Lenawee County Superintendent’s Association Message  
2021-2022 School Year COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

The member districts of the Lenawee County Superintendents Association (LCSA) remain committed to helping our communities win the battle against COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Lenawee County schools have adhered to all statutes and lawful orders, rules, and regulations related to the mitigation of COVID-19. Like other school districts across the state of Michigan, Lenawee County schools will continue to follow all lawful statutes, orders, rules, and regulations until such time as the statute, order, rule, or regulation is determined to be unlawful or invalid. Failure to do so could expose a district to liability that may not be covered by the district’s insurance provider. Michigan law is clear that governmental organizations that comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders related to COVID-19 are immune from liability for a COVID-19 related claim (see Section 5, PA 236 of 2020).

At the present time, this means the following:

1. Lenawee County schools will operate in-person in accordance with the typical school calendar (please check with your local school district for exact times) as required by the Michigan Department of Education. This is due, in part, to the loss of flexibility with respect to school attendance day and hour requirements from the 2020-2021 school year.

2. All individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, must wear a facemask while boarding, riding, and disembarking a school bus (or another form of District transportation) when others are present (a driver who is alone on the school bus is not required to wear a facemask). This is required by order of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

3. It is strongly recommended by the CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Lenawee County Health Department that all persons, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, wear a facemask while indoors. Although strongly recommended, it is not required that any person wear a facemask inside except when on a school bus. In support of a safe and inclusive environment for all, everyone must be mindful and respectful of individual choices concerning mask decisions.

4. School staff and students are expected to remain home from school if exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (or other illness) and should consult with a healthcare professional to determine if testing is warranted.

5. School staff and students who are subject to a mandatory quarantine or isolation by the Lenawee County Health Department (or another health department with jurisdiction) are prohibited from physically attending school during the quarantine/isolation period.

6. There are no current requirements for mandatory COVID-19 testing.

7. Lenawee County schools will continue to implement standard daily cleaning procedures and will encourage frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizers.

8. COVID-19 vaccination is strongly recommended by the CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Lenawee County Health Department for all individuals who are eligible. There are no current requirements that any Lenawee County school staff member or student be vaccinated against COVID-19.

We are committed to continuing to monitor local data related to COVID-19 and to continuing to work with the Lenawee County Health Department and other public health experts. We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year and ask for your assistance in helping us keep our students and communities safe and healthy!