

Introduction

It was June 30, 2020 when the governor of Michigan released a document titled “MI Safe Schools: Michigan’s 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap.” This document lays out requirements and recommendations for providing a view of what a safe and quality learning environment looks like during this pandemic. This government order requires schools to lay out a plan for each phase of the recovery process that our state is or could be in. What follows is an outline of our school’s plans for returning to school for each of these phases.

MI Safe Start has six phases:

Phase 1: Uncontrolled Growth

Phase 2: Persistent Spread

Phase 3: Flattening

Phase 4: Improving

Phase 5: Containing

Phase 6: Post-Pandemic

There are four scenarios for school opening in fall of 2020.

1. School open for in-person instruction with minimal required safety protocols (Phase 6).
2. Schools open for in-person instruction with moderate required safety protocols (Phase 5).
3. Schools open for in-person instruction with more stringent required safety protocols (Phase 4).
4. Schools do not open for in-person instruction and instruction is provided remotely (Phases 1-3).

Currently, our county is in Phase 4. This can change by the time school starts in the fall. There are many things that are uncertain regarding this virus and pandemic, but there is one thing that always remains certain for us. Our God is in control of all things. This fact was kept in mind in the development of the following plan to return to school and safely feed the lambs of Christ Lutheran with the eternal Word of God.

Safety Protocols: Phases 1-3

➤ **Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene**

- ◇ School is closed for in-person instruction. No student protocols.
- ◇ Custodial personnel will use masks and gloves.

➤ **Facility**

- ◇ Teacher and custodial personnel will be allowed to do required instruction and cleaning.
- ◇ Cleaning practices will be continued but adjusted to prepare for the return of students.

➤ **Athletics**

- ◇ All athletics are suspended.

➤ **Instruction**

- ◇ Survey parents to identify technology needs.
- ◇ Students are required to participate in online learning activities and lessons
- ◇ Teacher provides weekly guides for lessons.
- ◇ Online attendance will be required.
- ◇ Arrangements will be made for a safe exchange of lesson guides and student work.

When Mi Safe Start moves to phase 4, school will open to in-person learning as soon as possible.

Safety Protocols: Phase 4

When Saginaw county is in Phase 4, Christ Lutheran will be opened for in-person instruction. The following guidelines will be implemented:

➤ Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene

- ◇ Facial coverings (Anyone unable to medically wear a mask must not wear one.)
 - Staff required to wear masks except during meals.
 - All students will wear masks (provided by their families) while in hallways and bathrooms.
 - Students in grades 6-8 will wear masks (provided by their families) in classrooms.
 - Students in grades 3-5 are strongly recommended to wear masks (provided by their families) in classrooms.
 - Homemade facial coverings are to be washed daily.
 - Students could have a different mask for each day.
 - Disposable facial coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
 - Classrooms will have adequate cleaning supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
 - Proper handwashing techniques will be taught and reinforced.

➤ Cleaning

- ◇ Frequently touched surfaces cleaned over lunch hour. (Every four hours)
- ◇ Student desks will be cleaned routinely during the day.

➤ Facility

- ◇ Student desks will be spaced six feet apart as much as possible
- ◇ Transportation
 - Bus students will follow Chesaning guidelines.
 - Families are to drop students off at school entrance.
 - Families are to pick students up at school entrance.

➤ **Screening**

- ◇ Daily temperature screening of staff.
- ◇ Strongly encourage daily temperature screening of students by parents.
- ◇ Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher is encouraged to remain home.
- ◇ Response to a positive test:
 - The individual will remain home until they have tested negative or have been released from quarantine according to CDC guidelines.
 - Data from contacts two days prior will be collected and shared with local health departments.

➤ **Instruction**

- ◇ In-person instruction will take place.
- ◇ Plans will be created to accommodate those students who cannot be in person.

➤ **Athletics**

- ◇ Refer to MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) guidelines.

➤ **Hot Lunch**

- ◇ Program suspended until Phase 6 is in place.

Safety Protocols: Phase 5

When Saginaw county is in Phase 5, Christ Lutheran will be opened for in-person instruction. Most requirements from Phase 4 become strong recommendations. The following guidelines will continue to be required for the safety of our families:

➤ Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene

- ◇ Facial coverings (Anyone unable to medically wear a mask must not wear one.)
 - Staff will wear masks while in hallways and common areas.
 - Strongly recommended that all students wear masks provided by their families while in hallways and bathrooms, etc.
 - Classrooms will have adequate cleaning supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
 - Proper handwashing techniques will be reinforced.

➤ Cleaning

- ◇ Frequently touched surfaces cleaned over lunch hour. (Every four hours)
- ◇ Student desks will be cleaned routinely during the day.

➤ Facility

- ◇ Student desks will be spaced six feet apart as much as possible.
- ◇ Transportation
 - Bus students will follow Chesaning guidelines.
 - Families are to drop students off at school entrance.
 - Families are to pick students up at school entrance.

➤ Screening

- ◇ Response to a positive test:
 - The individual will remain home until they have tested negative or have been released from quarantine according to CDC guidelines.
 - Classmates should be closely monitored for symptoms.

➤ **Instruction**

- ◇ In-person instruction will take place.
- ◇ Plans will be created to accommodate those students who cannot be in person.

➤ **Athletics**

- ◇ Refer to MALL (Mid-Michigan Lutheran League) guidelines.

➤ **Hot Lunch**

- ◇ Program suspended until Phase 6 is in place.

Safety Protocols: Phase 6

Required safety protocols are no longer in effect during phase 6. Safe cleaning and hygiene standards will continue to be followed. If a student tests positive, families will be notified. School may be closed for a period in order that it can be cleaned.