

**Owosso Public Schools**  
**Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan**  
**2023-2024**

The districts of Shiawassee County 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 the upcoming school year, the 2023-24 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 Shiawassee County. This plan was collaboratively developed by all Shiawassee County Superintendents with support from the Mid-Michigan District Health Department to ensure that all Shiawassee County school districts have aligned and detailed a 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, as determined by the CDC, Owosso Public Schools, in consultation with MDHHS and MMDHD as necessary, 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.***

1. In-person instruction will occur unless the local health department mandates a specific classroom, athletic team, or club be moved to temporary remote instruction due to outbreak.
2. Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted and Owosso Public Schools will follow MHSAA requirements for athletic contests. Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by MHSAA.
3. The district will follow all recommended cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
4. Cohorts or groups of students will be permitted.
5. COVID-19 testing may occur at the request of staff and students while the district is able to obtain free COVID-19 testing kits through MDHSS.
6. Masks are optional and recommended after an individual has COVID-19 on days 6-10 after illness.
7. Normal food service operations will occur.
8. No restrictions on gatherings or facility use.
9. Proper hand hygiene and hand sanitation etiquette is expected. The district will provide opportunities throughout the day for proper hand washing and sanitation.
10. The district will follow MDHSS and CDC requirements for isolation and quarantine status. MCL 380.11a(3) and Rule 325.175(2)
11. Meetings and conferences will be permitted.
12. District and building offices will be open for normal business hours. Visitors and guests are allowed in the building per district policy.
13. The district has a remote virtual option for students in grades 6-12. Applications must be approved in advance and a contract must be signed. Virtual options may be revoked if the student does not maintain attendance and grade requirements.
14. Social distancing is recommended.
15. Transportation operations will occur as normal
16. The district does not require students or staff to be vaccinated. Students and staff should consult with their family physician regarding COVID-19 vaccines.
17. Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending children to school. Owosso Public Schools recommends students NOT attend school if they are sick.
  - Severely ill (lethargic and difficult breathing)
  - Fever (temp over 100.4)
  - Cough, shortness of breath
  - Sore throat
  - Runny or stuffy nose
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
  - Vomiting (two or more times)
  - Diarrhea (two or more loose watery stools)
  - Abdominal pain
  - Rash with fever
  - Skin sores that cannot be covered
  - New loss of taste or smell