



**BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN  
2023-24**

Bendle Public Schools will continue to implement all necessary processes and procedures to provide in-person learning within a safe environment. This “Continuity of Services Plan” provides guidance to ensure COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures are implemented with the goal of providing consistent educational opportunities and minimizing viral spread. This plan is developed in conjunction with guidance from the CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Genesee County Health Department, and Bendle Public Schools Board of Education.

*This plan is subject to change based upon recommended and, or mandated changes from governmental agencies, as well as local metrics. This includes local outbreaks, potential variants, risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, and increased risk of death.*

**Supporting Documents:** [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Managing\\_CD\\_in\\_Schools\\_FINAL\\_469824\\_7.PDF](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Managing_CD_in_Schools_FINAL_469824_7.PDF)  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Readiness\\_Response\\_Recovery\\_Cycle\\_030222\\_749218\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Readiness_Response_Recovery_Cycle_030222_749218_7.pdf)

The following plan outlines measures for the CDC COVID-19 Community levels of low, medium, and high. The levels do not apply in situations of COVID-19 outbreaks in schools, classrooms, or athletics.

**RECOMMENDED PREVENTION/MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL FORMAT</b>		
In-Person Instruction will occur.	In-Person Instruction will occur	In-Person Instruction will occur, but temporary changes for classes, grades, or buildings affected by outbreaks may take place to control in-school spread
<b>ATHLETICS</b>		
Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.  Additional protocols deemed appropriate may be put in place. This includes cancellation of practices and, or events.
<b><i>Athletic testing will take place in accordance with Genesee County Health Department Recommendations</i></b>		
<b>CLEANING &amp; DISINFECTING</b>		
The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms
<b>COHORT ARRANGEMENTS</b>		
There will be no restrictions with regard to students in groups	There will be no restrictions with regard to students in groups	Restrictions may be applied within areas of high viral spread.

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>COVID-19 TESTING</b>		
While not required, stakeholders are encouraged to follow Genesee County Health Department recommendations to minimize viral spread. The district will continue to provide testing materials.	While not required, stakeholders are encouraged to follow Genesee County Health Department recommendations to minimize viral spread. The district will continue to provide testing materials.	While not required, stakeholders are encouraged to follow Genesee County Health Department recommendations to minimize viral spread. The district will continue to provide testing materials.
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS &amp; FIELD TRIPS</b>		
All events will take place as scheduled	All events will take place as scheduled	All events will take place as scheduled. Local outbreaks may necessitate cancellations.
<b>FACE COVERINGS (MASKS)</b>		
Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks if unvaccinated and, or immunocompromised.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks if unvaccinated and, or immunocompromised.	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors are recommended to wear face masks if unvaccinated and, or immunocompromised.  The district will enforce mandates for wearing masks through federal, state, or local agencies, as well as those issued by the Bendle Board of Education.
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>		
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	The district will enforce recommendations and, or mandates made through the Genesee County Health Department.
<b>FACILITY USE</b>		
Used in compliance with the Bendle Board of Education policies and procedures	Used in compliance with the Bendle Board of Education policies and procedures	Restrictions on gathering size and, or use of facilities may be implemented based upon Genesee County Health Department recommendations.

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
<b>HAND HYGIENE &amp; RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE</b>		
Staff, students, and visitors are expected to follow recommended guidelines for proper hygiene procedures. Use of hand sanitizing stations and proper cover of cough and sneeze are encouraged.	Staff, students, and visitors are expected to follow recommended guidelines for proper hygiene procedures. Use of hand sanitizing stations and proper cover of cough and sneeze are encouraged.	Staff, students, and visitors are expected to follow recommended guidelines for proper hygiene procedures. Use of hand sanitizing stations and proper cover of cough and sneeze are encouraged.
<b>ISOLATION &amp; QUARANTINE</b>		
<i>The District will follow current guidance and requirements from the Genesee County Health Department</i>		
<b>MEETINGS &amp; CONFERENCES</b>		
In and out-of-district conferences will be permitted.	In and out-of-district conferences will be permitted.	In and out-of-district conferences will be permitted.
<b>OFFICES</b>		
All office areas will remain open. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy. Safety protocols will be implemented in accordance with CDC, MDHHS, and GCHD recommendations and guidance.	All office areas will remain open. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy. Safety protocols will be implemented in accordance with CDC, MDHHS, and GCHD recommendations and guidance.	All office areas will remain open. Visitors and guests are allowed in buildings per district policy. Safety protocols will be implemented in accordance with CDC, MDHHS, and GCHD recommendations and guidance. It may be necessary to limit visitors and guests during local outbreaks.
<b>REMOTE/VIRTUAL LEARNING</b>		
Bendle Public Schools will not provide an option for remote or virtual learning while schools remain open for in-person learning. For individual students unable to attend due to isolation or quarantine, resources will be provided in order to assist students. Remote learning will only become an option should the district, a building, or a classroom be closed due to an outbreak of COVID-19.		
<b>SOCIAL DISTANCING</b>		
Social distancing measures are not required	Social distancing measures are not required	Dependent upon local outbreaks, social distancing may be required. Adjustments to school procedures, schedules, and activities may also be required.
<b>HEALTH SCREENING</b>		
<b>Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. STUDENTS MUST STAY HOME IF SICK</b>		

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<b>STUDENT ILLNESS</b>		
Stakeholders are asked to comply with Board Policy 8450-Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting the following symptoms new, different , or worse from their baseline of any chronic illness shall remain home or excluded from school until the student is symptom free for (24) hours without the aid of medication, or as indicated for their illness.		
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
To the extent possible, normal transportation will occur.	To the extent possible, normal transportation will occur.	To the extent possible, normal transportation will occur. If necessary, additional hygiene protocols may be put in place.
<b>VACCINATIONS</b>		
Staff and students are not required to be vaccinated. However, the Genesee County Health Department, MDHHS, and CDC recommend vaccinations as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as maintaining in-person learning on a consistent basis.		