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COVID Procedures/Protocols

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Masks

In The Lyndhurst Public School masks are optional.

Is there a vaccine mandate for students?

There is no requirement for vaccination by either the State of New Jersey or the Lyndhurst School District.

Is there a vaccine mandate for staff?

No. On August 15th, 2022 Governor Murphy lifted this requirement.

What do morning entry procedures look like?

There will be no special entry procedures for students and staff. Individuals will not have their temperature checked or be completing a daily COVID questionnaire. All individuals are encouraged to stay home when feeling sick.

How will non-COVID related medical issues be handled?

The school nurse will support students with non-COVID related medical issues as in any other school year.

Access to bathrooms will be monitored but there is no limit for usage.

Custodial staff will service bathrooms more frequently according to our enhanced cleaning protocols.

Will there be any facility enhancements to support the health and safety of the students and staff?

Public health signage (i.e. importance of hand-washing) have been placed in the schools. Schools will also be equipped with additional soap, hand sanitizer stations, and cleaning supplies. All nurse's offices are now equipped with air boxes to cleanse and disinfect incoming

air. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols with devices that use a highly effective, all-natural, organic, non-toxic, non-irritant, environmentally and ecologically safe solution will be used as we have had in the past.

Will coat rooms/closets be used?

Yes.

Will visitors be allowed in the school buildings?

Yes. Scheduling an appointment is recommended.

Are there travel restrictions for students and staff?

As of May 17, 2021, New Jersey's travel advisory is no longer in effect. As of June 12, 2022, people entering the U.S. no longer need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

What happens if a staff member or student tests positive for COVID?

- Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate away from others when you have COVID-19
- Regardless of vaccination status or previous infection status, COVID-19 testing is recommended for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea)
- Staff and students who test positive will remain home for 5 full days after onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test (day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0). If they have no symptoms or symptoms resolve after 5 days and are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they can return to school . It is recommended they wear a mask days 6-10.
- A PCR, Rapid PCR or a home test are acceptable for testing (proof of results is required)

How will the community receive notification?

Lyndhurst will once again use our Realtime communication system. An outbreak of COVID-19 in the school setting is defined as five or more individuals (positive by RT-PCR or antigen) among students and/or staff with illness onsets within a 7-day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting.

Who performs contact tracing?

School officials assist local health officials to conduct local contact tracing if **it is needed**. After notification to local health officials, they may initiate and perform additional contact tracing.

Could school be closed because of an outbreak?

Yes, the NJDOH maintains a color-coded system by region that indicates the status of the virus in New Jersey that can be viewed via the Department of Health | Communicable Disease Service | COVID-19 Weekly CALI and Variant Surveillance Reports (nj.gov). If local or state virus activity surges to the RED or Very High-Risk category, schools may return to remote instruction. School administration will inform the school community of the format of remote instruction should a closure occur.

If my child requires quarantine, will he/she be able to participate in remote instruction?

No, asynchronous work will be given by his/her teacher (s).

What schedule will students follow?

ALL students will have full-time, in-person instruction beginning in September 2022.
(**including lunch**)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**Will there be co-curricular activities?**

Yes. Schools will be sharing the information.

Will there be field trips?

Yes, field trips will return as long as they are essential to the curriculum.

Will students participate in athletics?

Yes, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) resumed regular operations effective July 1, 2021.

Will athletes have access to locker rooms to change for practice and games?

Athletes will be allowed to use locker rooms to change for practices and games.

Will there be a separate COVID screening for athletes?

No, there will not be a special entry procedure for athletes.

Will there be transportation to and from athletic events?

Transportation will be provided. Coaches will be expected to travel on buses with student-athletes anytime those are provided. Carpooling and personal travel to away contests, normally not permitted, will be acceptable for student-athletes. However, student-athletes CANNOT transport themselves or others, only parents/guardians can provide transportation. District-approved forms may be obtained from the Athletic Department office at the high school.

What about Cheering and Marching Band?

Cheering and Marching Band are not regulated by the NJSIAA, but will follow the same local procedures in effect for athletics.

Will spectators be allowed at athletic events?

Yes, attendance will be permitted at athletic events.

Will there be live Back To School Nights?

Yes.

WELLNESS SUPPORT FOR STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES

What resources and supports will be available this year to continually support student and staff mental health?

The administration and staff will continue to be available to assist individuals and families in need of referrals for mental health assessments and treatment that go beyond the work of our qualified school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists and other staff. The district also collaborates with agencies to support additional needs five days per week. Ongoing check-ins with students/staff currently identified as struggling will continue throughout the school year. **Trained staff are ready to assist. Please contact your school's principal for more information or to express a concern.**

How will we meet accommodations for students with special needs?

If a student who has a current 504 plan is having difficulty, please contact the student's school counselor AND the office of the building principal. If a student with an IEP is having difficulty, please contact the student's case manager and the office of the Director of Special Services.

Will a virtual option still be available for students who might not want to come in-person?

No

The health, safety, security, and welfare of all students/faculty in our school district is our primary responsibility. I want to personally thank our entire school community for their support and understanding as rules and guidelines are continually changing. I will update you if there are new mandates or procedure changes for any reason.

Thank you,

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