

2023/24 Genesee Joint School District COVID-19 Protocols

Board approved on March 13, 2024

Cleaning and Disinfection

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

Close Contact (within 6 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).

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 there are other state or federal protocols 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 (Registration is available in August and January).
 - b. Students must be signed up a minimum of a semester at a time.
 - c. Attendance will be counted based on student’s academic progress.
 - d. Assessments will be offered to students on days where school is not in full session (PD days).
2. Please contact Mr. Caldwell or Dr. Moore if you would like to discuss options.

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 and staff – If a student or staff member has been directly exposed during school hours or during extra-curricular activities those individuals will be notified.
4. Informing community – Administration will provide communication as to status of the district as a whole. No individual or personal information will be released.

PROTOCOLS for COVID Isolation and Quarantine as of 3/14/24

Chart A: If you tested positive for COVID-19 or are showing symptoms:

Everyone regardless of vaccination status	**Cannot attend school if you have a fever. Must be fever free for 24 hours with no fever reducing medication. (must be 100.4 or below)
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Chart B: If you were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19/ Non-symptomatic

Everyone regardless of vaccination status:	May return to work/school if non-symptomatic
	If you wish to test, it is recommended that you wait 5 days from the date of exposure to test.
	If you develop symptoms , stay home until symptom free or if you choose to take a COVID test, stay home until results are delivered. If positive, refer to chart A for protocols.

	If negative, you may return to work/school once you are non-symptomatic for 24 hrs.
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*****Note: Whether 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 are evident.***

Transportation

1. Cleaning of seats will be done regularly.
2. Students may be asked to sit with family members when possible. Assigned seats may be given.

Category 1: Minimal 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. Encourage sick students and staff to stay home
7. Minimal changes to schedule to allow for increased social distancing
8. Masks/Shields are optional.

Category 2: If Low Community Transmission (Yellow)

1. **Masks /Shields may be required for all staff and students** in building, buses, etc.
2. Coordinate with local health officials to determine decisions regarding response.
3. Implement physical/social distancing
4. Increase space between desks, tables, cafeteria
5. Limit non-essential visitors/guests.
6. Consider alternative class size/structures.
7. Extra-curricular events may be limited or scaled down. Masks are required for guests in attendance.
8. No parents or outside guests will be allowed in the building during school hours (8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.) Permission may be granted by Administration.

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 3: Moderate Community Transmission (Orange)

1. **Masks/ Shields are required** for all staff and students in building, buses, etc.
2. Coordinate with local health officials to determine decisions regarding response.
3. Implement increased physical/social distancing
4. District may consider moving to a Hybrid model (example: ABAB - Friday's online instruction/ PD/ Deep clean)
5. Cancel field trips, assemblies, large gatherings.
6. Increase space between desks, tables, smaller class sizes
7. Avoid common areas
8. Reduce congestion in office areas
9. Limit non-essential visitors/guests.
10. Discontinue cross-school transfers for programs
11. Limit large group meetings - Staff meetings become virtual, etc.
12. Consider extended school dismissals
13. Extracurricular activities may be restricted or canceled.
14. No parents or outside guests will be allowed in the building (8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.).
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 would be given the option to move to an online environment.

Category 4: Substantial Community Transition (Red)

1. Coordinate with local health officials
2. All extracurricular and large events canceled.
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 in the building.

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

Point of Contact

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