

# Safe Return 21-22 Overview



Our current reality  
continues to  
evolve...

## June

Communications with district families indicating full return to in person instruction and homebound approach for those with medical needs

## June - August

Summer programs K-12 with over 700 students on site

Delta variant evidence, concerns

New CDC, MDHHS recommendations to mask

Local health department guidance Friday PM

Health & Safety  
Protocols

Feasibility of Implementation

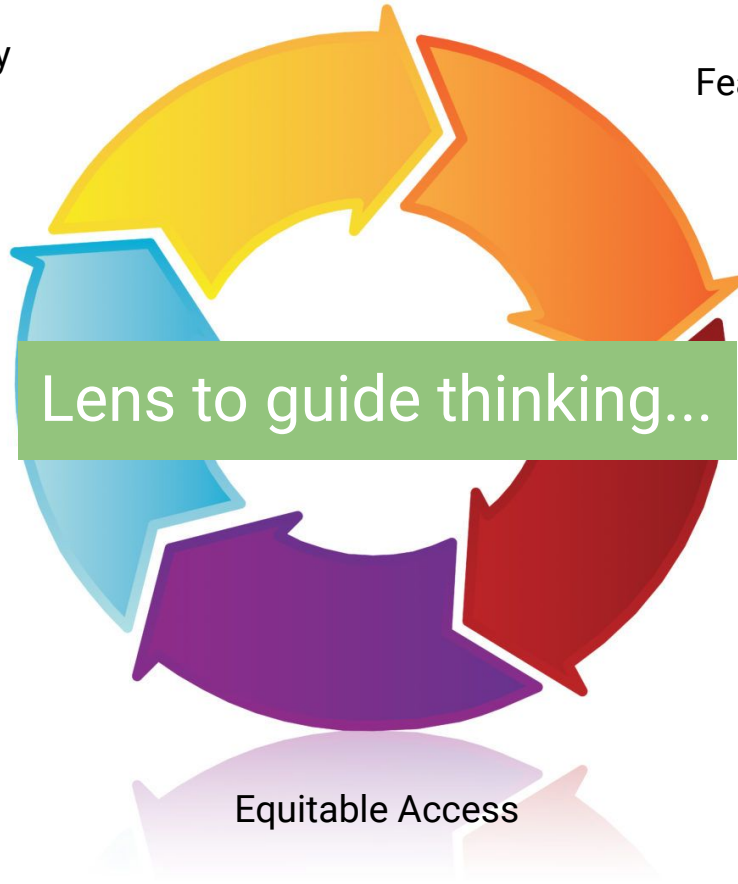
Lens to guide thinking...

Best instructional  
practices

Consistent  
instructional model

Mental Health Impact  
and Supports

Equitable Access



# 2021-22 School Year

**OPS Goal: To offer consistent, high quality in-person instruction five full days per week.**

- Shift from emergency COVID related instructional practices to best instructional practices
- Shift from current hybrid option to full day in-person preK-12, with lunch
- Low risk with vaccination older students, mitigation for younger students
- For school aged children not eligible for vaccination
  - Homebound medical need

# District Communications

Spring, Summer  
2021

Communications with district families indicating full return to in person instruction and homebound approach for medical needs

# Instructional Model for 2021-22

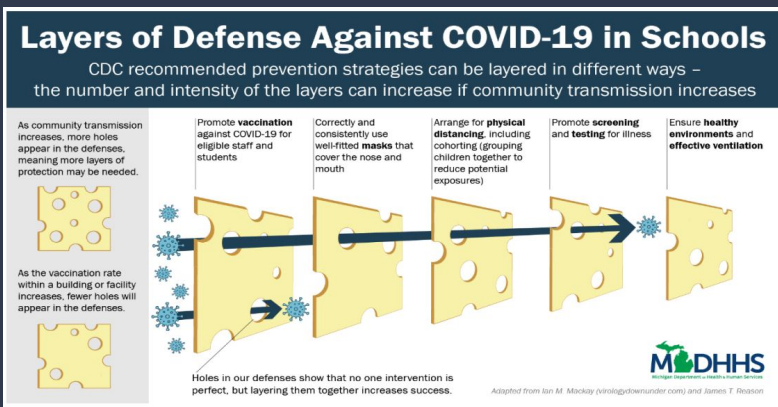
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- MDE supports the return of in-person learning
- Pupil accounting rules have reverted to pre-COVID rules
  - Attendance is counted for students in-person

## Alternative Options:

- Homebound Instruction- available for students with a medical condition that prevents them from attending in-person
- Full-time virtual options available through Lansing schools

# Safety Protocols



## COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES

1. Promoting vaccination against COVID-19
2. Requiring consistent and correct mask use for all
3. Physical distancing to extent possible
4. Screening and testing
5. Ventilation
6. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
7. Staying home when sick and getting tested
8. Contact tracing in combination with quarantine and collaborating with the local health department.
9. Cleaning and Disinfection

Source:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Guidance\\_for\\_Operating\\_Schools\\_Safely\\_728838\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/COVID-19_Guidance_for_Operating_Schools_Safely_728838_7.pdf)

# COVID Handbook

Crafted around goal of sustaining quality in person instruction

Posted to website, emailed to families on Tuesday

Outlines mitigation measures in place

Limit to visits and volunteers (to start)

Required masking, accountability for students and staff

Reevaluate as situation develops, loosen or tighten, recommunicate



# Lunch Plans



Lunch plans will be communicated by each school this week and will include information such as:

- Plans for lowering density, duration and/or proximity
- Cohorting by classroom or peer groups
- Masking expectation unless actively eating or drinking
- Hand washing and sanitizing
- Disinfecting of eating spaces
- Ionized air system

Snack time in classrooms will similar mitigation measures at the elementary level. Breakfast on site will have the same mitigation measures. .

# Quarantine

When contact tracing we look at:

- Mitigation measures, contact tracing
- Vaccinated vs unvaccinated
- Symptoms for those vaccinated

Actively work with ICHD, [building spread indicators](#)

Students “excused” from school for illness

Google classroom offered district wide

Potential access to staff while out,  
interventions/remediation upon return

Not a dual modality instructional approach

Working with OEA, unions for teacher/staff  
quarantine approach

# Okemos Website

- [COVID Handbook](#)
- [Bus Routes](#)
- COVID Dashboard

The screenshot shows the Okemos Public Schools website. At the top left is the CHIEFS logo and the text "OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Together...educating with excellence, inspiring each learner for life." The top right navigation includes "DISTRICT HOME", "SELECT A SCHOOL", and "TRANSLATE". A main navigation bar contains "Home", "OUR DISTRICT", "ACADEMICS", "BOARD OF EDUCATION", "CALENDAR", "DEPARTMENTS", "FAMILIES" (highlighted in red), and "COMMUNITY". The breadcrumb trail reads "Okemos Public Schools > FAMILIES > COVID-19 Information > Safe Return to School". The page title is "COVID-19 INFORMATION". A left sidebar lists links: "Safe Return to School", "Active / Cumulative Cases OPS", "Community / Internet Resources", "Continuity of Learning Plan", "COVID-19 Board of Ed Presentations", "COVID-19 Resources", "Device Repair Depot", and "Email Communications". The main content area includes a note about PDF files, links for "Ingham County Health Department COVID Protocols" and "K-12 Handbook Supplement for Covid-19", and a section for "Email Communications" with links for "OPS Safe Return Transportation - Other Information - 3/1/21", "OPS Safe Return Additional Information - 2/26/21", "OPS Safe Return Procedures/Protocols - 2/25/21", and "OPS Return to School & Virtual Schedules - 2/19/21".

# Communications

- Positive School Related Case : Entire school notified
- Student is a Close Contact:  
Parents/Guardians notified by phone and email
- Entire School Closure: The entire OPS community will be notified
- Community: [OPS COVID Dashboard](#) for 21-22 school year, [MI Safe Start Map: Ingham County](#) COVID Dashboard

Questions?