

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



2021-2022 School Year
Safe Return to In-Person and
Continuity of Services Plan
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COVID-19 had an enormous impact on the 2020-2021 school year. We anticipate that the impact will become less and less as we move forward.

The following document is our most up to date planning document. This plan lists the areas of the school day that will still be impacted by COVID-19 protocols in the 2021-2022 school year. There may be changes and adjustment made to it prior to the start of school. We will inform our Lafayette County C-1 families of any changes as they occur. This document will be revised at a minimum, every six months.

We thank you for your support during this 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. 660.584.3631

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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, five days a week, according to the [district calendar](#). Details on any calendar revisions and the instructional plan will be released as soon as possible.
- Our district will NOT have a district-sponsored virtual instruction option this school year. Parents and Students seeking a virtual option can explore [MOCAP](#) as an option.

General information for students and faculty/staff

- Universal, indoor masking is **REQUIRED** for all students, staff members, and visitors regardless of vaccination status. All bus riders must wear masks during the duration of the ride, regardless of COVID vaccination status, including activity trips.
 - 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. Masks made of mesh or other see-through material do not meet our district 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 and will be guided to use proper respiratory etiquette.
- 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 in classrooms, hallways, the lunchroom and in other locations 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.
- 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 sequestered until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home.

- For any school-based exposure to a positive case of COVID-19, the school district will work in conjunction with the Lafayette County Health Department in order to perform contact tracing.
- Any student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 exposure will be provided remote learning materials 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 quarantine guidelines are as follows:
 - Quarantine is not required for fully vaccinated staff and students after an exposure, unless symptoms develop.
 - You are considered fully vaccinated if it has been two weeks since your second dose in a 2-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna), or it has been two weeks since you single-dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
 - If a school has universal masking, and masks were being worn correctly by both individuals during the time of exposure in the school setting, the individual who came in contact with the positive case will not be considered a close contact and can continue to attend school **AND** participate in school-related activities.
 - Quarantine is not required for individuals who have tested positive and have completed their isolation period within the last 3 months.
 - Quarantine is not required if after an exposure, an individual gets a positive antibody test. This is per exposure.
 - For individuals who are positive themselves.
 - If the individual tests positive for COVID-19, their 10-day isolation period begins at symptom onset or the day of testing, if the individual is asymptomatic.
 - For individuals who are a close contact of a positive case.
 - Quarantine will still begin at date of last contact and **can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.**
 - **Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.** The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7. They cannot be tested any earlier than Day 5 of the quarantine.

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.
- Vaccines are available for any individual, ages 12 and up through the Lafayette County Health Department. Please call 660.259.4371, option #4 to schedule.
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies of the district will be made through the student's Individualized Education Plan or 504 team. Any additional accommodations for other students will be addressed individually at a building level. Appeals can be made to the superintendent.

Continuity of Services

- Our district knows there was a loss of instructional time since March of 2020. Individual students are evaluated with classroom assessments, diagnostic tests, and state assessment results to determine any missing state approved Missouri Learning Standards. Individualized learning plans will be developed for those students missing skills.
- If there are any interruptions of in-person learning, the district will make every effort to provide the same level of academic, health, social and nutritional services that would occur during in-person learning. At this time, we anticipate any interruptions will be limited to individuals.

Periodic Revision

- This plan is required to be revised at least every six months and in consultation with students, families, administration and staff.

If you or someone you know needs this plan translated or read to them, please contact Aaron Knipmeyer, Superintendent, at 660.584.3631