



**Romeo Community Schools**  
**Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**  
**2023-2024**

Under the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ARP ESSER III) local districts are required to develop and maintain a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. This plan outlines the district's plan for a safe return to, or maintenance of, in-person instruction and must include information regarding the district's implementation of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) most current guidance at the time of development.

Romeo Community Schools will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to students. Ensuring that this can happen both consistently and safely during this school year, the 2023-2024 Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures are implemented in a way that fosters optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in Macomb County. This plan was developed by Romeo Community Schools and supported by guidance from the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) to ensure that our school district has a detailed plan for a successful and safe return to school and learning environment.

*Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants or if the risks of severe disease, hospitalizations, or death increase. The plan may also need to vary based on in-school COVID-19 activity and outbreaks. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow the district or building to adjust mitigation strategies. Periodically, but not more than every six months during the life of the grant, the plan will be reviewed, and updates will be completed, if deemed necessary.*

Supporting Documents: MDE and MDHHS "[Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools](#)"  
MDHHS Readiness, Response, Recovery Cycle CDC Community Levels Mi Safe Start Map

The CDC will determine the COVID-19 community level for the county. Based on the community COVID-19 level, in consultation with the MCHD, the District will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to foster optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

***The district will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.***

<b>Instructional Services</b>	
<b>Continuity of Instructional Services</b>	<p><b>Elementary (Grades PK-5)</b> Elementary students will attend school five full days in-person Monday-Friday. This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p><b>Middle School (Grades 6-8)</b> Middle school students will attend school five full days in-person Monday-Friday. This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Families who prefer virtual instruction are given the option to attend Romeo Virtual Academy. These students remain in virtual learning until their families request a change of placement. They can remain in RVA throughout their time in Romeo.</p> <p><b>High School (Grades 9-12)</b> High school students will attend school five full days in-person Monday-Friday. This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Families who prefer virtual instruction are given the option to attend Romeo Virtual Academy. These students remain in virtual learning until their families request a change of placement. They can remain in RVA throughout their time in Romeo.</p>
<b>Athletics and Extra-Curriculars</b>	
<b>Athletics</b>	Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. MHSAA guidelines will be followed.
<b>Clubs and Field Trips</b>	Extracurricular activities may occur as scheduled.
<b>Health and Safety Protocols</b>	
<b>Cleaning and Disinfecting</b>	The district will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures.
<b>COVID-19 Testing</b>	Testing will not be required; families interested in testing will be referred to the MCHD or given home test kits, if available.
<b>Cohorting</b>	Mixing of students will not be restricted. The District may consider temporary restrictions in some areas, activities or classrooms where feasible if deemed necessary based on local conditions.
<b>Face Coverings (masks)</b>	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors may wish to wear face masks if unvaccinated and/or

	immunocompromised. The District will abide by all laws, lawfully executed orders, regulations, and etc. pertaining to facial coverings.
<b>Food Service</b>	Normal foodservice operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be implemented as required by the Macomb County Health Department.
<b>Gathering and Facility Use</b>	No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.
<b>Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette</b>	Hand hygiene and sanitation as well as respiratory etiquette are expected. Supplies, including hand sanitizer, will be maintained in order to facilitate proper hand hygiene.
<b>Isolation and Quarantine</b>	The District will follow current guidance and requirements of MCHD.
<b>Health Screening</b>	Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. See the student illness section.
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated. MCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person.
<b>Transportation</b>	Normal transportation operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be put in place as deemed appropriate.

### Student Illness

Parents/Guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per PO 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or different/worse from their baseline of any chronic illness shall remain home or excluded from school or excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. ([see Managing Communicable Diseases PDF](#))

- Severely ill (lethargic or less responsive, has difficulty breathing)
- Fever (temp over 100.4) or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough, shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose (congestion)
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Vomiting(two or more times)
- Diarrhea (two or more loose or watery stools)
- Abdominal pain
- Rash with fever
- Wearing skin sores that cannot be covered
- New loss of taste or smell