

2021-2022 Lead Academy Reopening Plan

This document was created with guidance by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), SC State Department of Education (SDE), Governor's Office, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, and input from parent and faculty surveys.

Our priorities for opening schools are as follows

- Maintaining the health and safety of our students, employees, and Lead families.
- Maintaining face-to-face instruction as safely as possible.
- Remaining flexible and altering procedures if health issues dictate.

Any scenario in which many people gather together poses a potential risk for COVID-19 transmission. No policy or procedure created can provide a 100% guarantee that the virus will not be transmitted in our schools. Lead's goal will be to limit the transmission as much as possible.

We continue to believe it is the most beneficial way for our students to make gains academically. Expanded technology would be available to K-3 students to ensure all students have access to lessons.

Safety and Logistical Protocols and Procedures

General Safeguard Guidelines

- Wearing of face masks and/or shields for staff members when less than 6 feet away from other individuals is optional.
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- Establish teacher and student classroom cleaning and hand sanitizing procedures
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- Create facility and bus cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting protocols.
- Evaluate the necessity of any large gatherings and field trips; consider virtual events and field trips instead; rethink traditional activities and events to include back-to-school activities.
- Evaluate after school activities and services and ensure they meet all precautions taken during the regular school day.
- Ensure communication to parents, students, and staff members is regularly shared regarding the expectation of daily self-assessment using screening questions to determine if a student or employee can enter the school building (cough, fever of 100.4 or higher, difficulty breathing, chills, aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, and/or sore throat)

Cleaning and Hygiene

- Custodians, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, and nurses will follow cleaning and disinfecting protocols according to SC DHEC and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used to disinfect surfaces
- High-touch areas will be sanitized
- Soap and hand sanitizer dispensers will be checked and kept stocked

Communication

- Provide the draft plan to key stakeholders as soon as possible.
- Establish two-way ongoing communication throughout summer and school year.
- Clearly communicate all new safety protocols and procedures.

Transportation

- Bus Stops will be monitored by parents/guardians
- Buses will be disinfected after every route per DHEC and SDE guidelines

Health Room and Response to Illness

- Lead Academy will implement a protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when at school.

Quarantine/Exposure

- Exposure may result in students and staff being quarantined from school.
- Lead Academy will follow DHEC guidelines related to mandatory quarantines and student/family notifications.
- Parents and employees are required to monitor themselves and their children for COVID-19 symptoms.

Employee Considerations and Support

Ensure professional development and training opportunities on the following:

- New safety protocols and procedures related to minimizing the transmission of COVID-19
- ~~Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) with specific attention to Tier 1 intervention and support for students.~~
- Any changes to emergency drills.
- Any changes to SCDE learning standards and a review of pacing by subject area and department.