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## **Introduction**

The Lafayette School Corporation (LSC) will open for the 2021-2022 school year under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD).

By implementing as many of the the guidelines and recommendations as possible, the LSC believes we can open schools for the 2021-2022 school year with an In Person model. Students, staff, parents and community members will continue to experience new preventive and mitigating measures as they enter our buildings. The new measures are being initiated for the health and safety of every person who enters any LSC building or visits one of LSC's many events and activities.

## **In Person**

The In Person model will have students attending a normal day of instruction at their assigned school. While students will attend a normal instructional day, there will be numerous new health and safety protocols in place. Social Distancing will be a high priority.

Students will begin school on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with a full day of instruction. Busses will run, and breakfast and lunch will be served. Oakland Elementary will begin their 2021-2022 school year on July 30, 2021.

## **E-Learning Opportunity**

An E-Learning opportunity will only be available for students who provide a note from their family medical provider that it would not be in the students best medical interest to attend school in person. The LSC administration will review each medical note for approval or denial.

## **Prevention Measures**

Administration, teachers and staff members will educate our students about the practices and procedures each building is implementing with regards to personal hygiene, bathroom breaks, water bottle fill-up, hallway procedures, classroom procedures, school bus protocols and the many other precautions being taken to keep things cleaned and sanitized.

Teachers and staff members will be trained on what to look for and will notify the school nurse and administration if they notice one of their students might not be feeling well. **NO ONE SHOULD ENTER SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS NOT FEELING WELL, HAS A FEVER, OR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO IS ILL.** The administration, teachers, staff members will all be trained about the symptoms of COVID-19 and will take immediate action to remove anyone from school who is ill. Also, each school has a point of isolation that will be utilized to keep everyone safe at school.

The LSC teachers, will receive COVID-19 training before the students return.

If at any time during this process, someone within the school setting tests positive for the COVID-19, the administration will follow the CDC, IDOE and Tippecanoe County Health Department guidelines to determine mitigation procedures. Each situation will be considered on a case by case basis.

## **FACE MASKS/FACE COVERINGS**

Beginning on August 9, 2021, Face Masks and/or Face Coverings will be mandated for all non-vaccinated and vaccinated individuals while indoors in a Lafayette School Corporation's building. This recommendation falls in-line with the current CDC's, State of Indiana Health Department's and the Tippecanoe County Health Department's recommendations.

There may be times when masks will be allowed to be removed during the day such as breakfast, lunch and other times deemed necessary.

The Lafayette School Corporation will continue to monitor the CDC, the State of Indiana Health Department and the Tippecanoe County Health Department for future updates and guidance.

## **MANDATED VACCINES**

The LSC will not require or mandate any staff member or student to have a COVID-19 vaccine. The LSC recommends that staff members and families consult with their family medical provider for questions or concerns regarding a COVID-19 vaccine.

## **SCHOOL BUSES**

As of the date of this document, the CDC continues to require all students and adults to wear a Face Mask while on a school bus. The LSC will continue to provide extra Face Masks on each bus should a student forget their mask. The LSC will provide an up-date of this topic later in the summer.