



# LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 41-4

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To: Lennox School District Families

From: Chad Conaway, Superintendent

Re: Return to Learn Plan

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Greetings Lennox School District Families,

On August 4, the school board conducted a first reading of the official “Return to Learn” plan for Lennox School District. Many issues surrounding the return to school were discussed extensively but the item which seems to draw the most attention is masks. This has been common among many school districts. The school board heard testimony from medical professionals and patrons as well as reviewed information from medical literature regarding masks. Links to this literature is below for your review. Based upon all of this information, the board is leaning toward the following protocols regarding masks.

Staff are required to wear masks when 6’ social distancing cannot be achieved. Students in grades PK-4 are required to wear masks in hallways and during close contact group work when appropriate mask use can be supervised. Students in grades 5-12 are required to wear masks when 6’ social distancing cannot be achieved. This includes hallways, classrooms, and common areas. Mask breaks will be implemented to provide safe opportunities for students to remove their mask. Students will not be required to wear a mask while outside or during the lunch period while eating. Social distancing should be practiced to the greatest extent possible in these situations.

If you believe your student is unable to comply with any of the District’s COVID-19 Return to Learning implementations, or if you believe additional implementations are necessary for your child, please provide documentation from a health care provider to support your request for an accommodation. This information should be submitted to your student’s building principal.

**Return to Learn Plan:** [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/842474/Return\\_to\\_Learn\\_Plan\\_Draft\\_8-4-20.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/842474/Return_to_Learn_Plan_Draft_8-4-20.pdf)

**Return to Activities Plan:** [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/842505/8-4-20\\_Lennox\\_Return\\_to\\_Activities\\_Plan.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/842505/8-4-20_Lennox_Return_to_Activities_Plan.pdf)

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## **Links to Return to School Literature:**

### Masks

[https://m.box.com/shared\\_item/https%3A%2F%2Fucsf.app.box.com%2Fs%2Fblvolkp5z0mydzd82rjks4wyleagt036](https://m.box.com/shared_item/https%3A%2F%2Fucsf.app.box.com%2Fs%2Fblvolkp5z0mydzd82rjks4wyleagt036)

### American Academy of Pediatrics

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

### Guidance for School Reopening

<http://www.sickkids.ca/PDFs/About-SickKids/81407-COVID19-Recommendations-for-School-Reopening-SickKids.pdf>

### CDC Considerations for Schools

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

On a final note, if you do not feel comfortable sending your child to school this fall, we are providing a virtual learning option through Black Hills Online Learning. Students in grades K-8 will be committed to this option for a minimum of one quarter. Students in grades 9-12 will be committed to this option for a minimum of one semester. Registration for the virtual learning option is due by August 21, 2020.

I wish you a continued safe and healthy summer,

Dr. Chad Conaway, Superintendent  
Lennox School District

## **Announcing K-12 Virtual Learning from Lennox School District and Black Hills Online Learning Community**

**Dear Parent or Guardian,**

An online/ virtual program is being offered for students in grades K-12 who do not feel comfortable coming back to school for on-campus instruction this fall. This program is approved through the South Dakota Department of Education and provided by Black Hills Online Learning Community (BHOLC). You can register your child by clicking on the appropriate grade level link on this page <https://www.bholc.org/> . Once you have registered online, you will be given access to paperwork to email or deliver to your building principal for approval of your participation in this program.

Enrolled K-12 students will have the opportunity to engage in an online learning program that includes English, social studies, science, and math, as well as many electives for grades 9-12, while employing the flexibility of learning from home during the pandemic. Lennox is offering these courses in partnership with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE). The courses and curriculum are provided by FuelEducation /K<sup>12</sup> ([www.k12.com/](http://www.k12.com/)), and Edmentum (<https://www.edmentum.com/>), national providers that has extensive experience in successfully implementing online programs.

Parents of students taking a distance class can expect:

- Communication and advice from highly qualified teachers through e-mail, telephone, or web-conferencing.
- Access to online lessons 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere an internet connection is available.
- Credit earned from their local school district following local district policies in these rigorous and engaging courses.

Parents of students will:

- Serve as the primary learning coach to the student -- allow 3-5 hours per day for learning coach support.
- Provide the necessary technology to access the online learning platform (one computer per child (provided by the school district and high-speed internet access. Tablets are not compatible).
- Enroll students in a partnering public-school district by August 21, 2020 in order to obtain free access to the online courses.
- Ensure that students in grades 3-8 and 11 will report to their school for participation in mandated yearly testing.

If you have questions, please consult the online information available at <http://bholc.org> or contact Connie Godfrey at [cgodfrey@tie.net](mailto:cgodfrey@tie.net), 605-721-4506, or 605-394-1876.

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