

# LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RETURN-TO-SCHOOL PLAN AMENDMENT

*IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19*



# LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONS

## Parent Instructional Options

In Phases 1, 2, and 3, all families will have the option to learn exclusively from home via Edgenuity in grades 1-12 and Google Classroom in PK and K. Each student will be assigned a Chromebook to facilitate virtual learning as well as in class instruction. Additionally, all families identified as economically disadvantaged will be afforded the opportunity to access internet connectivity through a mobile wireless device.

### *Parent Selection of Instructional Options*

- Parents will select a virtual or in-person attendance option through a district created survey
- Families who do not complete the district survey are choosing the in-person attendance option
- Students must be committed to the selected option – virtual or in-person learning
- Parent requests to change from in-person to virtual learning or from virtual to in-person before the end of the marking period will be considered in extenuating circumstances with the approval of the school principal

## Student Attendance

To receive credit and attendance for courses during this school year, students are expected to complete assignments provided by the teacher.

### *Phase 1*

- For credit purposes (not for truancy), teachers will maintain attendance records to determine satisfactory completion of course requirements
- Students are required to log-in to Google Classroom or Edgenuity to complete daily course assignments.

### *Phase 2*

#### **Virtual Attendance:**

- For credit purposes (not for truancy), teachers will maintain attendance records to determine satisfactory completion of course requirements
- Students are required to log-in to Google Classroom or Edgenuity to complete daily course assignments

### **Phase 3**

- Attendance regulations are the same as outlined in Phase 2

## **EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT SAFETY**

### **Student Protocols and Screening Overview**

- Parents are encouraged to complete a student health screening at home before sending students to school (see below for symptoms).
- All students will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at school. **Students with one or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to return home.**
- For our younger students, classroom groups will remain fixed, understanding individual students may come into close contact with one another during the school day.
- To practice social distancing, we will, to the maximum extent possible, maintain a physical distance of six feet.
- Students in grades 3 and above will be required to wear a mask, as able and to the maximum extent possible.
- Students may consume meals in areas other than the school cafeteria to maintain social distancing.
- Buses will be required to have the windows open while students are on board weather permitting.
- Schools will be amending all procedures in order to comply with recommended safety guidelines.

**When completing a student self-screening, parents should look for the following symptoms. If students present with any of these symptoms, the student should remain at home. If the student presents one or more of the following symptoms at school, school personnel will follow established protocols and contact parents.**

1. Symptoms that may require a student to stay home and/or leave school:

a. Any **one** of the symptoms below:

- Coughing (dry, persistent cough that does not produce phlegm; often leaves person short of breath)**
- Shortness of breath**
- Difficulty breathing**
- New loss of taste or smell**

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- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

- iii. New confusion or inability to arouse
- iv. Bluish lips or face
- b. And / or have **two or more** of the following symptoms:
  - i. Fever of 100.4 or higher (99.4 forehead or temporal)
  - ii. Active vomiting (nausea) or diarrhea
  - iii. Chills or Rigors
  - iv. Muscle pain or body aches
  - v. Headache
  - vi. Sore throat
  - vii. Congestion or runny nose
  - viii. Fatigue
- 2. All students with the above symptoms will be isolated and provided with the proper adult supervision until the student is able to return home.
- 3. It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to promptly pick up the student from school.
- 4. In the case of a student who tests positive for COVID-19, parents are strongly encouraged to notify the school principal of the student's health status.

## Employee Screening and Protocols

The following guidelines are **mandatory** for LPSD employees.

- 1. All employees must follow established return-to-work guidelines. Symptoms that require an absence, or exclusion, from work include: **(If any of the following symptoms exists you should remain home using a sick day.)**
- 2. Symptoms that may require a student to stay home and/or leave school:
  - a. Any **one** of the symptoms below:
    - i. Coughing (dry, persistent cough that does not produce phlegm; often leaves person short of breath)
    - ii. Shortness of breath
    - iii. Difficulty breathing
    - iv. New loss of taste or smell
  - a. Emergency warning signs get medical attention immediately
    - v. Trouble breathing
    - vi. Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
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- b. And / or have **two or more** of the following symptoms:
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## Employee Health Protocol

- If an employee becomes ill at work, or if another person is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at work, he or she may be asked to go home or to the nearest health center.
- Employees returning to work from an approved medical leave should contact HR. Before returning to work, employees may be asked to submit a healthcare provider's note.
- If an employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she may return to work when **all 3** criteria have been met
  - 1. A minimum of 10 days has passed since first presenting symptoms **AND**
  - 2. At least 24 hours without symptoms (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) **AND**
  - 3. Improved respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
- If an employee has symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 and is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, an employee should assume that he or she has COVID19 and should not return to work until the three criteria listed above have been met

## Employee or Student Exposure

**Student exposure protocols may include the following:**

1. Self-quarantine may be required
2. Parents should monitor students for symptoms and consider contacting a healthcare provider.
3. In the case of a student who tests positive for COVID-19, parents are **strongly** encouraged to notify the school principal.

## Social Distancing

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. LPSD employees, students, parents, and visitors should practice maintaining a 6 feet distance and eliminating physical contact with others.

- Traffic Flow – Taped lines on the floor will mark the walking direction throughout the office and hallways in order to maintain the social distancing requirement of 6 feet, **to the extent possible**
- Ad-hoc Interactions or Gatherings – Non-essential or informal meetups and visiting should be avoided

## COMMUNICATION

Parents and employees are strongly encouraged to access the most up-to-date information about the re-opening of school and school operations through

1. Teacher, student, or parent email
2. Our district website
3. Our social media platforms – Facebook and Twitter
4. Google Classroom or Edgenuity for grades PK-12