

# Lanesville Community Schools

## Return to School/COVID Plan - Fall 2021

Lanesville Community Schools utilized in person instruction throughout the 2020-2021 school year. For this year, school will be in person everyday, unless the corporation cannot staff the building.

### **Masks**

- The Indiana Department of Health strongly recommends masks for all individuals in the K-12 school environment (whether or not they are fully vaccinated) in alignment with CDC guidance and the American Academy of Pediatrics. It still remains a parental choice. The corporation may require universal masking based on changing conditions throughout the school year.
- Consider masking outdoors if: you are at risk for illness, you are in a crowded environment and unable to physically distance, or you feel more comfortable wearing your mask.
- Masks will be required on school buses per federal mandate.

### **Track and Isolate Positive Cases:**

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result and must be 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications and symptoms improved before returning from isolation.

### **An individual is a close contact if UNVACCINATED and meets one of the following:**

- If anyone in the classroom is unmasked and individual is within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period
- If all individuals are masked in the classroom, an individual is a close contact only if fewer than 3 feet from the person who tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- In all other areas of the school environment, any unvaccinated individuals within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- An individual, unvaccinated, who is not wearing a mask

### **Quarantine:**

- **Vaccinated** close contacts do not have to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms, isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.
- **Unvaccinated** individuals who are identified as a close contact must quarantine, unless wearing a mask
  - Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions), day 11 (with precautions), or day 15 (without testing or precautions).

### **Symptomatic Students or Staff**

- May return with an alternate diagnosis, or
- May return with a negative test result, or
- Quarantine for 10 days.
- COVID testing will be offered at the schools.

### **Cleaning**

- Schools will continue with cleaning, sanitizing, and hygiene protocols.

### **Assigned Seating and Cohorting**

- Students will have assigned seating in the classrooms.
- Students will have cohort grouping in the cafeterias.

## **Additional Considerations**

- Depending on the rate of community spread or spread in school, a mask mandate could be reinstated.
- The superintendent of has the authority to adjust all guidelines in consultation with the Harrison County Health Department or the Indiana Department of Health.
- Currently, the best way to ensure a normal school environment for our students is for every eligible person to be vaccinated. A high vaccination rate offers the best protection against variants and the best opportunity for ending this pandemic.