

RE-OPENING PLAN UPDATES

October 2020

Thank you to everyone who made time to meet with us last week to provide feedback on the reopening of school and to help guide our next steps forward toward providing for a safe return to in-person instruction for students and staff. The administrative team met on Friday to review all of the feedback from across the district and have developed the following amendments that will be made to our Reopening Plan.

Communication

- ParentSquare will remain the primary source of school-home communication. Additional training will be provided for all interested staff to maximize the use of ParentSquare.
- Regular reminders will be made through email and building level announcements to reinforce hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

Health and Safety

- Last week, the thermal scanner vendor was in district to help troubleshoot the issues we have been experiencing with our scanners. They have also placed a different scanner model at each building to trial. Hand scanners will continue to be available at each entrance and should be used to double check the temperature of any individual whose temperature appears abnormal. Any individual with a fever should be sent to the nurse's office.
- At the elementary level, when a student is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, the nurse's office should be called to notify the nurse of a student that will be reporting to the office. The building nurse shall maintain final discretion regarding whether or not the student should return to class or be sent home.
- Masks will be required for all students and staff at all times, except while eating. Mask breaks should be given for short periods of time at the discretion of each classroom teacher during times when students are not talking or moving around the room. Students should be given at least one mask break per half hour. Staff mask breaks are permitted with the same expectations as student mask breaks during times that you are not talking or moving around the room. Staff who are alone in a room may remove their masks. When classes are outside (including PE classes), students and staff are still expected to wear masks at all times following the above mask break guidelines.
- The elementary will create a recess schedule. During scheduled recess time, the class may visit the playground (weather permitting) or the indoor recess area (more information to come). While the class is out for recess, the regular classroom will be sanitized with an electrostatic sprayer.
- In the Middle-High School, when a classroom is not in use for a period, the room will be sanitized during that period with the electrostatic sprayer.
- At the Middle-High School, staff who teach from a room with a sink are encouraged to build in time for students to wash their hands with soap and water during the class period.
- Faculty Rooms/Shared Work Spaces: All staff should maintain social distance while in faculty rooms or shared spaces. A capacity limit sign will be placed on the door of each of these shared spaces. Capacity limits should not be exceeded at any time. Any individual who uses shared equipment such as a copier, microwave, refrigerator, etc. is responsible for sanitizing that piece of equipment after they have used it.
- Additional PPE remains available for students and staff. Now that masks will be required for the entirety of the day, it is recommended that students and staff bring an additional mask to change into mid-way through the day. Additional student and staff masks are available in your black PPE bags. Please distribute these to students as needed. It is each teacher's responsibility to check his or her PPE bag daily to ensure sufficient supply of PPE. If additional PPE is needed, please contact your building's COVID nurse.
- Staff who are unable to maintain social distance with students should wear additional PPE including face shields and gloves. Face shields are reusable and gloves should be discarded after each use. If a student or parent requests a face shield or gloves, please contact your building COVID-19 Resource Nurse to secure sufficient shields for your class.
- Upon entering a shared classroom, staff should sanitize any shared surfaces they might be using (keyboard, mouse, phone, smartboard markers, etc.).
- During PE, students should continue to wear gloves if there will be any shared equipment. Students should continue to maintain 12 feet of social distance while in PE.

- If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19, the District will continue to work with the Department of Health to determine any exposed individuals that might need to quarantine and when those individuals might be able to return to school. Both the District and the Wayne County Public Health Department will be following the guidelines provided by the state on 9/30/2020 in the [Pre-K through Grade 12 COVID-19 Toolkit](#).
- School facilities will continue to be disinfected throughout the day and at the end of each school day. All students will learn virtually on Wednesdays to allow for a more thorough deep clean to occur mid-week.
- Staff will not work in both school buildings on the same day. Staff directly impacted by this change will be notified by their building principal of changes to their schedule.

Facilities

- Polycarbonate barriers must be in place at the front of each classroom. Staff may choose to move throughout the room according to their comfort level. However, staff may not remove or move the polycarbonate barriers.
- Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected regularly. All students will learn virtually on Wednesdays to allow for a more thorough deep clean to occur mid-week.
- Restrooms will continue to be assigned by grade levels. Staff should remind students of the appropriate restroom for their grade level.
- Drinking fountains are closed. Students will be allowed to carry water bottles that can be refilled at the water bottle filling stations in each building.

Child Nutrition

- No changes from original reopening plan

Transportation

- No changes from original reopening plan

Social-Emotional Well-Being

- Students in grades 6-8 are in larger sized cohorts. To provide for age-appropriate movement and social-emotional well-being, students in grades 6-8 will alternate days for in-person instruction. Students will be assigned to in-person days primarily based on their last name. Some modifications might be made to this assignment for members of the same family with different last names or to provide balanced cohort sizes as the discretion of the building principal.
 - Students in Group A will attend school in-person on Monday and Tuesday and will follow their bell schedule virtually on Thursday and Friday.
 - Students in Group B will follow their bell schedule virtually on Monday and Tuesday and will attend school in-person on Thursday and Friday.

School Schedules

- Wednesdays will be days of virtual learning for ALL students in grades UPK-12. On these days, staff will work from the buildings to provide extra help to students. At least two hours should be allocated by each staff member for extra help office hours on these days. Additional time will be used for connecting with parents, collaborative planning with special education providers, engaging in professional development, weekly grade reporting and developing digital instructional materials.
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Budget and Fiscal Matters

- No changes from original reopening plan

Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism

- A district-wide attendance committee will be formed and will meet initially on the October 16 superintendent's conference day. During this time, the district absenteeism protocol will be reviewed and updated to reflect the current challenges for attendance.
- The attendance notification feature in ParentSquare will be activated to provide parents with immediate notifications of student absences once they are entered in SchoolTool.

Technology and Connectivity

- Kajeet hotspots have been activated and remain available to any family without reliable connectivity. Please email techsupport@lyonscsd.org to sign out a Kajeet device.

Teaching and Learning

- Hybrid Instruction: Students will attend school in a combination of in-person days and virtually as follows:

Grade Levels	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
UPK-5	In Person at Elementary	In Person at Elementary	Virtual Learning Activities to Be Completed Through Google Classroom	In Person at Elementary	In Person at Elementary
6-8	Group A: In Person Group B: Virtual Learning*	Group A: In Person Group B: Virtual Learning*	Virtual Learning Activities to Be Completed Through Google Classroom	Group A: Virtual Learning* Group B: In Person	Group A: Virtual Learning* Group B: In Person
9-10	Virtual Learning*	Virtual Learning*	Virtual Learning Activities to Be Completed Through Google Classroom	In Person at MS/HS	In Person at MS/HS
11-12	In Person at MS/HS	In Person at MS/HS	Virtual Learning Activities to Be Completed Through Google Classroom	Virtual Learning*	Virtual Learning*

**Students who's IEP includes self-contained assignments may attend in person learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.*

- Students will remain in their current model of learning (in-person, hybrid or virtual) through the end of the first semester. Students will only be permitted to switch from in-person learning to virtual learning before that time with a doctor's note and Superintendent approval.
 - Any elementary student who switches to virtual learning will remain a part of their current class and will Zoom synchronously into their current class. No additional students will be added to the rosters of the fully virtual elementary teachers.
- Elementary art will continue in the art room. Elementary PE will continue in the gym. Elementary music will continue in the auditorium. Elementary library will not occur for at this time. Elementary second step will occur in the regular classroom.
- During times of fully virtual learning, students in 6th grade will not have PE, CATCH or Keyboarding classes to allow students to focus on core classes.

Career and Technical Education

- No changes from original reopening plan

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- At this time, only low-risk interscholastic sports are permitted per direction from NYS.

Special Education

- No changes from original reopening plan

Bilingual Education and World Languages

- No changes from original reopening plan

Staffing

- No changes from original reopening plan

Teacher and Principal Evaluation System

- No changes from original reopening plan