, Supt. / Elem. Principal

Mr. Kelly Caldwell, Secondary Principal/AD