

July 27, 2021

Bath Education Community,

As we approach the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year, we wanted to share some information regarding the upcoming school year. This letter will provide you with our plans as of today. These plans are pending any changes ordered by the MMDHD, CDC, MDHHS and MiOSHA. At the time of this communication Clinton County has a positivity rate of 0.9% (was 15% in April) and cases per million of 27.5 (was approximately 450 in April). Clinton County also has a first shot vaccination rate of about 55% which is higher than several surrounding counties.

What will our instruction model look like?

As described in the letter sent to all parents on June 2nd, Bath Community Schools will be providing instruction to our students in-person five days per week. If, due to a documented medical necessity, a different model of instruction is required, we will work with individual families to provide appropriate instruction. We will be following the school calendar which was sent with the last communication and can be found at bathschools.net.

Are masks required at school?

Face masks will not be mandated for any staff or students from Y5's through 12th grade. Face masks are optional and provided by the parents.

Will my child be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to attend school?

The COVID-19 vaccine (from any manufacturer) is currently NOT on the School Required Vaccination List and therefore is not currently required to attend school. A list of vaccinations required to attend school can be found here: [School Required Vaccines for Parents by MDHHS](#)

Will students who are vaccinated be separated from those that are not?

Vaccination status will not be used to determine class lists, ability to participate in various school activities or in the administration of group activities such as lunch and recess.

Will contact tracing continue?

School districts are required to report communicable diseases to their local health departments within 24 hours. We will continue to report positive or probable COVID-19 cases to the Mid-Michigan Health Department in accordance with Bath BOE policy 8450 and Michigan Law Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978.

Will students be quarantined due to close contacts as was done last school year?

Quarantining guidelines will continue to be determined by our local health department.

Will student athletes need to be tested for COVID-19 to participate?

The MDHHS and MHSAA lifted all requirements for student testing on June 22, 2021

We are looking forward to the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year and having our students back in the buildings. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact your building principal. Also, please remember it is summer break and responses to emails may take longer than usual.

Respectfully,

Paul Hartsig
Superintendent
Bath Community Schools