

Negaunee Public Schools

Safe Return to School Plan

2022-23 School Year
(June 28, 2022)

Face Coverings

- Negaunee Public Schools' students and staff will have the option of wearing facial coverings/masks during school functions, including transportation. This will not be a requirement. We will respect the choice made by families regarding the wearing of masks.
- If the Marquette County Health Department or the State of Michigan issue a mask mandate, Negaunee Public Schools' students and staff will follow the mandate. When the mandate is lifted, Negaunee Public Schools will fall back to a mask optional policy.

Hygiene

- Negaunee Public Schools 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). We will also encourage handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Negaunee Public Schools will encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- Negaunee Public Schools' custodial staff will systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- Negaunee Public Schools' teaching staff will strongly encourage students to thoroughly wash their hands with soap throughout the school day. Teachers and/or custodial staff will disinfect classroom materials between use or provide adequate supplies to assign for individual student cleaning.
- Negaunee Public Schools will continue to use hand sanitizing stations throughout the school buildings. This includes each individual classroom and school bus.

Cleaning

- Negaunee Public Schools custodial and instructional staff will disinfect frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, throughout the school day with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- Negaunee Public Schools custodial and instructional staff will frequently disinfect libraries, computer labs, specials classrooms, and other hands-on with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- Negaunee Public Schools custodial and instructional staff will frequently disinfect student desks with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution
- Negaunee Public Schools custodial staff will routinely clean the playground equipment.

- Negaunee Public Schools custodial and instructional staff will ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from our students, and with adequate ventilation when staff use products.
- Negaunee Public Schools custodial and instructional staff will be encouraged to wear gloves when performing all cleaning activities.

Athletics

- Negaunee Public Schools will comply with all guidance published by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- Negaunee Public Schools' coaching staff will use proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other gathering. We will ensure all equipment is disinfected before and after use.
- Our buses will be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- All of our athletes will use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use. There will be no sharing of water bottles

Screening

- Negaunee Public Schools will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.
- Our staff will encourage families to check their child's temperature at home each morning using oral, tympanic, or temporal thermometers. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms of COVID-19 are present.
- Our staff will encourage families to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19. We will recommend if there is a presence of any symptoms, including cough or shortness of breath, should prompt the family to keep the student home from school and to follow up with a primary care provider.

Testing

- Negaunee Public Schools will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.
- If required by the Marquette County Health Department, our families will be notified via email 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.
- If we do have a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts will be made to contact any close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes less than three feet in close proximity to the student or staff member) so that they can monitor symptoms for the next 14 days. Close contacts can remain in school if symptoms are not present.

Busing and Student Transportation

- Negaunee Public Schools Transportation Staff will encourage the use of hand sanitizer before entering the bus. We will supply the hand sanitizer on the bus.
- Facial coverings/masking will be optional for Negaunee Public Schools' transportation staff and all students. This will not be a requirement.
- Negaunee Public Schools Transportation Staff will clean and disinfect transportation vehicles before and after morning and afternoon routes.
- If the weather allows, our bus drivers will keep doors and windows open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to let the vehicles thoroughly air out. In addition, drivers can keep windows open while the vehicle is in motion to help reduce the spread of the virus by increasing air circulation.

Identification of Close Contacts and Quarantine

- Negaunee Public Schools will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding the identification of close contacts and quarantine.

Projects/Activities performed using funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Educational Relief Fund (ESSER)

- Disinfectant & sanitation supplies
- Multiple portable air purification units
- Ventilation improvements
- Additional personnel employed to combat social/emotional issues for our students and staff.
- Additional technology to help address learning loss
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- Summer school to address learning loss
- After school programming to address learning loss
- Continuation of Capturing Kids' Hearts
- School Resource Officer