

Lexington R-V School District

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
and Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022



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The Lexington R-V School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being. The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups. This plan should be considered a “living document” that will continue to evolve as guidelines and information change to ensure that the most up-to-date information is considered for the health and safety of our students, staff and community. This plan will be reviewed a minimum of every six months.

Instruction

- Lexington R-V School District will provide in-person instruction, five days a week, according to the District calendar.
- Our District will NOT have a district-sponsored virtual instruction option this school year. Parents and students seeking a virtual option can explore [MOCAP](#) and follow the District application process.

Continuity of Services

- Our District knows there was a loss of instructional time since March of 2020. Individual students are evaluated with classroom assessments, diagnostic tests, and state assessment results to determine any missing state approved Missouri Learning Standards.
- If there are any interruptions of in-person learning, the district will make every effort to provide the same level of academic, health, social and nutritional services that would occur during in-person learning. At this time, we anticipate any interruptions will be limited to individuals.

General Information for Students and Faculty/Staff

- All students, staff, and visitors are required to mask indoors at Lexington R-V School District.
 - If a student or faculty/staff member is unable to obtain masks, the district will provide them. Homemade masks are acceptable but must meet school dress code guidelines. Availability of district-provided masks is subject to the district’s ability to procure masks (shortages of masks may limit availability).
 - Masks must be in clean, sanitary condition. Students may not share masks.
- Students will be guided to wash hands multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout the school.
- Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling capabilities.
 - Students should bring personal water bottles from home. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines.

- Daily sanitizing and disinfecting will be a priority at all district facilities.
- Staff and/or students who are sick need to stay home.

Communication

The Lexington R-V district recognizes the importance of clear and effective communication as a critical element in any educational plan. In a time when contradictory messages may be provided from different sources, it is essential to identify the communication procedures to ensure that families, students, community members and staff receive the intended district message.

The District Central Office will issue any and all statements on behalf of the district as it relates to critical situations, and will share communications in the following ways:

- Email
- Textcaster
- School Reach -- email and voice messages
- District Website
- District Facebook page

Transportation

The Lexington R-V School district will continue to provide bus transportation for students who meet the riding guidelines. Students are required to follow safety guidelines.

- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to drop off and pick up students if they are able to do so.
- Masks are required on buses due to CDC public transportation requirements.
- Students riding the bus from the same household will be required to sit together.
- Bus drivers will assign seats.
- Buses will be sanitized after each use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses.

Health/Wellness

The district encourages parents/guardians to pre-plan childcare needs on the days when your child may not be able to attend school. Please ensure that emergency contacts are updated so that the district can reach you or someone with authority to pick up your child during the school day. Please evaluate the health of your child daily according to the following checklist.

Please keep your child home for the day if, your child has a temperature of 100+, is not feeling well, just not acting like themselves or displaying symptoms such as:

- 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

Please call in to the school office to make us aware of your child's absence.

Similarly, the district expects staff members to evaluate themselves daily using the same checklist and will call in if they are experiencing symptoms.

- State immunization rules/expectations remain in place.
- Students sent home for a fever will not be allowed to return until they have been fever free without the use of medication for 24 hours and/or do not have any other COVID symptoms.
- The Nurses office will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- The District Nurse has evaluated and ensured that all necessary supplies are available in the Nurses' offices.
- District care for COVID-19 symptomatic staff and students will follow state and local guidelines.
- A separate waiting location will be established for students who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Nurses will provide information to families about testing locations as needed. Parents/guardians should pick up students within 30 minutes of being asked to do so.
- District RN will work in conjunction with Lafayette County Health Department (LCHD) on symptom reporting.
- The District RN will report to the Superintendent immediately any concerns with COVID-19 symptomatic staff and students.
- Nursing Staff will use the [School Nurse Algorithm](#) to evaluate students for potential COVID 19 symptoms or exposure.
- Any student excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 exposure will be provided remote learning materials and may return to school in accordance with guidelines provided by LCHD. Please understand that guidelines may change over time. At the time of this publication, the quarantine guidelines are as follows:
 - Fully vaccinated staff and students will not be required to quarantine after an exposure, unless symptoms develop.
 - Students and staff will not be considered a close contact, after an exposure in an indoor K-12 setting, if they are properly masked throughout the entire encounter and distanced 3-6 feet apart, unless symptoms develop.
 - Students and staff who are exposed, less than 3 feet apart, and properly masked throughout the entire encounter in an indoor K-12 setting; may attend in-person learning while monitoring symptoms; but must quarantine outside of the school setting and are not permitted to attend sports/extracurricular activities.

- Students and staff who are unvaccinated and unmasked while exposed will be required to quarantine.
- For individuals who are positive themselves.
 - If the individual tests positive for COVID-19, their 10-day isolation period begins at symptom onset or the day of testing, if the individual is asymptomatic.
- For individuals who are a close contact of a positive case:
 - Quarantine will still begin at date of last contact and can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring
 - Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7. They cannot be tested any earlier than Day 5 of the quarantine.
 - If an individual shows any signs of COVID-19 during the course of their quarantine, they must remain in quarantine the full 14 days. This does include allergy-like symptoms.
- Other scenarios regarding student health will be handled according to guidance from and consultation with the Lafayette County Health Department.
- The LCHD and District will follow the [DESE/DHSS Decision Tree](#) regarding exposure and quarantine.

Upon Arrival

- As of right now, we will not be providing before school care.
- Parents/Guardians will drop off their students outside of the building.
- Students will report directly to their homeroom or 1st hour class.
- Students should bring personal water bottles from home. They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Students will only be able to use the automatic bottle refilling option on drinking fountains.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building/classroom.
- Breakfast in all buildings will be eaten in the homeroom class.
- Teachers whose children attend school in the district may wait for the shuttle bus or class to start in one location.

During Instruction

- All students and staff will social distance to the greatest extent possible during classroom instruction.
- Students in all buildings will have assigned seats in every classroom to facilitate contact tracing efforts.

- Academic lockers at the MS/HS will not be used for general purposes to alleviate congestion in hallways and provide social distancing.
- Recess and other activities will be planned to allow for cohort groups.
- LMS and LHS students will eat lunch in the cafeteria and a seating chart will be maintained. ECC and LBS students will eat lunch in the classroom. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after eating. Desks and/or table tops will be wiped off before and after eating.

After school

- Parents/Guardians will pick up their students outside of the building.
- As of right now we will not be providing after school care.
- Teachers whose students come to school with them will go straight to their parent's classroom and stay there.

Building/Facility Visitors

The health and safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance and at the forefront in all decision making. In an effort to mitigate the number of people to whom our students and staff interact with we are implementing the following guidelines.

- Parents/guardians will drop off and pick up their students outside of the building.
- All students, staff, and visitors are required to mask indoors at Lexington R-V School District.
- Parents/visitors will be permitted to visit the school office, but will not have access to any other areas in the building unless a scheduled meeting has been pre-arranged.
- No student deliveries will be allowed during the school day.
- Visitors attending activities will be asked to maintain social distancing and are required to comply with District mask requirements.

Resources

[Lafayette County Health Department](#)
[COVID 19 State Team Resources](#)
[DESE COVID 19 Updates](#)
[SHOW ME Strong Recovery Plan](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

COVID-19 Vaccinations are available at the following Lexington locations:

Lafayette County Health Department
 547 S Business Hwy 13
 660-259-4371

CVS Pharmacy
1030 Main Street
660-259-2258

HCC Livewell Community Health Center
811 A South Business Highway 13
660-251-6440

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