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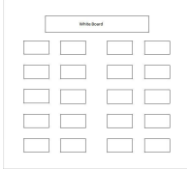
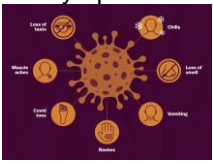
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2021-2022 COVID-19 General Procedures



The following information regarding COVID-19 is based on guidance from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Local Health Department in Licking County (LCHD), Columbus Public Health (CPH) and the Franklin County Health Department (FCHD). This information is subject to change should there be a shift in COVID-19 positive cases and spread within the Licking Heights community. .



<p>Bus Masks</p> 	<p>Passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order.</p>
<p>Masks</p> 	<p>While on the school campus, Licking Heights Schools strongly recommends the use of masks for all individuals (students/staff) during the 2021-2022 school year, but is not mandating masks at this time. However, unmasked individuals will adhere to stronger protocols regarding quarantine if they are found to be a close contact, per the local health department guidelines. Signage for proper mask placement will be posted throughout each school for guidance. Please see information below for further details.</p>
<p>Hand Washing</p> 	<p>It is imperative that all individuals maintain good personal hygiene by washing hands consistently throughout the day to prevent the spread of germs. This will be an emphasis for all students and staff throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Sanitizer will be readily available for student use. Signage for proper hand washing will be posted throughout each school for guidance.</p>
<p>Cleaning</p> 	<p>Licking Heights will maintain strong standards for cleaning high-touch surfaces such as door knobs, pencil sharpeners and other universal spaces within the school environment. Lunch room tables will be thoroughly cleaned between uses. Bus seats will be cleaned daily. Staff will be supplied with Lysol wipes and encouraged to use them on high touch surfaces throughout the day.</p>
<p>Seating Charts</p> 	<p>Seating charts will be maintained for each class, in the lunchroom and on busses for contact tracing purposes. If contact tracing is required, existing cameras from the playgrounds, hallways, and transition spaces will be used to help identify impacted individuals. This is still a requirement based on ODH and LCHD guidelines. The district will maintain a 3 ½ foot distance between seats, when possible.</p>
<p>Symptoms</p> 	<p>Any student or staff who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 must be sent home until symptom free without medication for 24 hours or cleared by a physician. See below for quarantine guidelines recommended by ODH.</p>



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<p>Reporting Cases</p> 	<p>If an individual in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify the health aide for your particular building (see list of health aides and contact information below and the district nurse). In order to maintain a healthy environment within the schools, please do not, under any circumstances, send a student to school who has tested positive, been in close contact (6 feet or less) or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.</p>
<p>Health Clinics</p> 	<p>High Standards for cleaning all clinics will be maintained between student/staff use. Students in attendance, displaying multiple COVID-19 symptoms will be placed in isolation to maintain safety for all students. The clinics will utilize air purifiers to ensure quality air ventilation.</p>

Quarantine Guidelines

Per the CDC, these quarantine guidelines are recommended for either vaccinated or non-vaccinated individuals. Close contacts are considered individuals that are within 6 feet of a positive individual for more than 15 minutes within 24 hours. The LCHD in collaboration with the OHD allows a 3 foot standard for quarantines within the school setting for all masked or vaccinated individuals not experiencing symptoms. LCHD, Franklin County Health Department, and Columbus Public Health requires that any individual that tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate, regardless of vaccination status.

**** These guidelines are subject to change based on the LCHD and the ODH.**

Exposure period begins two days (48 hours) prior to when the individual started to experience COVID-19 symptoms

Layered prevention measures include masking, physical distancing, and prevention policies.

ODH, in collaboration with the LCHD, Franklin County Health Department, and Columbus Public Health have recommended that individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 in a classroom setting do not have to quarantine if all three of the layered prevention measures are in place within school buildings:

- All students and staff wear masks
- Physical distance maintained of 3'
- Schools have documented COVID-19 prevention policies.

Any person that tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a full 10 days from the date of their symptoms starting, regardless of vaccination status.

Fully Vaccinated

Individuals who are fully vaccinated that are considered to be a close contact of a person that has or may have COVID-19 **may remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities as long as they are not showing symptoms**. In the event COVID symptoms occur, the individual should isolate and obtain a test.

If found to be a close contact, it is strongly recommended this individual wear a mask indoors when possible for a full 14 days or until they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed by a medical professional. This test may be performed at least 3-5 days after exposure. Please provide this documentation to your child's school.

If the test result is positive, isolate for 10 days from the date of symptoms starting.

To be considered fully vaccinated:

- Full 2 dose series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the past 2 weeks
- 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson or AstraZeneca vaccine within the past 2 weeks



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Unvaccinated with Mask

Individuals who are unvaccinated that are considered to be a close contact of a person that has or may have COVID-19 and is **wearing a mask appropriately (covering mouth and nose)** may remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities as long as they are not showing symptoms and follow layered prevention measures.

If found to be a close contact, it is strongly recommended this individual wear a mask indoors when possible for a full 14 days or until they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed by a medical professional. This test may be performed at least 5 days after exposure. Please provide this documentation to your child's school.

For either staff or students, if exposed outside school settings, please refrain from coming onto school grounds if you have tested positive for COVID, experiencing symptoms of COVID, or have been exposed to COVID in or outside of the home.

Unvaccinated without Mask

Individuals who are unvaccinated that **do not consistently wear a mask appropriately (covering mouth and nose)** that are considered to be a close contact of a person that has or may have COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days after their last exposure to the individual that has COVID-19.

This individual should not remain in school or participate in extracurricular activities, including sports.

Monitor for symptoms- if symptomatic, isolate until resolved without the use of medication.

If the individual took a test on day 5 of quarantine and the test result is positive, isolate for a full 10 days from the date of symptoms starting.

Individuals may return to normal in person classroom and extracurricular activities after 7 days if they have received a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least 5 days after exposure.

School Health Aide and District Nurse Contact Information

<u>Building</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
District Nurse	Jillian Shoaf	jillian.shoaf@lhschools.org
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