

Lake Local Schools
Safe Return to In-Person
Instruction and Continuity of
Services Plan



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Introduction:

As the state of Ohio begins to fully reopen; we strongly believe it is critical for us to be open as well to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff. Research and medical literature shows us how necessary our services are to the health and well being of the children in our community as well as how detrimental the effects of us being away from each other has been on our kids and families both physically and mentally. School is critical to the health and well being of your child. **Lake's goal is to have our staff and students remain on campus for the 2021-2022 school year, everyday, five days a week, at full capacity.**

As of June of 2021, the safety guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year are unclear. The guidelines below are similar to those of the previous school year. We will continue to work closely with the Wood County Health Department and update our plans accordingly.

The staff at Lake is thrilled to keep students on our campus and in our classrooms. It is critical that we all do our part to keep each other safe and healthy by adhering to safety guidelines. It has never been more important than now to be "Everyday Heroes" for one another. Please make sure that you read all the safety policies and procedures below. We are excited to get started and can't wait to see you in August.

Go Flyers!

POLICIES FOR INCORPORATING MITIGATION STRATEGIES

❖ Universal and correct wearing of mask:

- The Lake Local Schools followed the CDC and Wood County Health Department recommendations for masking. The district notified staff, parents, and students of the policy requirements. We will continue to work with the Wood County Health Department to develop our mask policy for the 2021-2022 school year. Once we develop our plan, we will update this policy and communicate this to our parents, staff, and students through our email distributions and on the district website.

❖ Physical distancing:

- The Lake Local Schools reopened to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year with 6 ft. social distancing in all school facilities. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, 3 ft. social distancing will be encouraged and utilized where feasible.

❖ Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

- Signage with illustrations of proper handwashing etiquette are posted in restrooms and throughout the buildings in locations with sinks. This will be communicated again in the summer of 2021.

❖ Cleaning and maintaining health facilities, including improving ventilation:

- The Lake Local Schools implemented several new cleaning procedures including misting of classrooms, frequent disinfection of high-touch surfaces and the installation of numerous hand sanitation stations. The district's operations department reviewed and addressed ventilation in buildings where needed.

❖ Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state and local health departments:

- The Lake Local Schools conducted its own contact tracing of all students and employees, in consultation with the Wood County Health Department. All quarantines and positive cases were documented and sent electronically to the Wood County Health Department. We created a COVID-19 dashboard and website that communicated all isolations and quarantines to our community. [Click here to view this website](#). This website will be utilized during the 2021-2022 school year.

❖ Diagnostic and screening testing

- In conjunction with the Wood County Health Department, parents were asked to do daily checks with students of potential Covid symptoms. Staff members were also reminded of daily health checks following the same protocols for the 2020-2021 school

year. This same system will be utilized during the 2021-2022 school year.

❖ **Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and eligible students**

- The Lake Local School District participated in vaccination clinics for the Pfizer vaccine on February 19th and March 12th, 2021 for all district employees. We also held vaccine clinics on Lake's campus on May 13 and June 4, 2021.

❖ **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies**

- The Lake Local Schools provided additional plexiglass dividers throughout the entire campus where appropriate. Individual student needs were addressed through consultation with the Special Education Department. Plexiglass dividers may be used during the 2021-2022 school year.

PLAN TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES

The details below addresses the districts continuity of services for students and staff, where needed, in the following areas:

1. Academic Services

- 1.1.** For high school students who are credit deficient, the specific courses that a student has failed or shows deficiency in will be identified and individualized plans put in place to close the gap. In addition, the district has hired an additional high school counselor that will be utilized to identify and work with students needing additional assistance with academics, college and career planning, and mental health counseling.
- 1.2.** For students in grades K-8, we will use AIMSWEB data, state testing data and High Quality Student Data Measures to determine the skills and strategies most needed by students. This data will be discussed at Teacher Based Teams and used to support instruction. Each school will review student data and make adjustments as needed.
- 1.3.** Individual students who do not respond to Tier 1 (whole group) instruction will be placed through the RTI process to find appropriate Tier 2 interventions. The RTI process for each student will be documented.

2. Social-Emotional

- 2.1.** Social Emotional needs will be determined through small and class counseling lessons, student self-identification, parental input and teacher identification.

3. Mental Health

- 3.1.** The district's counselors and outside mental health counselors have coordinated services with outside agencies in addition to providing repeated training for staff. In addition, the district has staff trained in Trauma Informed Care for student and staff needs.
- 3.2.** The district has provided in-class lessons for students in K-8 through the use of school counselors and mental health agencies.

4. Food

- 4.1.** Lake Local Schools provided free lunch and breakfast for all students during the 2020-2021 school year and will continue to do so during the 2021-2022 school year. We also provided a summer feeding program during the summer of 2020 and 2021. We also repeatedly updated the P-EBT documentation to provide additional support to students and families.

Public Input:

- 1. Describe how you will seek public input.**
 - 1.1.** The plan will be posted on our district website with a link to submit feedback.
 - 1.2.** [Click Here to submit feedback](#) on the district's plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of Services.
- 2. Describe how you will take public input into account when making revisions.**
 - 2.1.** Public input will be reviewed as part of the revision process as changes are made.

Periodic Review

- 1. Describe how you will conduct a review of your plan at least every 6 months**
 - 1.1.** The plan will be reviewed by the Administrative Team every six months.
 - 2. Describe how you will revise the plan as appropriate.**
 - 2.1.** The plan will be updated with consideration of any new or additional guidance from the Wood County Public Health Department, Ohio Department of Education, or public input.
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