

GLPS Mitigation Measures for Communicable Diseases & COVID-19

GLPS Uses Layers of Defense

Holes in layers of defenses show that no single mitigation measure is perfect, but layering many mitigation measures together increases success.



Facilities, Hygiene, & Cleaning

- All district HVAC systems have been or are being upgraded to include Dynamic Air Cleaning Systems.
- School staff use air purifiers provided by state's MI Safe School's Indoor Air Ventilation Grant.
- School staff encourage healthy hygiene regarding proper handwashing or sanitizing and sneezing/coughing into elbows.
- Custodial staff continue to clean frequently touched surfaces regularly and coordinate additional deep cleanings and/or increased cleaning frequency with the GLPS Health Team.

Masks / Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks are optional in Grand Ledge Public Schools buildings and on its buses.

Busing and Student Transportation

- Masks are optional on GLPS buses.
- Improved ventilation was added to all buses.
- Students who get sick at school are not allowed to return home using district transportation.

Athletics

- Grand Ledge athletic programs continue to follow all MHSAA and NFHS requirements.

Screening & Reporting

- Families are expected to check children daily using the [GLPS Symptom Screener](#). Children must stay home if they are experiencing one or more symptoms.
- All employees are required to use the [GLPS Symptom Screener](#) before working each day.
- All COVID-related illnesses, testing results, exposures, and issues should be communicated to the GLPS Health Team by emailing health@glcomets.net or calling (517) 925-5725.

Collaboration: GLPS, BEDHD, & MDHHS

- GLPS is required by law to work with the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) regarding communicable diseases and COVID-19.
- GLPS supports BEDHD as needed by providing attendance lists, seating charts, and other information to help identify people who were potentially exposed.
- When GLPS becomes aware of a case of COVID-19 in a student or employee, the district contacts BEDHD. When BEDHD becomes aware of a case of COVID-19 in a student or employee, they contact the district.

Communication of Positive COVID-19 Cases. In K-6 buildings, there will be classroom notifications of positive cases of COVID-19.

GLPS Mitigation Measures are based on the expertise of BEDHD, MDHHS, and the CDC. Specifically, GLPS uses [guidance from Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools \(prepared by Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services\)](#).

Thank You! Your help keeping everyone healthy is appreciated!