

Lafayette County C-1
School District
COVID-19 Guidelines and
Protocols



2020-2021 School Year
Re-Entry Plan
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At this point in the summer, the administration of the Lafayette County C-1 school district is confident that school can resume in the fall. The district has now received guidance that it is best to postpone the start of school past our original start date. There remain numerous considerations that are being made in order to open the school as safely as possible. Our duty and obligation is to serve all of our students in the best manner available.

Some health officials are concerned that a second wave of the COVID-19 virus may come back stronger in the fall season of 2020. If this were to happen and schools were to close their doors once more, we believe the district has a better plan in place this time around to make sure students are adequately equipped and ready for at-home learning. Overall, while it seems there will continue to be challenges and changes made to how schools function in the future, we think the district is ready to return to some form of normality. However, some health and safety protocols will be in place that will look different from previous years. These are not one size fits all approaches, but rather, they offer layers of protection.

Even with these precautions in place, we know that some of you will not feel comfortable sending your child to school. Our district is committed to the children and their education, and for those parents who choose to have their students stay home, there will be a virtual learning program available to you that will allow seamless transition back into regular school routines once the virus has abated.

We thank you for your support during the planning process and know that we are always willing to listen to your feedback. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at Central Office.

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The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidance.

Guidelines and protocols may also be revised as appropriate to reflect the needs of local conditions.

Commentary regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols

- The Lafayette County C-1 School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to call the Lafayette County C-1 School District at 660.584.3631 to discuss and address those concerns.

Instruction

- The current instructional plan is to resume in-person instruction with a hybrid instructional schedule, according to the district calendar. Details on any calendar revisions and the instructional plan will be released as soon as possible.
- A district-sponsored virtual instruction option will be available to parents if they choose to utilize it. Our district will send out a questionnaire in early August to gather information from parents to determine if they want to use this option.
- If conditions require a partial or total close of full-time school attendance, then we plan to utilize either a hybrid approach (with part-time in-person attendance and part-time virtual) or an all-virtual option.

General information for students and faculty/staff

- Students, faculty and staff are **REQUIRED** to wear protective face coverings unless they are able to socially distance. Further, masks will be required when moving throughout the school, including such times as arrival, dismissal, passing time, bathroom breaks, or other transitions.
 - If a student or faculty/staff member is unable to obtain masks, the district will attempt to provide them. Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines.

- Availability of district-provided masks is subject to the district's ability to procure masks (shortages of masks may limit availability).
- Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition.
- Students may not share masks.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the school, including outside every classroom for use upon entry.
- Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling capabilities.
 - Students should bring personal water bottles from home. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.
- Daily sanitizing and disinfecting will be a priority at all district facilities.
- Attendance incentives for students and staff will cease. Staff and/or students who are sick need to stay home.

General health information for students and faculty/staff

- Screening begins at home. Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for potential COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Anyone with symptoms of illness should stay home.
- The CDC lists the following as possible symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Screenings at school for symptoms will occur with all staff and students at the start of each day.
- Students at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be assessed by school personnel. If evaluation by the nurse suggests potential for COVID-19 infection, the student will be masked (if the

student does not have one) and sequestered until picked up by a parent/guardian.

- Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home.
- A student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns will be provided virtual instruction and may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by the health department. Please understand that guidelines may change over time. At the time of this publication, the guidelines are as follows:
 - Students/staff with symptoms, but not tested for COVID-19 may return if the following conditions are met:
 - Significant improvement for **10 calendar** days after the onset of symptoms AND
 - No fever for **24** hours or more without the use of medicine that reduces fever.
 - Students/staff that have tested positive for COVID-19 may return if the following conditions are met:
 - **10 calendar days since symptom onset or 10 calendar days since the positive test date (if the student/staff is asymptomatic)** AND
 - **Symptoms have improved with no development of new symptoms. If new symptoms developed and additional 7 calendar days is needed. Positive case has not had a fever in the past 24 hours.** AND
 - **Released and given written approval to return by a healthcare provider**
 - Other scenarios regarding student health will be handled according to guidance from and consultation with the Lafayette County Health Department.

Transportation information

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off students at school instead of using bus service. Drop-off and pick-up systems will be organized to ensure social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Wearing protective face coverings will be MANDATORY during the duration of being on the bus, due to not being able to social distance.
- Bus drivers will screen passengers for symptoms for further assessment at school.
- Students riding the bus from the same household will be required to sit together.
- Buses will be sanitized after each use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses.

- The school will only be open during posted hours. Early drop-offs will not be permitted. School doors will not open until 7:30 am.

Arrival at school

- School doors will not be unlocked until 7:30 am.
- Pre K-5 students will go directly to classrooms upon arrival. Breakfast will be available to be picked up on their way to the classroom and eaten in the classroom.
- MS/HS students will report directly to their 1st hour class after stopping at lockers and picking up materials. Students will not be allowed to congregate in hallways or other areas.
- MS/HS students will have a grab and go breakfast option between the passing of 1st and 2nd hour, then eating breakfast during 2nd hour class.
- Parents/visitors will be permitted to visit the school office, but will be required to wear a mask, and will not have access to any other areas in the building.

During the school day

- All students and teachers will social distance to the greatest extent possible during classroom instruction.
- Pre K-5 students will remain with their class all day. Cooperative activities with other classrooms will not be permitted.
- Pre K-5 students will remain with their class in designated areas during recess. Classes will not commingle during recess.
- Elementary Special Classes (Art, Music, Computer) will travel to classrooms. Students will travel to gym
- MS/HS music classes will utilize spaces (including outdoors) so that appropriate social distance can take place.
- MS/HS students should wear masks during passing times where social distancing can't be maintained.
- MS/HS will use staggered passing times to reduce numbers in the hallways
- Technology devices (Chromebooks) will be assigned to students on a 1:1 basis during the school day.
- Sharing of supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated. Students may be asked to bring personal supplies (art boxes with supplies, etc.).
- No field trips, assemblies, or visiting presenters will be allowed at this time.

At lunch

- All lunches will be plated or boxed. Self-serve options will not be available. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- The district will serve one hot lunch option and one cold lunch option daily.
- Students will be able to bring their own lunch if they do not want the hot lunch option.

Other

- If there are positive cases or presumptive positive cases, plans for quarantine, closures, or other changes to this document will be made in consultation with the county health department.