



Updates to Lincoln Parish School's Ready to Achieve Plan 2021-2022



Lincoln Parish Schools have seen the benefits of following COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Louisiana Department of Health, and Governor John Bel Edwards. By following the guidelines, our COVID-19 positivity rates and exposures in schools have been minimal. We appreciate everyone's cooperation since August. Effective October 28, 2021, we will make some changes in our guidelines which would have been the guidelines prior to the Delta Variant in August. These changes will be monitored until November 19, 2021, which begins our Thanksgiving Break. Lincoln Parish School Board may adjust these guidelines based on student and employee positivity results and exposures.

Please be advised of the following:

Masks

- Masks will continue to be required on all buses.
- Wearing masks at school will be a parent choice for children. The parent's choice for students wearing masks may affect quarantine days based on exposures. Even though this is a parent choice, LPSB highly recommends masks for students and employees.
- Lincoln Parish Schools may re-implement mask mandate if COVID-19 rates increase significantly.

Visitors on Campus

- Visitors in the schools must wear a mask.

When to Stay Home

- Students who are ill should stay home regardless of symptoms. *
- Fever of 100.4 requires students to stay home or be picked up from school.*
- Unvaccinated students must quarantine at home if they are exposed to COVID-19. *

* Represents school nurse should be informed

Social Distancing

- Social distancing is recommended to the greatest extent possible.

Isolation for Positive Test Results

- Students and employees are still required to isolate themselves at home for 10 days.

Quarantine for Exposure for Close Contacts

- Students who are considered a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case will be required to quarantine at home for 10 days unless one of the following occurs:
 1. The student will be exempt from quarantine if he/she has tested positive within the last 90 days.
 2. The student will be exempt from quarantine if he/she is fully vaccinated.
 3. The student may return on day 8 of quarantine if not symptomatic and a negative test is received on days 5-7.
- Close contact is defined as a person who is within 6 feet of an infected for a total of 15 minutes within a 24 hour period, someone providing care at home to someone with COVID-19, someone in direct physical contact with the infected person, someone who has shared eating or drinking utensils with an infected person, or someone who has been sneezed or coughed on by an infected person.
 - An exception of close contact in an indoor classroom is when (1) both individuals are engaged in the consistent and correct use of well-fitted face masks and (2) school prevention strategies (correct use of mask, physical distancing, and increased ventilation) are in place.

Water

- Water fountains must be used to refill water bottles or cups, and students shall not drink from the spout.

Environmental Cleaning

- High touch areas will continue to be cleaned a minimum of twice daily. Hand sanitizer and alcohol spray will still be available as disinfectants for students and adults.

Miscellaneous for Students and Teachers

- Masks are highly recommended for all students in K-12 and all employees in Pre K – 12.
- Students will be required to wash their hands and sanitize often during the day.
- Social distancing to the greatest extent possible is recommended.
- Mask breaks are recommended for mask-wearers throughout the day.
- Students should bring a water bottle with water to drink during the day. Water fountains will be open to refill students' water bottles. However, students may not drink from the spout.
- Students will be responsible for missed work when absent, quarantined due to exposure or isolated due to testing positive, and they should access their teachers' Google Classrooms for information.