



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

August 30 - Sept. 5, 2020

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A Few Words from Mr. Sanders. . .

"He has wisdom at will who brags not of his skill."—English Proverb

We have one week of school under our belt and are up and running. Though it isn't the ideal way to start off the school year, COVID-19 has shown us that the school and community can pull together to make things happen. This year will be challenging, but with everyone working together to make sure that our children are still getting in-person instruction, we hope to continue the hard work we have begun. In this article, I will briefly outline some of the framework for what we know right now. This is subject to change, and often does more than once each week. We will continue to work hard to provide you updated information as soon as it becomes available to us. Unfortunately, we are often receiving this information at the same time as the general public, so please bear with us when this happens as we must digest that information and process changes as quickly as we can.

Guidance for Illness from the IDPH

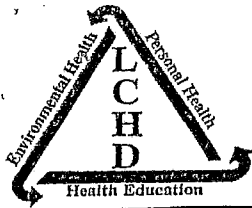
"An individual with one of more COVID-19 symptoms should be immediately isolated from the school community. IDPH recommends medical evaluation and testing for all persons experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals should remain home until they fulfill the applicable requirements for returning. If a student is sent home with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, **all their siblings or household members should also be sent home for quarantine until requirements for returning are fulfilled.**"
Asymptomatic individuals who have been potentially in contact with someone with COVID-19 or having symptoms of COVID-19 **must quarantine for 14 days from last exposure.**
Symptomatic individuals without a diagnostic test or clinical evaluation **must stay home for at least 10 calendar days and for 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and improvement of symptoms.**

These guidelines are being changed and adapted over time, but for now this is what we have to follow. We have attached the COVID-19 IDPH Exclusion Guidance document in this newsletter. Please follow the instructions in that document.

This year we will have to be very strict in our following of the many guidelines we are given. We will do our best to identify students who present with symptoms and we will make recommendations to the best of our ability. Please follow instructions and keep children home if they begin to have symptoms. If a symptomatic child has brothers and sisters, please keep them home until the guidance suggests in order to make sure to stop the spread of the virus.

As we continue throughout this challenging situation, we ask that you contact the school with your questions. If you think your child may have symptoms, it is encouraged that you take him/her to be examined. Your medical provider will give specific instructions. Keep a copy of those recommendations for yourself, but if you can share that with the school it will aid our staff in processing the information.

Thank you, and Have a Great Week!!!



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Department Contact Information

During normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m., please contact the department at 815-433-3366.

After-Hours Contact Information

Please contact the Sheriff's Department at 815-433-2161. The Sheriff's Department will notify a Health Department employee.

COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE¹

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs



Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.

In addition, some individuals (especially adults) may present with the following symptoms: congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches.

Medical Evaluation and Testing are Strongly Recommended for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.

Status	COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-19 diagnosis without diagnostic testing (probable case)	Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test? (Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test must be from a specimen collected 48 hours prior to or after symptom onset.)	Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test?	Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation	Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed OR probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider?	YES	YES / NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	Stay home at least ten ² calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools.	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools.	Stay home at least 10 ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	Stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period ¹ guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent)	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual	Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare Provider's note indicating the negative test result	Healthcare Provider's note with alternative diagnosis	Note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved.	'Release from Quarantine' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual

¹ Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department.

² Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days, as per guidance from individual's infectious disease physician.

³ If individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.

⁴ Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday August 31 - Dismiss 11:50

Tuesday September 1 - Dismiss 11:50

Baseball @ Woodland 4:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Milton Pope 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 2 - Dismiss 11:50

Thursday September - 3 - Dismiss 11:50

Baseball vs. St. Mike 4:30 p.m.

Friday September 4 - Dismiss 11:50

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

August 30	August 31	September 1 Mr. Dumke	September 3	September 4	September 5 Mahi Shah	September 6 Oakley Holstein

PLEASE NOTE :

****MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITH AVAILABILITY****

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

	Monday August 31	Tuesday September 1	Wednesday September 2	Thursday September 3	Friday September 4
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	Strawberry Chex Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Juice Cheese Stick
Lunch Menu	Uncrustable PB & J Veggies Fruit Cheese Stick Fritos Juice	Uncrustable PB & J Veggies Fruit Pudding Cheetos Juice	Uncrustable PB & J Veggies Fruit Cheese Stick Fritos Juice	Uncrustable PB & J Veggies Fruit Pudding Cheetos Juice	Uncrustable PB & J Veggie Fruit Cheese Stick Fritos Juice

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dismiss 11:50 Softball vs Milton Pope 4:30 pm Baseball @ Woodland 4:30 p.m.	2 Dismiss 11:50	3 Dismiss 11:50 Baseball vs St. Mike 4:30 pm	4 Dismiss 11:50	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 Baseball @ Marselles 4:30 pm Softball @ Woodland 4:30 pm Dismiss 11:50 School Board Meeting 7pm	9 Dismiss 11:50	10 Dismiss 11:50 Baseball @ Serena 4:30 pm	11 Dismiss 11:50	12
13	14 Dismiss 11:50 Baseball @ Northlawn 4:30 pm	15 Dismiss 11:50	16 Dismiss 11:50	17 Dismiss 11:50	18 Dismiss 11:50 Midterm Grades	19
20	21 Dismiss 11:50	22 Dismiss 11:50	23 Dismiss 11:50	24 Dismiss 11:50	25 Dismiss 11:50	26
27	28 Dismiss 11:50	29 Dismiss 11:50 Fall Sports Pics 3:15 pm	30 Dismiss 11:50			

