



# General McLane School District

## Details on Reopening Schools

2020-2021

### COVID-19 POSITIVE PROCEDURES

If a student/staff member becomes ill during the school day, s/he will be isolated in a designated area. A student's parent/guardian will be expected to pick up the student within one hour. If the student/teacher tests positive for COVID-19, anyone who was exposed will be notified immediately by school officials. Exposure, as defined by the CDC, is coming within 6 feet of a person for 15 minutes or longer.

Any exposed staff or students will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. The person that tested positive will be expected to provide a negative COVID test or note directly from the Erie County Dept. of Health to return to in-person classes. The isolation period for an infected person is at least 10 days.

These are procedures set forth by the Erie County Dept. of Health & CDC.

## Return to School Plan

School starts on Tuesday, August 25th



- K-8 students will report to buildings 5 days a week for 1/2 day each, completing online work when at home
- Both green and yellow phases will begin with the 1/2 day model. Red phase would be all online learning
- High School students to be organized in cohorts (Mondays all cyber) and will attend mornings and afternoon.
- All students in homes that have at least one student with last name of A-J are A.M. students; K-Z are P.M. students
- GM Cyber program will be available for 100 percent remote learning

Full half-day plan available at [generalmclane.net/community/resources/gmreturntoschool](https://generalmclane.net/community/resources/gmreturntoschool)

Parent resources, videos and more available at

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### ENHANCED CLEANING PROTOCOLS

- All District maintenance and cleaning staff will follow the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools
- Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school and on buses at least daily, including door handles, sink handles and restrooms
- Classrooms will be "deep cleaned" on a daily basis and touch points will be disinfected throughout the day
- A list of chemicals used in all cleaning supplies can be found at [generalmclane.net/community/resources/gmreturntoschool](https://generalmclane.net/community/resources/gmreturntoschool)
- All classes will be equipped with hand sanitizer and surface cleaner
- All surfaces will be cleaned between a.m. and p.m. sessions

## HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### MASKS

We will follow the state-mandated guidelines pertaining to masks. Students should have face coverings with them during the school day. They will wear them when 6 feet of distance between themselves and teachers/ other students/staff is not achievable. In classrooms, they will not need to wear face coverings when seated 6 feet apart. If they are to get up and move around the classroom or would need to work one-on-one with a teacher, they should wear them

Students will also wear them on the school bus, in hallways, when they're entering and exiting the school building and during transition of classes (if necessary).

### VISITOR POLICY

Visitors and volunteers will not be permitted entry to school buildings. Essential visitors are allowed by appointment only.

### WATER BOTTLES/OTHER STUDENT EQUIPMENT

Only the water-filling function of water fountains will be turned on so that students may fill individual water bottles. Students will be allowed to carry water bottles with them. Students will be permitted to carry backpacks and school supplies with them at the Middle School and elementary levels. Lockers will be used at the High School. Each student will have a designated space (locker, cubby, desk) to keep his/her supplies in a safe, individualized area as to inhibit sharing or exchanging of items. This will require assigned seating and lockers in most classrooms.

### HAND WASHING

There are sinks in every classroom at the elementary level, and hand washing will be encouraged at every opportunity. There will be signage and language from teachers and other staff members that encourages students to wash hands and follow other health protocols.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing guidelines will be followed at every opportunity in classrooms. We have reduced furniture, spread out desks, defined areas and done more to ensure this. Due to the half day plan, class sizes will be smaller, allowing students to spread out and social distance. In hallways and other areas where it may be hard to social distance, students will be required to wear face coverings. When possible, students will all face the same direction in a classroom.

## More Changes to the Classroom/ School Environment

- **All GM students (K-12) will each receive a learning device/tablet**
- **Students will be asked to immediately report to classrooms upon entering school and congregating will be discouraged**
- **We are reducing/eliminating the sharing of school supplies**
- **"Grab and go" breakfasts and lunches will be available to all students who need them**
- **There will be minimal transitions between classes in all grade levels**
- **We are asking parents to be hyper-vigilant in sending students to**