



-A Public School Academy-

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Dear Chatfield Families,

As you know we have taken many precautions to keep the school community safe from the spread of COVID-19. We want to thank you for your continued support and patience throughout this time.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released updated guidance for managing COVID-19 exposures in the K-12 setting. The guidelines were designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while safely decreasing the amount of time students and staff must be out of school if they are exposed to COVID-19 at school or if they test positive for COVID-19. The guidelines were further reviewed with the Lapeer County Health Department and (LCHD), the Lapeer Intermediate School District, and fellow Lapeer County School leaders. Please find the guidelines on page 2 of this letter.

Changes made to the guidelines reflect the changing nature of medical understanding of COVID-19 as well as the nature of the variant currently most common in our county. The guidelines and our procedures may change if local conditions or government guidance require it.

The Lapeer County Health Department stated in a recent meeting that the most crucial thing parents can do to minimize the spread of COVID-19 is :

- Do not send your child to school if they show any signs of illness.
- Students should wear a well-fitting mask while indoors.
- All K-12 grade students should be vaccinated and remain up to date on all recommended shots.

We remain focused on providing students excellent educational opportunities in our safe and innovative school learning environment. With your continued support we look forward to a successful and rewarding rest of the school year.

If you have specific questions or concerns please feel free to call or email either of us.

Sincerely,

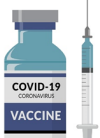

 

Matt Young and Bill Kraly, Co-Directors

Chatfield School January 2022 Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines

As a critical component of the new guidelines, MDHHS and LCHD recommends:

- Universal masking in the K-12 setting. This remains optional but highly recommended for healthy and non-exposed students.
- Students, age 5 and up, teachers, and staff get vaccinated against COVID-19 and receive their booster as soon as eligible. This remains optional but highly recommended.
- Do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or if the child or a household member is waiting on the results of a COVID test.

Vaccination Status	Student has tested positive for COVID-19	Student is exposed to COVID-19 outside the household	Student is exposed to COVID-19 within household
Fully Vaccinated OR Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the 90 days. 	Isolate Days 0-5 After Day 5 if asymptomatic or symptoms are gone, student may return to school days 6-10 wearing a well-fitted mask. OR Isolate for 10 days if unwilling or unable to wear a mask.	Recommended quarantine for 10 days and recommend masking for 10 days if returning to school prior to tenth day.	Recommended quarantine for 10 days and recommend masking for 10 days if returning to school prior to tenth day.
Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated 	Isolate for Days 0-5, After Day 5 if asymptomatic or symptoms are gone, student may return to school days 6-10 wearing a well-fitted mask. OR Isolate for 10 days if unwilling or unable to wear a mask.	Recommended quarantine for 10 days and required masking for 10 days if returning to school prior to tenth day.	Required quarantine for 10 days. If asymptomatic or symptoms are gone, student may test on day 5 and if negative return to school days 6-10. Required to wear a mask through tenth day.

*Fully vaccinated is defined as being “up to date” with all recommended vaccinations that the individual is eligible for. Day Zero is the day symptoms began or the day a positive test was taken or the date of last contact exposure.