



RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION

LakeVille Community Schools (“LakeVille” or the “District”) has developed this Return to School COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (“LakeVille COVID-19 Return to School Plan”) as required by [Executive Order 2020-142](#) (and any subsequent order). This plan is informed by the [Michigan Return to School Roadmap](#) from the COVID-19 Task Force on Education and Return to School Advisory Council (the “Return to School Roadmap”). The Return to School Roadmap references additional sources, including [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(the “CDC”\)](#), the [Michigan High School Athletic Association](#), and other sources.

The purpose of the LakeVille Return to School Plan is to describe the policies and procedures LakeVille will follow to provide instruction to students in an environment that is safe for students, staff, parents, and visitors. Pursuant to executive order, the policies and procedures a school district must follow at any given time are dependent on the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#) Phase of the region in which the school district is located. LakeVille is located within Region 1, which includes Genesee and Lapeer Counties. Thus, the LakeVille Return to School Plan includes policies and procedures LakeVille will follow when Region 1 is in:

- Phases 1-3 of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#);
- Phase 4 of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#);
- Phase 5 of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#); and
- Phase 6 of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#).

The Return to School Roadmap developed by the COVID-19 Task Force on Education and Return to School Advisory Council is organized by phase, and then further divided into four main categories: (1) Safety; (2) Mental and Social-Emotional Wellbeing; (3) Instruction; and (4) Operations. Within these categories there may be required, strongly recommended, and/or recommended protocols. Therefore, this LakeVille COVID-19 Return to School Plan is similarly organized by phase, and further divided into the sections for each of the four main categories listed above.

As required by executive order, the LakeVille Return to School Plan addresses each subpart of the Return to School Roadmap and indicates if the District plans to exclude any protocol that is highly recommended.

This plan and policy shall be read in conjunction with the [LakeVille COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy](#), developed and adopted to reflect the requirements of Executive Order 2020-145 or any subsequent related order. The COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy establishes a baseline for workplace rules and safeguards for District employees and contractors any time they are on District property, even if school is not in session or students are not present. The LakeVille COVID-19 Return to School Plan includes more specific requirements that are applicable when school is in session and students are present on District property. Where this LakeVille COVID-19 Return to School Plan includes additional, stricter, or more stringent requirements, this plan will control.

II. PHASES 1-3

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During Phases 1 to 3, community spread of the virus is increasing and substantial. There is a concern about health system capacity and testing and tracing efforts may not be sufficient to control the spread of the pandemic. During Phases 1 to 3, in-person instruction, athletics, and extracurricular activities are suspended, and school buildings are closed other than for employees or contractors necessary to conduct minimum basic school operations. The Return to School Roadmap includes fewer safety protocols for Phases 1-3 because it is student-focused, and schools are closed for in-person instruction. It should be noted that the LakeVille COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy remains in effect.

When Region 1 is in Phase 1, 2, or 3 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan, the provisions in this section shall apply.

A. Executive Order 2020-142 Minimum Requirements

1. In-person instruction, athletics, after-school activities, inter-school activities, and busing are suspended.
2. School buildings are closed to all individuals except for the following:
 - a. District employees or contractors necessary to conduct minimum basic school operations consistent with this Return to School Plan, including those employers or contractors necessary to facilitate alternative modes of instruction (such as distributing materials and equipment) or to perform other necessary in-person functions.
 - b. Food-service workers preparing food for distribution to students or their families.
 - c. Licensed child-care providers and the families that they serve.
3. Food distribution will continue to eligible students.
4. School employees will continue to be paid and will be redeployed as needed, subject to any applicable requirements of a collective bargaining agreements.
5. The District will offer alternative modes of instruction.

B. Safety Protocols

1. All employees, contractors, parents, and visitors, and others must comply with the [LakeVille Workplace COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy](#).
2. If it operates a licensed childcare during Phases 1-3, the District shall comply with emergency protocols developed by the state.

C. Mental & Social-Emotional Wellbeing

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing mental and social-emotional wellbeing during Phases 1-3.

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D. Instruction

1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bnRfRn2SrYmAwOwYpe1n7LMCDvZC2xe4/view?usp=sharing>
2. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing instruction during Phases 1-3.

E. Operations

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing operations during Phases 1-3.

III. PHASE 4

During Phase 4, the number of new cases and deaths has fallen for a period of time, but overall cases levels are still high. Most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced, and contained due to robust teaching infrastructure and rapid contact tracing, and health system capacity can typically handle these new outbreaks. However, the overall number of infected individuals still indicate the need for distancing to stop transmission and move to the next phase.

When Region 1 is in Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan, the provisions in this section shall apply.

A. Executive Order 2020-142 Minimum Requirements

1. The following individuals shall wear face coverings, except during meals and unless face coverings cannot be medically tolerated or the individual is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance:
 - a. All staff and all students in grades pre-kindergarten and up when on a school bus.
 - b. All staff and all students in grades pre-kindergarten and up when in indoor hallways and common areas.
 - c. All staff when in classrooms.
 - d. All students in grades 6 and up when in classrooms.
 - e. All students in grades kindergarten through 5 unless students remain with their classes throughout the school day and do not come into close contact with students in another class.
2. All indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom are prohibited.
 - (1) Incorporate the Return to School Roadmap's required protocols governing hygiene, cleaning, athletics, screening, testing protocols, and busing and student transportation.

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B. Safety Protocols

1. Hygiene

- a. The District shall provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).
- b. The District shall teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

2. Cleaning

- a. Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, shall be cleaned at least every four hours with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- b. Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms shall be cleaned after every class period with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- c. Student desks shall be wiped down with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period.
- d. Playground structures shall continue to undergo normal routine cleaning but using an EPA-approved disinfectant is unnecessary.
- e. Cleaning and disinfection products shall be used and stored safely and correctly; storage shall be securely away from children and usage shall be with adequate ventilation.
- f. Staff shall wear gloves, surgical mask, and face shield when performing all cleaning activities.

3. Athletics

- a. The District shall comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- b. Students, teachers, and staff must use proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other gathering. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without any symptoms prior to any event.
- c. All equipment shall be disinfected before and after use.
- d. If school transportation is provided for inter-school competitions, facial coverings shall be worn by all riders and buses shall be cleaned disinfected before and after every use, as detailed in Section III(B)(6), below.

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- e. Spectators must wear facial coverings and maintain six feet of social distancing from people who are not part of the same household.
 - f. Each participant shall use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use; there shall be no sharing of this equipment.
 - g. There shall be no handshakes, fist bumps, or other unnecessary contact.
 - h. Indoor weight rooms that require use of shared equipment are closed and physical conditioning activities that require use of shared equipment are suspended.
 - i. Outdoor physical conditioning activities are permitted provided all participants maintain six feet of social distancing.
 - j. Large scale indoor spectator events are suspended.
 - k. Large scale outdoor spectator or stadium events are limited to 100 people.
- 4. Screening**
- a. The District shall cooperate with Genesee County Health Department and the Lapeer County Health Department to implement screening protocols for students and staff.
 - b. All employees must comply with the daily self-screening protocol requirements provided in the [LakeVille COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy](#).
- 5. Testing**
- a. If the District determines that a student or staff member has a confirmed case of COVID-19, it shall cooperate with the Genesee County Health Department and the Lapeer county Health Department.
 - i. The District shall collect the contact information for any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was last present on District property.
- 6. Busing/Student Transportation**
- a. All individuals shall use hand sanitizer before entering the bus; hand sanitizer shall be supplied on the bus.
 - b. The bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, if medically feasible, shall wear facial coverings while on the bus. Note: there may be situations where it is not safe for the bus driver to wear a facial covering. Decisions about these situations will be made on a case-by-case basis with local public health officials.
 - c. Transportation vehicles shall be cleaned and disinfected before and after every transit route; children shall not be present when a vehicle is being cleaned.

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- d. Frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (e.g., surfaces in the driver's cockpit, hard seats, arm rests, door handles, seat belt buckles, light and air controls, doors and windows, and grab handles) shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to morning routes and prior to afternoon routes.
 - e. Equipment, including items such as car seats, wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment, being transported to schools daily shall be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected.
 - f. If a student becomes sick during the day, they may not use group transportation to return home.
 - i. The sick student will be isolated from other students and the District will follow its emergency contact procedures to locate an approved adult to transport the student home from school.
 - g. If a driver becomes sick during the day, he or she may not return to drive students and instead must notify his immediate supervisor and comply with applicable provisions of Lakeville's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.
 - h. Weather permitting and when appropriate, vehicle windows will be kept open to increase air circulation.
 - i. Weather permitting and when appropriate, doors and windows will be opened when cleaning school vehicles and in between trips to allow the vehicle to thoroughly air out.
7. The attached document, titled "MI Return to School Roadmap: Transportation Operations," details other safety measures that will be taken during Phase 4 by Dean Transportation (the District's transportation provider) and the District, as well as the obligations of students and staff with respect to transportation.
 8. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing safety during Phase 4.

C. Mental & Social-Emotional Wellbeing

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing mental and social-emotional wellbeing during Phase 4.

D. Instruction

1. The District will offer three options for students:
 - a. Face to Face direct instruction
 - b. 100% in-person instruction
 - c. Blend of online and in-person instruction during Phases 1-3

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2. Online Instruction Options
 - a. Accelerate by Canvas for students in grades K-5
 - b. Edgenuity for students in grades 6-12
3. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing instruction during Phase 4.

E. Operations

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing operations during Phase 4.

IV. PHASE 5

During Phase 5, new cases and deaths from the virus continue to decrease for an additional period of time and the number of active cases has reached a point where infection from other members of the community is less common. With widespread testing, positivity rates are generally much lower than earlier phases and rapid case investigation, contact tracing, and containment strategies cause new cases to continue to fall. During Phase 5, schools are open for in-person instruction. There are fewer strongly recommended and recommended protocols.

When Region 1 is in Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan, the provisions in this section shall apply.

A. Safety Protocols

1. The attached document, titled “MI Return to School Roadmap: Transportation Operations,” details other safety measures that will be taken during Phase 5 by Dean Transportation (the District’s transportation provider) and the District, as well as the obligations of students and staff with respect to transportation.
2. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing safety during Phase 5.

B. Mental & Social-Emotional Wellbeing

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing mental and social-emotional wellbeing during Phase 5.

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C. Instruction

1. The District may offer, at its discretion, three options for students:
 - a. 100% online instruction
 - b. 100% in-person instruction
 - c. Blend of online and in-person instruction during Phases 1-3
2. Phases 1-3 will trigger the MICLP Plan:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bnRfRn2SrYmAwOwYpe1n7LMCDvZC2xe4/view?usp=sharing>
3. Online Instruction Options
 - a. Accelerate by Canvas for students in grades K-5
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4. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing instruction during Phase 5.

D. Operations

1. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing operations during Phase 5.

V. PHASE 6

Regions move into Phase 6 post-pandemic, when there are few, if any, active COVID-19 cases locally and community spread is not expected to return. During Phase 6, there is sufficient community immunity and availability of treatment. During Phase 6, schools are open for in-person instruction. There are fewer strongly recommended and recommended protocols.

When Region 1 is in Phase 6 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan, the provisions in this section shall apply.

A. Safety Protocols

1. In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19 among staff or a student, the classroom or areas exposed shall be immediately closed until cleaning and disinfection can be performed.
2. Recognizing that all strongly recommended and recommended protocols and actions will not be appropriate or feasible in all settings, the District will implement, as appropriate and to the extent feasible given limitations of space, resources, and other conditions, all other strongly recommended and recommended protocols addressing safety during Phase 6.

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