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## **Important Health and Safety Items of Note for Holland CSD for 2021-22**

The Holland Central School District will follow the mandates and recommendations from the Erie County Department of Health, which have been informed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. The implementation of these safety measures will greatly increase our ability to provide five day a week, in-person instruction for all of our students. We will continue to adjust our plan based on new information from the Erie County Department of Health.

***Note: There are significant differences in Covid protocols this year, so please read the below closely. These may change at any time based on revised guidance, without prior notice. You are strongly encouraged to read the Erie County Health Department's Guidance for Schools, as our plans are based on it ([www.tinyurl.com/ecdohguidance](http://www.tinyurl.com/ecdohguidance)).***

- **General school information:**
  - All students will attend school in-person each day—no more color cohorts.
  - The school day will return to pre-pandemic hours.
  - All who want to ride the bus can—we do not have to sit one to a seat.
  - The student health questionnaire on Operoo will be a **DAILY** expectation this year, as per ECDOH.
  - Contact tracing continues to be in play--a positive case in school may require other students to quarantine.
  - We will continue to strictly enforce having students with illness symptoms that may be Covid stay home and/or take a Covid test to return to school.
- **Mask wearing- Students and staff will appropriately wear acceptable masks at all times inside the building.** Appropriate wearing is defined as having both nose and mouth covered. Acceptable masks must be two layers of materials and may be cloth-based or surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. **Examples of non-acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to bandanas, gators, vented masks and clear face shields.** Masks may be removed in only the following situations:
  - Mask breaks may be taken by students once every hour for approximately 5 minutes (For MS/HS, a break will occur during each class period). Students should be seated and stationary at their desks during mask breaks. If students are seated closer than 6 feet, stagger breaks so that students closer than 6 feet are not taking breaks at the same time (as per ECDOH).
  - During meals in the cafeteria.
  - During Band/Chorus when at least 6-foot social distancing is maintained.
  - During outdoor activities (masks are still recommended, though not required).
- **COVID-19 testing**-While the ECDOH is recommending testing of unvaccinated students, Holland CSD is **NOT** administering tests to students.
- **Social-Distancing**-Regulations have decreased student-student social distancing to 3 feet (to the extent possible), and 6 feet for unmasked times like band/chorus/meals. Adult-Adult and Adult-Student distancing is 6 feet (to the extent possible), recognizing there are times teachers will approach students more closely for an academic or personal need. Students should follow any directions from staff regarding keeping distance.
- **Building entry**-Students will have their temperature checked by staff before entering the building, both at the bus loop and the parent drop-off loop. If a student registers above the 100°F threshold, we will do a second check a few minutes later. If that student is still over the threshold, they will be unable to participate in school that day and the nurse will be in touch with parent(s)/guardian(s) about arranging a pick-up and follow up steps. The daily

Operoo health questionnaire must be submitted each morning school is in session and is due by 30 minutes prior to entry.

- **Remote Instruction**- Students do not have the choice of going fully virtual. Remote instruction will not be provided while the District is open for full-time in person instruction. If your child has a documented medical condition for which in-person attendance under these protocols is problematic, please contact our COVID Safety Officer Gabby Clark as soon as possible to explore accommodations. In the case a student is identified as a close contact or needs to quarantine (ie: Covid positive or Covid symptoms awaiting test results), students will qualify as a temporary remote learner. No direct instruction will take place during the length of such absences. Teachers will share classwork via Teams (MS/HS) or Seesaw (ES) for students to complete independently. Student work should be submitted for feedback and credit.
- **Return policy for a person who shows symptoms of a Covid-like illness**- See section 4 of the ECDOH Guidance
- **Return policy for a person who tests positive for COVID-19**- See section 4 of the ECDOH Guidance. Additionally, students need to complete a return to play protocol before fully participating in sports or Physical education.
- **Return policy for a person deemed a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person**- See section 6 of the ECDOH Guidance, specifically for how vaccinated vs. unvaccinated students are handled
- **Who would be considered a “close contact” of a person who tested positive for COVID**- Per the ECDOH: Close contacts are defined as students who are within 3 feet or teachers/staff who are within 6 feet from the positive COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during a time the case was infectious, regardless if masks were worn. **This is important to understand, as it is possible someone could test positive in your child’s classroom and your child not be considered a “close contact” needing to quarantine.**
- **Sanitizing/hand-washing**-Students are required to sanitize when they enter the building, before and after eating, before and after any class where they touch an item other students will touch, after using the bathroom, and after any time they blow their nose and/or change a soiled mask from a sneeze. Hand sanitizing stations will be installed all over the building, and students may carry their own.
- **Lockers**-Students will be able to use their lockers throughout the day this year. If a student chooses to not use it during the day, we do request that students leave coats and cell phones in their locker, at a minimum. Students will also be able to again utilize Physical Education locker room lockers.
- **Bus riding**-Masks must always be worn on the bus and students must sit where directed to by the driver, as we are required to keep track of attendance and the seating chart daily on the busses.
- **Water fountains**-The only water fountains students will be able to use are ones that just fill bottles. All students should bring their own re-usable water bottle each day.
- **Bathroom usage**- Masks are required in the bathroom, as is social distancing. (MS/HS specifically-Students will go back to being able to use the bathroom between classes)
- **Hallway transitions**- Masks are required in the hallways and social distancing will be done to the best of our ability (students will travel on the right side of the hallway and maintain as much social distance as possible).
- **Physical Education**- Physical Education classes will be encouraged to take place outside frequently. Given the frequency of outside activity, students are encouraged to keep a sweatshirt in their locker, as well as an extra pair of sneakers/socks in case they become damp or soiled during outside activity. MS/HS students will change for Physical Education again this year.
- **Cafeteria**- Cash will be utilized again for purchases, though basic meals are free for all students this year (please fill out the meal application). Myschoolbucks can be utilized to be cashless if you desire. See the Food Service webpage for how to utilize that service. Students will eat lunch in our cafeteria, unmasked, at socially distant seats. They may socialize with friends from those locations. Students will not be able to leave their seat during lunch without raising their hand and getting express permission from the monitor. Throwing out of garbage will occur at the end of the period.
- **Clubs**-Clubs will meet in person again this year.
- **Field trips**-Field trips will occur, within limits of health and safety protocols of the District or the site the event is taking place.
- **Athletics**-See ECDOH guidance document page 8, section 7 for relevant information.