



To Our Lake Families,

In preparing for the reopening of school, we have given high priority to student and staff safety. We will follow all Health Department guidelines relative to the reopening of school and student safety. In order for this to be successful we need cooperation from all parents/guardians, students, and staff with following the health and safety procedures listed below.

Symptoms

- Complete a daily screening for illness of your child(ren) prior to sending to school
- Families must screen their children which includes a daily temperature check. Please keep them home if they have any of the following symptoms:



Daily Home Screening Checklist

Section 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, it may indicate a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading an illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms daily.

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea
- New onset of severe headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose
- Congestion

Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to a hot spot in the United States according to the travel advisory at [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or an international hot spot according to travel guidance on [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) (subject to change daily or weekly)

IMPORTANT*:

If a student answers YES to any of the questions in Section 1 and YES to any of the questions in Section 2, the student should be referred for evaluation to their health care provider and be called off from school.

- Students and staff who report feeling ill or showing symptoms of illness while at school will report to the clinic and the clinic staff will screen for COVID-19 symptoms. There will be an isolation room for symptomatic students/staff waiting to go home. The clinic will be for all other health services.
- Please pick up your ill student ASAP
- Guidance on when students can return to school can be found on the district website (lakelocal.org)

Face Mask

- Face masks must be worn by all
- All parents will be expected to provide masks for their child
- Please pack a backup mask
- The district will provide masks in the case of an emergency
- Mask breaks will be provided
- Provide a clean ziplock bag or brown lunch bag labeled with student's name for safe storage of masks
- We encourage parents/guardians to build mask endurance with their children so they are able to develop stamina as they wear a mask for extended periods of time while in school
- A school staff member will notify you of your child's mask exemption based on the criteria cited in the Governor's order. If you believe your child qualifies for an exemption AND a staff member has not contacted you, please contact the building.

Criteria for Exempting a Student from Wearing a Mask

A student meeting at least one of the considerations listed below may be exempt from wearing a mask in school buildings and on school buses.

1. Any child unable to remove the face covering without assistance
2. Any child with a significant behavior issue undergoing treatment that is exacerbated specifically by the use of facial coverings
3. Any child with a significant psychological issue undergoing treatment that is exacerbated specifically by the use of facial coverings
4. Any child with severe autism or with extreme developmental delay who may become agitated or anxious wearing a facial covering
5. Any child with a facial deformity that causes airway obstruction

Social Distancing

- Maintain social distancing 6 feet apart whenever possible

Hand Washing

- Hand washing will be required throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer access and dispensers will be placed throughout the buildings

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- All school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected as directed by the Health Department

Additional Health and Safety Measures

- All water fountains will be shut off. Students will be allowed to carry water bottles
- Access to our buildings will be restricted to limit the number of people. All visitors are required to check in at the main office
- Update your information on Final Forms which should include your contact and emergency contacts information
- If there are any positive cases of COVID-19, the Stark County Health Department will conduct investigations and do contact tracing. We will follow the direction of the health department regarding our next steps.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters, and as always, thank you for your continued support of the Lake Local School District!

Be well,

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