

Opening Plan: Revised June 2023

Introduction

The Lafayette School Corporation (LSC) will continue to operate for the 2023-2024 academic school year under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Health (IDH), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD).

By implementing as many of the guidelines and recommendations as possible, the LSC believes we can keep our schools open and safe for the 2023-2024 academic year with an In-Person model. Students, staff, parents, and community members will continue to experience preventive and mitigating measures as they enter our buildings. The 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 health and safety protocols in place.

Students will continue with the scheduled school calendar with full instructional days with breakfast and lunch being served. Oakland Elementary will continue with their In-Person instruction utilizing a balanced calendar.

eLearning Opportunity

A limited eLearning opportunity will be available only for medically fragile students with documentation in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan that it would not be in the student's best medical interest to attend school in person.

Prevention Measures

Administration, teachers, and staff members will continue to educate our students about the practices and procedures each building has implemented 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 have been 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. THIS INCLUDES ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY BE AWAITING COVID-19 TEST RESULTS.

The administration, teachers, and staff members have been 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.

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

Face Masks/Face Coverings.

Face Masks and/or Face Coverings will be **optional** for individuals in the Lafayette School Corporation. This recommendation coincides with the current CDC's, State of Indiana Department of Health's, and the Tippecanoe County Health Department's recommendations.

The LSC will continue to monitor the CDC, the IDH, and the TCHD 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.