



Huron School District Return to Learning FAQ

2020-2021 School Year Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does a school determine which MI Safe Start Plan phase is applicable to it?

Currently, the state of Michigan is divided into “regions,” and each region is given a “phase” status that is applicable to that region. The Huron School District is in region 1, which includes Wayne and Monroe Counties, amongst others. Region 1 is currently in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan, allowing for in-person, face-to-face instruction.

2. What will the school day look like for my child?

That Depends. The answer to this question depends on the “level” of the students in question. Our current plans are designed to allow elementary students to attend school five days per week. The elementary teachers will practice a strategy known as “cohorting” their students, limiting the amount of other students that they are exposed to throughout the school day. Therefore, one class will stay together during the school day, and students will not mix with larger groups of students, except during arrival and dismissal.

Secondary students in grades 6-12 will be placed on a block schedule for their classes, in order to limit the amount of passing times throughout the school day. Students will attend three classes per day, in-person, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesdays, students will have remote learning days with their teachers. Students and teachers will have a remote learning schedule on these days, and students will engage with teachers remotely during those times.

Some of the scheduling and planning for both Elementary and Secondary students will depend on the amount of students opting for the Huron Remote Learning Program, waivers pending at the state level, and potential executive orders from the Governor’s office. As a result, more specific schedules are being planned and will be released prior to the start of the school year.

3. Can these plans change?

Yes. Given the ever-changing health situation in the state, pending state waivers, and the Governor’s Executive Orders, there is always a possibility that our scheduling plans will change. Nevertheless, at this time, given the information that we have, our learning plan includes face-to-face instruction, with a remote learning option for those parents who select that option

4. What will lunch look like?

That Depends. The MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, issued by the Governor’s office, prohibits “indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.” This requirement includes lunch rooms and cafeterias during lunch and breakfast. As a result, we are working on alternative lunch room schedules and/or strategies to allow students to eat in their classrooms or other designated areas, designed to keep students from more than one classroom from meeting together.

5. What will recess look like?



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That Depends. The MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, issued by the Governor's office, recommends that "Recess should be conducted outside whenever possible with appropriate social distancing and cohorting of students." The Huron School District is working on plans that would allow us to cohort students during outdoor recess.

6. Will students be allowed to use lockers and/or cubbies?

Yes. The MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, issued by the Governor's office, strongly recommends that students' personal items should be kept separate and in individually labeled cubbies, containers, or lockers.

7. Will there be new hand sanitizing stations available for students?

Yes. The Huron School District has purchased hand sanitizer stations for placement in all of the school buildings. In addition, hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed on all school buses for student and staff use.

8. Will there be additional cleaning protocols in place?

Yes. The MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap requires schools to clean frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doors, benches, and bathrooms at least every four hours, using an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution. In addition, student desks must be wiped down with an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period. Also, playground structures must undergo normal routine cleaning each day, and school buses must be cleaned before and after every transit route. The Huron School District is working with custodial staff, teachers, and transportation staff in order to plan regular cleaning schedules, cleaning logs, and cleaning protocols for all school buildings and transportation vehicles.

9. Will there still be transportation for resident students?

Yes. Although we expect participation in the district provided transportation to be less than normal, we will be providing transportation to district resident students.

10. Will my student have to wear a mask or face covering all day?

That Depends. The Governor's executive order, E.O. 2020-142, and accompanying MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap requires that face coverings be worn by all staff members, except during meals. Facial coverings must be worn by all students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation. Facial coverings must be worn by all students in the hallways and common areas, except during meals. Facial coverings must be worn in classrooms by all students in grades 6-12. All students in grades K-5 must wear facial coverings unless students remain with their class throughout the school day and do not come into close contact with another class (otherwise known as cohorting). The Huron School District is working to provide the safest possible atmosphere for students, as we weigh the ability of our younger students to tolerate PPE for a full school day. We have purchased "gaiter" style face coverings for our K-5 students. These are different from masks, easier to wear, with more room for students to breathe in them. Our initial plans will be to "cohort" our elementary aged students in



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classrooms. If we are successful, students would not be "required" to wear face coverings in classrooms; however, we will encourage students to wear them for maximum safety.

11. Can parents "opt-out" their child from the facial covering requirement, but still send them to school in-person?

No. The child may opt-out of the requirement only if they choose to enroll in the Huron Remote Learning Program.

12. If a student claims that he or she cannot medically tolerate a face covering or other personal protection equipment (PPE), can a school require medical documentation substantiating that claim?

Yes. During this interactive process, the school district can require medical documentation to substantiate the need for accommodation in this area.

13. Do the indoor gathering limits in E.O. 2020-110 & E.O. 2020-115 apply to school buildings?

Yes, however, they do not apply to students in a classroom setting. Although both orders (2020-110 & 2020-115) limit indoor "social" gatherings and events among people who are not part of a single household, the most recent executive order (E.O. 2020-142) states that the indoor gathering limits in E.O. 2020-110 and any successor Executive Order, such as E.O. 2020-115, do not apply to students in a classroom setting.

14. How do I enroll my student in the Huron Remote Learning (Online) Program for the fall of 2020-2021?

Parents opting to enroll students in the Huron Remote Learning Program, must complete the district provided Google form for every student in the household wishing to enroll in remote learning for the fall. Parents should be sure to fill out the form completely for each school aged child in their household. The form must be completed no later than **August 7, 2020** in order for the student to be enrolled in the Huron Remote Learning Program for the fall of 2020-2021. The form is available on the district website, and the link is being emailed to parents and posted on social media. The form can be accessed directly from this link <http://huronschools.org/remotelearningenrollment>. Parents can also call the district offices at 734-782-2441 in order to request directions on how to access the form.

15. What happens if we start school using the remote learning option and it isn't the right option for us?

Parents opting to enroll their student(s) in the Huron Remote Learning Program for the fall of 2020-2021 will be committing to this form of instructional delivery for the duration of the first trimester. Requests for re-enrollment into the in-person instructional program will be considered at the end of the first trimester. Re-enrollment will be determined based on availability in the in-person instructional program.



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16. What happens if a student in the classroom gets sick?

There are protocols for that. If a student shows symptoms of sickness possibly related to COVID-19, the students will be asked to put on their facial covering and will be taken to an “identified quarantine area in the school.” The student will remain there until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Parents will be required to consult with their doctor prior to returning to school. Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19, or have been released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.

17. Will parents be required to “screen” their student’s health every day before sending him/her to school?

Yes. Per the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-145, all students and staff must participate in a “daily entry self-screening protocol,” including, at a minimum, a questionnaire covering symptoms and suspected or confirmed exposure to people with possible COVID-19. All schools. Public and private, are subject to the rules governing workplace safeguards established in section 1 of Executive Order 2020-114 (now replaced by E.O 2020-145). The Huron School District has developed a virtual screening tool that will meet this requirement, and this tool will be distributed to students and parents for use prior to the beginning of the school year.