

This update will be sent out to all Glen Lake families today as well.

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Dear Laker Families:

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, rest assured that Glen Lake has been actively seeking ways to improve the learning environment in which your children will be spending their time in the Fall. We would like to take this opportunity to give you more information on some of the recent cleaning and sanitizing procedures we have been researching. Our plan is to exceed the recommendations in the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap.

The Operations Department is exploring methods that work within the existing HVAC system to greatly improve air quality. This technology reduces airborne particles and pathogens including viruses, mold spores, and bacteria. It is also an environmentally friendly cleaning process that benefits those with allergies to eliminate dust, pet dander, and pollen. We are aggressively pursuing this technology to be ready by the start of the school year. One particular technology was studied and determined to not be feasible for many reasons which was the UV light system. The system we ultimately choose and put in place will be the best and safest for our school family.

In addition, we are constructing a system for regular, effective, and thorough cleaning and sanitization that surpasses best practices outlined in the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap. Examples include the hiring of additional staff that will be tasked to clean high traffic and touch areas, such as entry points, door handles, light switches, and common areas, with a goal of doing so hourly. Each classroom will be supplied with an EPA-approved disinfectant and desk surfaces will be wiped down between classes. Hand sanitizer will be in every classroom and touchless units will be readily available throughout the building. We will also continue to use the electrostatic sprayers for better surface disinfection. These units provide effective and efficient cleaning of buses, classrooms, office spaces, and locker rooms.

Lastly, since masks will be a requirement in both Phases 4 and 5, we have placed an order with a local vendor to provide disposable 3-ply masks if a child or an adult does not have one to wear at school. To help reduce the waste of disposable masks, we have reached out to another local company that makes washable, cloth masks so that we can provide one to each student and staff member. To even further our precautionary approach, the use of face shields will be available as an added layer of protection to both students and staff.

We will continue to find and explore ways to improve our operations so that we can ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and their families. As we learn more, we promise to keep our Glen Lake family informed of any new information.

Please know that Mr. Hoover, our Superintendent, will be sending additional information with greater detail on the Return to School Roadmap plan later this week.

Sincerely,

Steve Bluhm
Operations Department Supervisor