



## Union City Community Schools Back to School Plan



### **What is our first day of school?**

Students will return to school on Tuesday August 24th, 2021.

### **When is the Back to School Open House?**

Open house will be held in all three buildings on Thursday August 19th.

Union City Elementary	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Union City Middle School	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Union City High School	6:00pm - 7:30 pm

### **What will the school day look like for students?**

All students will attend school in person full-time 5 days per week following our agreed upon district calendar. [Click to download District Calendar](#)

### **Will any students returning to school full-time in person be required to wear a mask?**

No. The CDC recommends that students who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 wear a mask. We recommend that those not vaccinated wear a mask, but it will not be required and no one will be asking you or your child if they are vaccinated.

### **Will masks be required while traveling on the school bus?**

Current federal regulations require that all riders of public transportation including school busses wear a mask. So at this time yes all students riding a school bus will be required to wear a mask. We will allow parents to sign a waiver to transport students to athletic events to avoid the bus ride if requested.

### **Will the school be offering a virtual option for students who do not wish to return to in person learning?**

There are virtual school options available from third party virtual schools, but we have reached out to parents of students who were successful during virtual learning and an extremely small number continue to be interested in a virtual option. We would encourage everyone to return to in person learning. However, we will try to assist any parents in our district who would like help finding the best environment for their child.

### **Will you separate students who are vaccinated from those that are not vaccinated?**

No. Vaccination is a personal choice and we will not ask about a child's vaccination status.

### **Will my child be treated differently if they choose to wear a mask or not get vaccinated?**

No. No program or activity will be adjusted or take into account these personal decisions. All children will have the same opportunity regardless of their decision to wear a mask or not, or whether they are vaccinated or not.

**What about staff members? Will they be required to mask or be vaccinated?**

No staff member will be required to be vaccinated nor will we ask their vaccination status. And no staff member will be required to wear a mask.

**What about athletics? Will my child be tested or required to wear a mask to participate?**

As of June 22, 2021 the MDHHS and MHSAA have lifted all requirements for student testing.

**What about contact tracing and quarantine?**

Schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Branch or Calhoun County Health Department following our Communicable Disease Board Policy 8450 and Michigan Law Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978. For a complete list of reportable diseases, please see the following document: [2021 Reportable Diseases](#). When there is a positive or probable case within a classroom, an exposure letter will be sent home to parent(s) just as we do with other communicable diseases such as chicken pox. Any quarantine would be issued by the local health department.

**Could any of this change?**

We are aware that circumstances can change rapidly. We will continue to communicate with our health department and should further orders be issued to us we will react promptly to those and to the changing circumstances. Your school administration and board will work closely together to keep our students safe.