

August 17, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I am writing to update you regarding our safety protocols for the start of our school year. At our board meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021, the school board approved a resolution with the recommendations that I shared with you on August 10, 2021.

However, it is important to note that the school board also approved a resolution giving the superintendent emergency powers to temporarily make changes to our safety protocols as needed for an effective response to COVID-19 related issues.

Please be aware that changes could occur with our current safety plan even before the school year starts. The most likely change that could occur is moving from the wearing of masks “being strongly recommended” to being mandated for a designated time frame.

The reason why a change may occur is that there has been a recent rise in positive COVID-19 cases in Oakland County, and we have had two new positive cases in our district this week. It is hard to tell right now if this is a momentary spike in the data or if this rise in positive cases will continue.

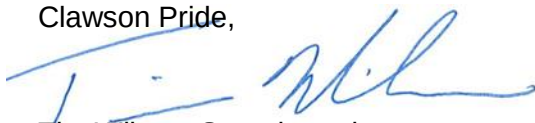
If the decision is made to mandate masks, it would be for a designated time frame of about two weeks. I would then reevaluate my decision before the end of the designated time frame. After reevaluating, I would decide to extend or cancel the mask mandate. This would be done much like I did last year in regard to our need to be in remote learning or in-person learning.

My plan is to continue to review the Oakland County COVID-19 data and our district data daily. I receive a weekly report from the Oakland County Health Department (OCHD) with the number of new positive cases for each age group compared to the prior week. I am waiting to receive the report for this week. I also plan to have further discussions this week with the OCHD.

I will send you another update this Monday, August 23, 2021 and let you know if there will be any changes to our current plan.

If it is decided to continue with the current plan of the wearing of masks “being strongly recommended” rather than mandated, I hope that all of our students who are able to wear a mask will do so. I anticipate that all of our staff will wear a mask when they are in a school building.

Clawson Pride,



Tim Wilson, Superintendent

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Clawson Public Schools Safety Protocols for Fall 2021

Approved by the Clawson Board of Education on 08/16/2021

Component	Protocol
Mask Use in Buildings	It is strongly recommended that all students and staff wear a mask when they are inside a school building.
Mask Use on Buses	At this time, the CDC mandates masks to be worn on all public transportation including school buses.
Physical Distancing	Desks in classrooms will be set up at least 3 feet apart.
COVID-19 Screening / Testing	When symptoms are present, students and staff should be tested.
Staying Home When Sick	Students or staff with symptoms of infectious illness such as COVID-19 should stay home.
Ventilation	We are in the process of upgrading all of our filters in our buildings, and this will be completed before the school year starts.
Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine	In collaboration with the Oakland County Health Department, we will continue to do contact tracing and quarantine students and staff when necessary. Determining if a person needs to be quarantined and for how long will be based on a number of factors. Some factors that need to be considered before making the determination are whether the exposed person has been fully vaccinated, has had a negative PCR test after exposure, and the length of time exposed.
Cleaning and Disinfection	There will be standard daily cleaning protocols using products approved by the CDC to be effective against the COVID-19 virus. Nightly thorough disinfecting of all classrooms will continue.
COVID-19 Vaccination	We strongly recommend vaccination for all eligible students and staff.
Student Cohorts – Preschool through 5th Grade	We will continue to cohort students in grades PreK-5 th grade. Lunch will take place in classrooms, recess will be by classroom.
Building Access	Only students and staff will be allowed to enter the buildings during school hours.
Rental/Use of Facilities to the Public	Our buildings will only be considered for public use on the weekends and after the conclusion of student activities on school days.
Length of Time the Plan Will Remain in Place	These protocols are subject to change based on the COVID-19 data for our district, as well as state and local health mandates. These protocols may become more restrictive or more relaxed depending upon how the COVID-19 variant impacts our district.