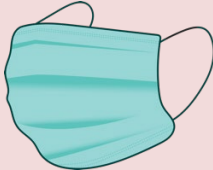


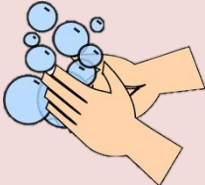


Coldwater Community Schools

2021-2022 Safety Guidance / Mitigation Strategies

We want 100% in-person learning every school day, and we want to keep all students and staff as safe as possible!

To do this, the following safety protocols and mitigations strategies will be enforced at Coldwater Community Schools. Regular review and evaluation will take place throughout the year, working in collaboration with the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. Any new mandates from BHSJCHA, MDHHS, MDE, or the CDC will be enforced.

<p>Vaccinations</p>	<p>All students (over the age of 12) and staff are encouraged to get vaccinated, but vaccination will NOT be required.</p>
<p>Masks</p> 	<p>Masks are an important tool to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, especially for the unvaccinated.</p> <p><u>IN SCHOOL(Currently) Optional</u> At this time, both the CDC and the BHSJCHA recommend that all students wear a mask. Coldwater Community Schools is highly recommending that all students wear a mask to protect themselves and others. However, at this time masks will not be mandated for any student in the school or on school grounds. The optional use of masks will be continuously reviewed and evaluated based on both community transmission as well as school transmission. If an outbreak occurs then in consultation with the BHSJCHA, masks may no longer be optional as we work together to get any Covid spread under control. Please note that the optional use of masks can change at any time.</p> <p><u>ON THE BUS...Yes</u> Current federal policy does mandate that masks ARE REQUIRED on school buses.</p>
<p>Physical Distancing</p> 	<p>Teachers will be encouraged to promote physical distancing of 3 feet to the extent possible in the classroom.</p> <p>Seating charts will still be maintained, and contact tracing will still be required.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Contact Tracing</p> 	<p>All families and staff members will be expected to conduct an at home screener for symptoms. If you or your child is sick, stay home!!! Students demonstrating any symptoms will be sent home.</p> <p>COVID testing will NOT be required for any students or athletes at this time.</p> <p>We will continue to follow all required contact tracing procedures for any communicable disease, working in collaboration with the BHSJCHA.</p>
<p>Maintaining Healthy Environments</p> 	<p>We will continue to promote handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent hand sanitization. Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas, classrooms, and on the buses.</p> <p>We will continue our increased cleaning and sanitizing practices within the building to help maintain healthy facilities.</p> <p>We will encourage outdoor activities whenever possible.</p>