



Return to school

August 15, 2021

School Year Requirements (items may change throughout the year)

The following will be adhered to:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Face coverings are optional for students and staff when in classrooms. If a staff member or student has been identified to be at increased risk of illness by their physician, face covering should be worn.

- ISJ will not conduct indoor assemblies that bring together more students than the most recent recommendations allow.
- Chapel service may be allowed provided that all guidelines are followed.

HYGIENE

- ISJ will 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).
- Systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- Daily, provide opportunities for handwashing with soap and water by students and teachers.
- Limit sharing of personal items and supplies such as writing utensils.

SPACING, MOVEMENT AND ACCESS

Space students as far apart as feasible in classrooms, whether desks or tables are utilized.

- Post signage to indicate proper social distancing.
- Place markers at six-foot intervals where line formation is anticipated.
- Provide social distancing markers in waiting and reception areas.
- Post signs on the doors of restrooms to indicate proper social distancing and hand hygiene techniques.
- Restrict entrance to the school to students and staff only, with the following allowances: Family members or other non-staff adults are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances determined by school officials. All non-staff adults entering the building must be screened for symptoms using a monitoring form, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering. Strict records, including date and time, should be kept of all non-staff adults entering and exiting the building.

SCREENING STUDENTS AND STAFF

Cooperate with the local public health department regarding ongoing protocols for screening students and staff. Currently the online piece used last year was not renewed therefore, ISJ will have a one-time use form for parents to fill out.

- Maintain a quarantine area and a staff person to care for students and staff who develop signs or symptoms of COVID-19 at school.

- Students and staff who become ill with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be placed in an identified quarantine area with a facial covering in place, if able, until they can be picked up. Identified person caring for these children/staff will wear a facial covering.

- Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school will stay home until they have tested negative or have completely recovered according to CDC guidelines.

- Staff will conduct daily self-examinations prior to coming to work. If they exhibit any new or unusual symptoms as reported on the COVID-19 school monitoring form, they will stay home. Staff member will contact the school administrator.

TESTING PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF AND RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES

Cooperate with the local public health department regarding ongoing protocols for screening students and staff.

- Symptomatic students and staff will be kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19 or have been released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.

- Families will be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.

RESPONDING TO POSITIVE TESTS AMONG STAFF AND STUDENTS

Cooperate with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, and in particular, 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 at the school. The Local Health Department will initiate contact tracing, following regular public health practice.

- Notify local health officials, staff, and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.

FOOD SERVICE, GATHERING, AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ISJ will not conduct indoor assemblies that bring together more students than the latest Executive Order allows.

- Chapel services may be allowed provided that all guidelines are followed.

CLEANING

Frequently touched surfaces including desks, light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, and hands on classrooms will undergo frequent cleaning with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.

MENTAL & SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL HEALTH

- Schools are to maintain a point person or establish an access navigator to facilitate mental health referrals, communications to families/ students, and public-facing wellness materials.
- Provide all staff with timely, responsive, and ongoing training/professional development.

RESOURCES

General

Executive Order - [EO 2020-142.pdf](#)

Roadmap - [MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Coronavirus (COVID-19) – www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

State of Michigan: COVID-19 response – https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html

CDC: Resources for Childcare, Schools, and Youth Programs – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Federal OSHA – www.osha.gov

Hygiene

Handwashing video– www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdQuPGVcceg

CDC Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html

CDC Hygiene Etiquette: www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html

Housekeeping

CDC Disinfecting: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

CDC Cleaning: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19

CDC Sickness Steps: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html

OSHA Training

Federal OSHA: www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf

Social Distancing

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

Social distancing calculator: <https://www.banquettablespro.com/social-distancing-room-space-calculator>

Mental Health

Pine Rest <https://www.pinterest.org/locations/grand-rapids/northwest-clinic/>