

Crosslake Community School COVID-19 Mitigation Framework

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This framework will be reviewed and implemented by the district COVID-19 team, with urgent decisions made by COVID-19 teams. **This plan is built around four areas of health & safety: physical, mental, social and emotional.** The levels in this plan will be grounded in **district data** (students and staff that test positive for COVID-19). These levels are subject to change as the situation evolves. Level 1 requires minimal intervention strategies due to a low number of positive COVID-19 cases with Level 4 requiring the most intervention strategies to mitigate COVID-19 due to a high number of COVID-19 cases between students and staff. Additionally, MSHSL sponsored events will follow the guidelines from MSHSL as appropriate. The elementary line in the chart refers to a classroom, but may be used for grade-level or building-level decisions. The MS line in the chart refers to a grade-level or group of students, but may be used for building-level decisions. Therefore, there may be different levels occurring throughout the district at the same time.

This plan currently aligns with all MDH and CDC requirements: Face coverings on school transportation and reporting positive COVID-19 cases to MDH.

Pequot Lakes School District staff is dedicated to providing a safe & supportive environment. Bullying or harassment of students or staff wearing masks will not be tolerated. Responses to incidents of bullying or harassment will be in alignment with Policy 514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Potential Circumstances	Minimal or no cases in a classroom, grade-level, building, or student group.	Minimal cases in a classroom or student group, a few cases in a grade-level or building	A few cases in a classroom or student group, various cases in a grade-level or building	Multiple cases in a classroom or student group, many cases in a grade-level or building.
Possible Level Examples for an Elementary Classroom or Student Group	0 or 1 cases in classroom or student group with less than 30 students	1 or 2 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students	2 or 3 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students	More than 3 cases in a classroom or student group with less than 30 students

Essential Mitigation Strategy

Screening	Stay home when sick, screen at home
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Intervention Mitigation Strategies

Learning Model	All Sites	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Consider Distance Learning for 14 days
Face Coverings Regardless of Vaccination Status	All Sites	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended	Consider 14-day requirement	Consider 14-day requirement
*School or Community COVID-19 Close Contact	Elementary MS	Recommended quarantine	Recommended quarantine Consider required quarantine	Consider required quarantine	Consider required quarantine
Physical Distancing in Classrooms	All Sites	Normal classroom routines	As much space between students as possible	Consider further distancing in classrooms and eliminating small group instruction	Consider eliminating small group instruction and maintain distancing
Physical Education	All Sites	Outdoor class as much as possible	Outdoor class as much as possible	Consider alternative activity	Consider alternative activity
Music (Band/Choir)	Elementary MS	Normal routines with distancing	Normal routines with distancing	Consider alternative activities Consider alternative activities/bell covers/singing masks	Consider alternative activities Consider alternative activities/bell covers/singing masks
Breakfast / Lunch	All Sites	Regular routines	Regular routines	Consider meals in classrooms	Consider meals in classrooms
Passing Time	Elementary MS	Normal routines with distancing Normal routines	Normal routines with distancing Normal routines	Normal routines with distancing Consider staggered passing times	Normal routines with distancing Consider staggered passing times
District or building events (excluding MSHSL)	All Sites	Events Allowed	Events Allowed	Consider limiting events	No events
External Events & Rentals	All Sites	Events & rentals allowed	Events & rentals allowed	Consider limiting events & rentals	No events & rentals
Visitors	All Sites	Limited	Limited	None	None

Standard Mitigation Strategies

Masks	KN95 & surgical masks available for all students and staff
Positive Reporting	Positive cases must be reported to the district and isolate for 10 days
*Household COVID-19 Close Contact	Contact school nurse for guidance
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	Teach proper handwashing & respiratory etiquette
Ventilation	District HVAC systems are efficiently operating
Vaccinations	Contact health care provider
Seating Charts in Classrooms	Established and documented
COVID-19 Testing	BinaxNow At-home kits available while supplies last, Test when COVID-19 symptoms displayed, contact health provider
Cleaning	All district cleaning protocols will be followed

*Additional Information Regarding Close Contacts: **People that are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90-days do not need to quarantine unless COVID-19 symptoms are displayed.** According to MDH, a 14-day quarantine is the safest recommendation, although a 7-day (with negative COVID-19 test) or 10-day period can be considered.

Building-level teams consist of the superintendent, district nurse, building principal, building nurse, classroom/building staff (when applicable) and public health (when applicable). The district-level COVID-19 team consists of the superintendent, district nurse, principals, administrators, directors, EMPL representative, and public health.

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