



## **Return to Learn**

### **VIDEO PACKAGE SCRIPT**

**[Video opens with superintendent standing outside of school building.]**

**Superintendent:** Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent of \_\_\_\_\_. I hope you are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. We know the end of the school year was a tough one – for our students, our parents, and our teachers – and those feelings have carried into the summer as we continue to fight through the Coronavirus pandemic. Recently, the Governor released the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap. The document provides comprehensive guidance to help local school districts like ours create plans for in-person learning this fall, including guidelines as to the types of safety protocols that will be required or recommended at each phase. The safety protocols detailed in the Roadmap includes guidance on the use of PPE, good hygiene, cleaning/disinfecting, spacing in classrooms, screening for symptoms, athletics, and more. The Roadmap also recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had on students' and educators' mental health and offers guidance on how schools can address this issue.

We know the thought of sending your child back to our school buildings this fall may be daunting. That's why we want to show you the steps we will all be taking to ensure our students and staff stay safe and healthy so they can focus on learning.

From the bus ride to school, to the bus ride home, the school day will look a little different, but we are committed to offering the same high-quality education your student has always received.

**[Video switches to parent and child in front of house, both wearing masks, student wearing backpack. Parent holding bottle of hand sanitizer. ]**

**Voiceover from Superintendent:** *Bus transportation will be available for students who regularly receive it.*

**[Bus pulls up, bus driver opens door wearing a mask]**

**[Parent fits mask on child's face appropriately, gives squirt of hand sanitizer and demonstrates how to properly apply it to hands]**

**Voiceover from Superintendent:** *Bus drivers, staff, and all students in grades Pre-K through 12 must wear facial coverings while on the bus. Students and staff riding the bus are required to use hand sanitizer before getting on the bus. Hand sanitizer will also be available during the ride to school.*

**[Student boards bus and takes seat alone, looks out open window]**

**[From outside the bus: student sitting in seat, looking out window and waving at parent]**

**Voiceover of superintendent:** *Weather permitting, windows will be left open while the bus is in motion to increase air circulation.*

**[Students riding the bus, sitting in separate seats -OR- footage of a bus being cleaned]**

**Voiceover of superintendent:** *Buses will be cleaned before and after every transit route. All frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle, including hard seats, arm rests, door handles, and windows, will be cleaned prior to morning and afternoon routes.*

**[Bus pulls up to school building, teachers/staff in masks standing outside waving to students as they exit the bus]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *When students arrive on campus, they should proceed straight to their classroom and take their seats.*

**[Students enter classroom, put backpack on back of chair, sit at desks/chairs spaced apart]**

**Voiceover:** *Students in grades six through 12 must leave their masks on throughout the school day. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students may remove their masks if they stay in one classroom for the duration of the school day and refrain from close interaction with other students. But if they're out in the hallway or in another common space, a mask should be worn.*

**[Pan of classroom showing students spaced apart]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *As it was strongly recommended in the governor's Return to School plan, students will be spaced as far apart as possible – whether desks are 6 feet apart, or students are spread out among large tables. All students will face the front of the classroom, and teachers will remain 6 feet away from students.*

**[Masked teacher in front of classroom demonstrates proper handwashing; students mimic movements of proper handwashing]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *Teachers are required to instruct proper handwashing and good hygiene to stop the spread of the virus. And we're building in extra time to encourage students to do so.*

**[Video pans classroom and hallways showing signage; students walk out of classroom]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *And signs will be posted to demonstrate proper social distancing. You may also see tape or marks on the floor to show appropriate social distancing spaces.*

**[Teacher, wearing appropriate PPE, shown cleaning classroom]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *Classroom surfaces will be properly cleaned after every class period by a staff wearing gloves, a surgical mask and a face shield. Students will not be present during cleaning. Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, and bathrooms will undergo cleaning at least every 4 hours. Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms will be cleaned after every class period. Playground structures will undergo normal routine cleaning. Staff wear gloves, surgical mask, face shield when cleaning.*

**[Camera moves to another classroom for lunch. Students pull out lunch boxes and place food items in front of them, hot lunch gets delivered from cafeteria]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *To limit student interaction with other classrooms, students will stay in their classroom at lunchtime, if possible. If cafeterias must be used, students are required to sit 6 feet apart.*

**[Student uses hand sanitizer and removes mask, takes bite out of lunch]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *Masks can be removed at lunch to allow for comfortable eating and drinking, but students should practice social distancing guidelines as they enjoy their lunch.*

**[Outside, shots of football field, tennis courts, bleachers]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *When it comes to athletics, schools are required to follow guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations. All participants must confirm they are healthy, and wash their hands before and after every practice, event, or gathering. All equipment will be disinfected before and after each use. They should also be using their own water bottles and other equipment as much as possible.*

**[Video of indoor sports facilities – i.e. basketball court and indoor bleachers]**

**Voiceover of Superintendent:** *Inter-school competitions are permitted, but athletes and staff must wear proper facial coverings. Spectators wearing proper facial coverings will be allowed to attend sporting events, with proper social distancing. Large scale indoor spectator events suspended, and outdoor events will be limited to 100 people for the time being.*

**[Superintendent in office or other recognizable district location]**

Safety is our main priority as we look at returning to school. If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, school leaders will work with the local public health department to collect information for any close contacts of the affected individual.

As educators, we recognize the impact the pandemic has had on our students and families, and all Michiganders. You may see more mental health supports and resources for students and their families, as well as more staff professional development focused on social-emotional learning, identification of students at risk, and self-care.

There is so much to look forward to this Fall. If we work together, we can make our school buildings a safe and fun place to learn once again.

**[Student getting off bus back at home, parent greets them with hand sanitizer and a hug]**