

The Manistique Area Schools (MAS) will implement the following protocol for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (Effective January 3, 2022)

Face Coverings

- Students and staff will have the option of wearing masks/facial coverings while on school property and in school buildings.
- Masks will be required on district-provided transportation per CDC order.
- MAS will respect the decision of individuals to wear or not wear a mask and expect all staff, students and visitors to be respectful towards each other as well.
- Athletes and coaches are expected to comply with all safety protocols set forth by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and hosting school districts, which may require wearing masks.

Hygiene

- All school facilities and buses will be supplied with hand sanitizing stations.
- All school facilities and buses will be supplied with adequate cleaning supplies and toweling.
- Staff will teach and reinforce hygiene practices (cleaning, hand-washing, coughing, trash disposal) to students on a regular basis.
- Cleaners, sanitizers and soaps will be refilled on a daily basis.
- Staff will discourage the sharing of personal items or supplies.
- Staff will encourage regular hand-washing with soap and water throughout the day and use hand sanitizer when sinks are not available.
- Students will have individual desks, lockers or cubbies to separate personal items.
- Signage will be posted throughout the school regarding safety protocol.
- Individual water bottles are recommended and available if needed.

Cleaning

- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect all surfaces.
- Computers or other shared supplies will be sanitized after each use.

Athletics

- MAS will comply with safety guidance set forth by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS).
- Coaching staff will use proper hygiene techniques before and after practices, events, and other gatherings.
- All equipment will be cleaned after each use.
- Buses will be cleaned before and after each use.

Screening

- All staff will be required to conduct self-health assessments before reporting to school. If staff exhibit any respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms not explained by a known medical condition or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater, they must stay home.
- Any symptomatic staff should consult their supervisor and medical provider to determine when they may return to school, based on the local public health department recommendations.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct self-health assessments on their children before sending them to school. If children exhibit any respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms not explained by a known medical condition or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater, they should stay home.

Parents/guardians should consult with their child's medical provider to determine when the child may return to school.

- Students who become ill while at school or at a school-sponsored event (such as athletics) will be isolated, and a parent/guardian contacted immediately to come collect the child. The student will be required to wear a mask until the parent/guardian/emergency contact collects them. The family will be encouraged to arrange for a COVID-19 test.
- Staff or students testing positive for COVID must inform school administration immediately.

Testing

- Staff or students who develop a fever, become ill, or have symptoms of COVID will wear a mask and be sent home. Anyone being sent home is encouraged to follow-up with their medical provider.
- Staff or students who test positive for COVID with a rapid test or a PCR test must inform MAS administration immediately and follow the directives of the MAS Plan and their medical provider.
- Any staff or students who test negative for COVID on a PCR test, and in absence of a positive test in any other format, may return to school when symptoms improve, are fever free for more than 24 hours, and free of vomiting/diarrhea for more than 24 hours.

Positive Case

- See below.

Student Transportation

- Hand sanitizer stations will be mounted in each bus. Students and staff riding the bus must use hand sanitizer as they enter the bus.
- Face masks are required to be worn during transportation of students and staff per CDC order.
- If a student becomes ill while in school, they will not be permitted to return home on the bus and must be transported by a parent/guardian/emergency contact.
- Weather permitting, the windows on the bus should remain open during transportation of students.
- Buses will be cleaned, with surfaces disinfected, before and after each route or trip.
- If a driver becomes ill, they must follow protocols as outlined above.

Social-Emotional Support

- Provide resources for self-care for staff and students.
- Utilize the existing referral process for identifying students needing support.
- Review and update the District Emergency Management Plan and update the team member list.

The following flow chart is based upon individual building population infection rates. The indicator colors correspond to actions taken by the Manistique Area School District.

An emphasis has been placed on eliminating the process of quarantines for specific groups of students and staff.

Building-wide percentages to be determined by a panel of individuals representing a cross section of the school/community. Max # of students and staff that could trigger a response identifier color.

Building rate of infection	Max # of students and staff	Covid school response- a modified COVID Plan	Identifier Color	miscellaneous
0-5%	24-MHS 17-Elem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who have tested positive for COVID must stay home and contact MAS administration immediately. • Contact tracing: When informed of a positive case, close contacts will be identified as those individuals who were within a 3-foot radius of the positive student for a period of 15 or more consecutive minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Close contacts (unvaccinated or vaccinated) not exhibiting symptoms of COVID may continue to attend school if they complete a rapid-test upon arrival on day 5, 6 or 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Names of close contacts will be submitted to LMAS for those refusing to test. ▪ With a negative test, the individual may remain at school ▪ With a positive test, the result will be reported to LMAS, the individual will be isolated, and transportation home arranged immediately. ◦ If a parent or child (with parent approval) would like to test more often then they will need to let the MAS front office know. Close contacts exhibiting symptoms of COVID must stay home or complete a rapid-test to attend school. • Close contacts may choose to quarantine. To meet these needs, MAS will provide work for the student and/or utilize Zoom (in conjunction with Google classroom) to provide access to the respective curriculum. • Students who become ill will be isolated until they are picked up or can be sent home. The students who become ill will be required to wear a mask while they are waiting to be picked up. 	green	

5.1-10%	47-M/HS 35-Elem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who have tested positive for COVID must stay home and contact MAS administration immediately. • Universal Masking for all staff and students. • Contact tracing: When informed of a positive case, close contacts will be identified as those individuals who were within a 3-foot radius of the positive student for a period of 15 or more consecutive minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Close contacts (unvaccinated or vaccinated) not exhibiting symptoms of COVID may continue to attend school if they complete a rapid-test upon arrival on day 5, 6 or 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Names of close contacts will be submitted to LMAS for those refusing to test. ▪ With a negative test, the individual may remain at school. ▪ With a positive test, the result will be reported to LMAS, the individual will be isolated, and transportation home arranged immediately. ◦ If a parent or child (with parent approval) would like to test more often then they will need to let the MAS front office know. Close contacts exhibiting symptoms of COVID must stay home or complete a rapid-test to attend school. • Close contacts may choose to quarantine. To meet these needs, MAS will provide work for the student and/or utilize Zoom (in conjunction with Google classroom) to provide access to the respective curriculum. • Students who become ill will be isolated until they are picked up or can be sent home. The students who become ill will be required to wear a mask while they are waiting to be picked up. 	yellow	
10.1% +	47+M/HS 35+Elem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAS will move all classes to a virtual learning environment. 	red	

- MAS numbers are based upon student population and all adult staff.
- Isolated/quarantined students will not be allowed on school grounds and would be considered trespassing.
- Identifier color will be determined on a total number of positive cases over two week periods. Administration will monitor district infection trends. Responses to trends will take precedence over protocol if deemed more appropriate for that circumstance.