

July 21, 2021

Dear Lebanon Community Schools,

At the July 20, 2021 meeting of the LCSC School Board, the reopening plan for the 2021-22 school year was formally approved. As we approach the beginning of the year, we invite you to follow [our COVID-19 website](#) for information, including updates and changes to last year's operations.

While we continue to monitor updated guidance from federal, state, and local health officials, we also want to provide families with the most information possible at this point in time.

For the 2021-22 school year, we will open with the following procedures:

- All students will attend in-person every school day.
- Remote learning will not be offered for the 2021-22 school year. Any parent/guardian who wishes to learn more about options for virtual instruction should contact his or her student's principal.
- Parents, students, and staff will make their own informed choice regarding the use of masks or face coverings in school facilities and at school activities.
 - *Please note: In the future, the local health department may recommend or require that a portion of a school or the district be required to wear masks or face coverings.*
- The Indiana Department of Education Director of Transportation, the Federal Transportation Safety Administration, and the Indiana Department of Health has determined masks or face coverings must be worn on school buses and school transportation.
 - The Indiana Department of Education provided this guidance on July 14, 2021 and the Indiana Department of Health re-stated this requirement to all schools July 19, 2021
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>
- The district will continue to use seating charts on transportation to assist in contact tracing.
- Masks and face coverings are not prohibited. Masks and face coverings must adhere to all dress code requirements outlined in student and staff handbooks and board policy.
- Parent Volunteers and Visitors – We will begin the 2021-22 school year without parent volunteers and visitors during the school day. This practice will be evaluated, at minimum each nine-week period.
- Outside Instructors and Presenters – Outside presenters, tutors and instructors will be allowed on a case-by-case basis. Masks or face-coverings will be required.

- Back to School Events – Back to School Events will be allowed. Social distancing will be facilitated as well as modifications of food preparation and distribution during the events.
- Contact Tracing - The district will continue to follow contact tracing rules and procedures to identify close contacts to confirmed cases of COVID-19. Fully vaccinated individuals (defined as those who have received the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or the one dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at least two weeks prior) will not be required to quarantine if identified as a close contact. Unvaccinated individuals, whether masked or unmasked, will be required to quarantine according to the most recent CDC/IDOH/BCHD requirements.
- Best Practices - The district will continue to frequently clean high-touch surfaces, including the use of UV-C light source sanitizing devices and additional air filtration. Plexiglass barriers will remain installed. Students and staff are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and/or visit sanitizing stations regularly. The district will continue to review precautions regarding meal services, visitors, and classroom guidelines in consultation with the Boone County Health Department.
- Screening - Parents/guardians will still be asked to screen students daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and other communicable illnesses.
- Recess in Elementary Schools - Recess in elementary schools will return to pre-COVID-19 schedules. Activities that allow students to group in close proximity for extended periods of time will not be allowed at this time.
- Reporting Cases - The district will continue to report positive cases to the Indiana State Department of Health as required, and will continue to maintain a data dashboard to report weekly numbers of positive cases within the district. The district will no longer send courtesy notification of positive cases to staff and students through mass communication resources.
- Athletic Events - Full capacity at athletic events will be allowed.
 - Social Distancing Encouraged (especially indoor events)
 - Social Distancing stickers will remain on bleachers to encourage Social Distancing
 - Face Coverings will be strongly encouraged for unvaccinated individuals
 - Signage and announcements to encourage both Face Covering and Social Distancing
 - Protocols for athletic events could change depending on community spread

Lebanon Community School Corporation will continue to collaborate with local and state health officials and follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control in order to maintain best practices.

More information about daily operations can be found on our [COVID-19 website](#). In the event that there are any significant changes to the above information, we will send additional email updates.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we work toward a successful re-opening for the 2021-22 school year!

Sincerely,

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