

# BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Burt Township School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

2023-2024 School Year

### Facial Coverings

- Burt Township 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 LMAS (Luce, Mackinac, Alger and Schoolcraft) District Health Department or the State of Michigan issue a mask mandate, Burt Township Schools students and staff will follow the mandate. When the mandate is lifted, Burt Township Schools will fall back to a mask optional policy. Burt Township Schools will continue to work with the LMAS District Health Department throughout the school year regarding mask recommendations.

### Hygiene

- Burt Township 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, and tissues). We will also encourage handwashing and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Burt Township 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.
- Burt Township Schools custodial staff will systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- Burt Township Schools teaching staff will strongly encourage students to thoroughly wash their hands with soap throughout the school day and before lunch..
- Burt Township Schools will continue to use hand sanitizing stations throughout the school buildings. This includes each individual classroom and school bus.

### Cleaning

- Burt Township Schools custodial and instructional staff will continue to disinfect frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- Burt Township Schools custodial and instructional staff will disinfect student desks with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.

- Burt Township 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.
- Burt Township Schools custodial and instructional staff will be encouraged to wear gloves when performing all cleaning activities.

### Athletics

- Burt Township Schools is not currently a MHSAA school, but will comply with all guidance published by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- Burt Township Schools coaching staff will use proper hand hygiene techniques and disinfect equipment as necessary.
- All of our athletes will continue to use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use. will comply with all guidance published by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- Burt Township Schools coaching staff will use proper hand hygiene techniques and disinfect equipment as necessary.
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### Screening

- Burt Township Schools will cooperate with the LMAS District Health Department regarding protocols for screening students and staff.
- Our staff will encourage families to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before sending students to school. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms of COVID-19 are present.

### Testing

- If required by the LMAS District 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. Close contact protocols will be followed as defined by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and/or the LMAS District Health Department.

### Identification of Close Contacts and Quarantine

- Burt Township Schools will cooperate with the LMAS District Health Department regarding the identification of close contacts and quarantine.

### Busing and Student Transportation

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

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

- Disinfectant & sanitation supplies
- Additional personnel to help address learning loss (Math Support Specialist)
- Additional technology to help address learning loss
- Summer programming to address learning loss
- Maintaining existing staffing levels to keep student to teacher ratio low

Presented at Feb 2/21/24 Board Meeting

Confirmed at 2/21/24 Board Meeting

Continued at \_\_\_\_\_ Board Meeting

Gordon Tester - Superintendent/Principal Burt Township School District