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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.

At this point in time we are not under any county or state emergency. 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 Cortland County is at the low level of community transmission:

1. Physical distancing of three feet will be encouraged for all classroom instruction. When this distance cannot be maintained, masks will be required. There is generally not a problem giving each other the personal space of three feet.
2. Vaccinated adults will not have to wear a mask. Vaccination proof must be on file with District Office, otherwise masking is required when physical distance cannot be maintained.
3. Vaccinated children (currently available to children 12 and over) will not have to wear a mask in classrooms but will have to wear a mask when riding the bus. Proof of vaccination will be required or mask must be worn when physical distance cannot be maintained.
4. If a fully vaccinated and asymptomatic individual is identified as a close contact and is deemed exempt from quarantine by the health department, they may be asked to be fully masked.
5. 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.
6. Ventilation, open windows, outdoor instruction will all be encouraged as it is feasible.
7. 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.
8. When anyone, employee or student, have 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.
9. Deep cleaning and frequent disinfecting will continue to occur at school.
10. Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be considered through existing procedures and policies. Proof of vaccination or mask will be required.

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

When Cortland County is at the **moderate to substantial** level of community transmission:

1. Physical distancing of three feet will be encouraged for all classroom instruction. When this distance cannot be maintained, masks will be required.
2. Vaccinated adults will not have to wear a mask. Vaccination proof must be on file with District Office, otherwise masking is required when physical distance cannot be maintained.
3. Vaccinated children (currently available to children 12 and over) will not have to wear a mask in classrooms but will have to wear a mask when riding the bus, traveling through the food service line, and for indoor PE or indoor recess. Proof of vaccination will be required.
4. If a fully vaccinated and asymptomatic individual is identified as a close contact and is deemed exempt from quarantine by the health department, they may be asked to be fully masked.
5. 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.
6. Ventilation, open windows, outdoor instruction will all be encouraged as it is feasible.
7. 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.
8. When anyone, employee or student, have 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.
9. Deep cleaning and frequent disinfecting will continue to occur at school.
10. Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be limited. Proof of vaccination or mask will be required.

When Cortland County is at the **high** level of community transmission:

1. Physical distancing of three feet will be mandated for all classroom instruction. Masks will be worn unless 6 feet may be maintained in the instructional setting. Mask breaks will be allowed when distancing can be maintained. Windows will be open when weather permits.
2. All adults including vaccinated adults will wear a mask when in large gatherings or within 3 feet of others.
3. All children including vaccinated children (currently available to children 12 and over) will be required to wear a mask in classrooms, when riding the bus, traveling through the food service line, and for indoor PE or indoor recess.
4. If a fully vaccinated and asymptomatic individual is identified as a close contact and is deemed exempt from quarantine by the health department, they may be asked to be fully masked.
5. Ventilation, open windows, outdoor instruction will all be encouraged as it is feasible.
6. 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. Handwashing will be scheduled when possible to increase as possible.
7. When anyone, employee or student, have 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.
8. Deep cleaning and frequent disinfecting will continue to occur at school.
9. Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will not be allowed at indoor functions without health department approval. Masking required if allowed.