



McGRAW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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As McGraw School District plans for the 2021-22 school year, COVID-19 preventative measures continue to be included in the process.

- We know that schools have NOT been super-spreaders.
- We know that the quarantines in the past school year did not result in additional cases of the virus through school contact.
- We know that following several layers of preventative practice help alleviate spread and maintain a safer learning environment for our children.
- All families are to ensure that their children come to school without a fever or cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms. (Temperature checks and health forms are not being completed at school this year.)
- The District is currently working with the Cortland County Health Department to obtain symptomatic testing capabilities in the event that a child or staff member becomes ill during the school day. This would be available to families that wished for that service to be provided. It would not be mandatory.

Guidance is based on specific community transmission rates, vaccination percentages, and the occurrence of outbreaks in any given community. After reviewing the local data and the success of our containment last school year, McGraw Schools intend to continue with the following layers of prevention strategies:

When regulations permit it:

1. Physical distancing of three feet will be encouraged for most classroom instruction.
2. Adults must test weekly if proof of vaccination is not on file with District Office, if required by NYS.
3. Everyone is free to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so, and adults will ensure that acceptance for this choice is respected.
4. Ventilation, open windows, outdoor instruction will all be encouraged as it is feasible.
5. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be retaught, encouraged, and reviewed throughout the school year. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school when handwashing is not readily available.
6. When anyone, employee or student, has symptoms of infectious illness such as influenza or COVID-19 they are expected to stay home and refer to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status. Staff and students exhibiting signs of influenza or COVID-19 at school will be sent home.
7. Deep cleaning and frequent disinfecting will continue to occur at school.
8. Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be considered through existing procedures and policies. Proof of vaccination or mask may be required.
9. Children will not be required to wear a mask in classrooms or on a bus.
10. Adults will not have to wear a mask.

"To pursue the maximum fulfillment of each child's individual potential"