

# LCE

## COVID-19 Safety Measures

### 2020-2021

The following is a list of Safety Measures that LCE is implementing for the school year to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus...

#### **New LCE School Procedures and Policies**

- ★ **Staggered Start:** We will have a staggered start to the beginning of the school year to assist us with getting all of our new procedures in place.
  - Thursday 8/20- K, 2, 4
  - Friday 8/21- 1, 3, 5
- ★ **Face Coverings:** Masks are mandatory for all students and staff. If your child cannot wear a mask, please provide us with a note from a medical professional. Parents are responsible for providing their own masks for their child.
  - Face coverings will need to be worn when social distancing is not possible. For example, this includes on the bus, in the hallways, in the office, in the health clinic, in the lunch line, one-on-one or in small groups, and the majority of the time in classrooms.
  - To find the right face covering for your child, we encourage you to start exploring options now. Try to stay upbeat and positive with your kids! This is a chance to be creative and focus on comfort. This will be their personal item, so they should be involved in figuring out the best option for themselves. Please think of this as just another piece of clothing that students need to put on in the morning. It will be a big adjustment for everyone and our staff will have much patience as we get used to face coverings.
- ★ **“Mask Breaks”:** Teachers are permitted to give students a short “Mask Break” of no more than 5 minutes at a time provided that all students are sitting and socially distanced. Teachers may opt to do an every other row mask break when possible. It is understood that younger students will need more frequent “mask breaks” than older students.
- ★ **Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up:** Parent drop-off (morning) and pick-up (afternoon) will both be on the Backside of the school in the circle. Drop-off is between

8:30AM - 8:55AM. We will be installing a brand-new pick-up procedure for the afternoon, however, it will not fully be in place during the first two weeks. Parents will no longer need to come in the school and sign out students.

- ★ **Buses:** The buses will be dropping-off and picking-up in the front of the school.
  - Masks must be worn unless you have an exemption.
  - Students will sit in assigned seats and be socially distanced.
  - Bus Passes will not be allowed except in emergencies.
- ★ **Temperature Checks:**
  - ***First Check:*** Parents check at home in the morning before students go to school. If your child has a fever over 100 degrees, they are to stay home and seek medical assistance.
  - ***Second Check:*** All student's temperatures will also be taken each morning in their homeroom.
- ★ **New Sick Health Clinic & Well Health Clinic:** We have converted our conference room into a new Health Clinic this year for students who are experiencing potentially contagious illnesses. We have outfitted it with three comfortable clinic beds with expandable walls in between for privacy and separation. We will also have a "Well Clinic" open for students to receive medications and attention for physical injuries. Temperatures will be taken in HR upon arrival.
- ★ **Enhanced Cleaning:** We have added custodial support during the school day to assist our teachers with enhanced cleaning procedures in the classrooms. Every teacher will be assigned a time to clean their classroom with sanitizing spray. Students will not be in charge of sanitation measures.
- ★ **Hand Sanitizer:** Every classroom will have hand sanitizing stations.
- ★ **Breakfast:** After being dropped off by a bus or car, all students will go straight to their homeroom this school year where they will have the option of eating a School Breakfast in their homeroom. We will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria this school year. Breakfast costs \$1.60. If you do not wish for your child to ever have breakfast, that request needs to be put in writing to your child's homeroom teacher.
- ★ **Halls:** Our hallways will have tape down the middle and students will be instructed to walk to the right of the tape at all times.
- ★ **Stairways:** To help us better socially distance, our 3 stairways will be one-way.
  - Center Stairwell= Go DOWN
  - End Stairways= Go UP
- ★ **School Supplies:** Students will not be sharing supplies with other students this year. Instead, we have purchased a supply bag for every student in the school to

carry their supplies from place to place (including to specials). Community Supplies in the classroom will be eliminated.

- ★ **New Specials Rotation:** Our 4 specials, Art, Music, PE, and Library will be scheduled by quarter (rather than rotating every 4th day). Students will have the same special every day throughout the quarter. This will allow our specials rooms to have less exposure. Rather than seeing 100% of the students each quarter, our specials' rooms will only have 25% of the students.
- ★ **Teachers Traveling More:** When possible, teachers will move classrooms rather than students. This will not always be possible (especially in the older grades), but teachers will switch rooms when possible allowing students to have less exposure because of traveling from room to room.
- ★ **More Outside Teaching:** Our teachers will hold class outside as frequently as possible.
- ★ **Books:** All books in our school library and in our classroom libraries will be quarantined for 48 hours after being handled by any persons.
- ★ **Lunch:** Face Coverings must be worn in the Serving Lines, but should be *removed* once they are seated at their tables. In an effort to socially distance students at lunch, we will be spreading out students into 4 different locations. Students in grades K-3 will still be eating in our cafeteria, but students in grades 4 & 5 will be eating in alternate locations. All occupancy at lunch tables will be reduced by 50%. Tables and chairs will be sanitized between each lunch period. All students will have assigned seats during lunch for the purpose of contact tracing (if necessary).
- ★ **Serving Line:** Our Cafeteria Staff will be putting everything on the lunch tray for students. All sandwiches will be individually wrapped, all fruit will be covered, etc.
- ★ **Recess:** Face coverings do not need to be worn at recess provided the students are socially distancing. Only one grade level at a time will be allowed on the playground. Playground equipment/climbers will be sanitized several times per day. Our PTO has purchased a set of recess balls for each grade so they do not have to share with other grade levels.
- ★ **Water Bottles:** Students should bring a water bottle, to avoid having to use the water fountains. Many of our water fountains have a refilling station for water bottles.
- ★ **No Visitors:** Visitors are not permitted into the school unless for emergency purposes. The office will be open from 8AM-4PM on school days for the purpose of quickly dropping off paperwork, medication, etc. However, parents will not be permitted to enter the school past the office. All parent meetings with our staff

must be conducted over the phone or virtually. Parents will not be permitted to eat lunch with their child this school year.

- ★ **Main Office:** We have removed the seating in our main office and have installed plexiglass partitions. Please call (513) 752-1432 or email us at [wyatt\\_v@nrschools.org](mailto:wyatt_v@nrschools.org) should you need to come to our office for any reason.
- ★ **Cancelled Events:** All school assemblies, activities, and evening events that necessitate large groups gathering indoors have been cancelled for the school year. Further, our tutoring activities such as Book Buddies and Read Dogs have been cancelled.
- ★ **Chromebooks:** In the event that the District has to quickly resort to Distance Learning our students will be bringing their Chromebooks home every night. It will be the responsibility of the student to be sure that their device has a full charge when they return in the morning for school.
- ★ **Lanyards:** Our PTO has graciously purchased lanyards for each student so they may store their mask when they are not wearing it.
- ★ **Restrooms:** Only one student at a time will be permitted to be in the restroom.
- ★ **Field Trips:** All field trips for the 2020-2021 school year have been cancelled.

### **Masks in Ohio Schools**

Per the recommendations of the Ohio Children's Hospital Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics Ohio Chapter, Governor DeWine has issued a health order requiring K-12 children wear face coverings while at school. Widespread use of masks in schools has been mandated with the following exceptions:

1. Children under the age of 2 years old
2. Any child unable to remove the face covering without assistance
3. A child with a significant behavioral/psychological issue undergoing treatment that is exacerbated specifically by the use of a facial covering (e.g. severe anxiety or a tactile aversion)
4. A child living with severe autism or with extreme developmental delay who may become agitated or anxious wearing a mask
5. A child with a facial deformity that causes airway obstruction

"Without a vaccine, we are limited in the ways that we can protect the people of Ohio," said Governor DeWine. "For schools to have a fighting chance to stay open this fall, widespread face coverings for K-12 students will increase the odds that kids will go to school and stay in school."

### **NREVSD Responsible Restart Plan – Masks**

Staff and Students Will Be Required to Wear Face Coverings (shields/masks)

- All staff members and students will be asked to wear a face covering while in the school building to prevent the spread of the virus. If face coverings are unsafe or will significantly

interfere with the learning process, face coverings may not be required for individual students or at designated points of instruction.

- Face coverings are to be provided by each individual/family.
- If a staff member meets an allowable exception and is excused from this requirement, the district is required to provide the local health officials with written justification upon request.
- Face coverings will need to be worn when social distancing is not possible. For example, this would include on the bus, in the hallways, in the office or clinic, in the lunch line, and during one-on-one or small group work in the classroom.
- In instances when students and/or staff may safely distance, teachers can allow face coverings to be removed throughout the day.
- It is understood that younger students will need more frequent “mask breaks” than older students.

### **Why Wear a Mask**

From the CDC, COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are “pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Masks, along with frequent handwashing, social distancing, and cleaning/disinfecting frequently touch surfaces, are shown to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

### **How to Wear a Mask:**

#### **Wear your Mask Correctly**

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily

#### **Wear a Mask to Protect Others**

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Wear a mask in public when around people who don't live with you, especially when it is difficult to stay six feet apart
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection
- Don't touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to

disinfect

### **How to Clean a Mask**

Reusable Masks should be washed after each use. It is important to always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

### **Washing machine**

You can include your mask with your regular laundry. Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

### **Washing by hand**

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) household bleach per gallon of room temperature water or
- 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water

Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.

\*\*\*Make sure to completely dry the mask after washing.

## **Clinic Rules**

If a student's temperature is over 100 degrees or a student feels ill they should be sent to the "Sick Clinic". After students are sent to the clinic, only the Health Aide or Nurse may call home. Teachers and other staff are not to call home.

While at the clinic...

1. Staff Retake temperature, and
2. Staff assesses COVID symptom screeners
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea

3. Health Aide or Nurse will call the parent to transport. If parent is unable to arrange transportation and child's symptoms worsen, the district will call 911 – Emergency Services. Clinic staff shall enter symptoms of COVID to the Health Log Reason Codes in DASL for contact tracing and electronic monitoring. Care type codes and disposition codes are to be included documenting your direction to parents.

4. Parent is directed to see family doctor (who may order COVID test). If the doctor determines the illness is not COVID related, but a common illness, the student may return to school with doctor permission and after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

If the parent does not pursue medical evaluation, the student must adhere to the conditions in #5 below prior to being permitted to return to school.

5. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a healthcare provider, the student may return to school when all of the following are met:

- Fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications,
- Additional COVID 19 symptoms are improving,
- At least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms,
- Healthcare professional has provided a written release to return to school.

*Note about Symptom Screening: Schools should understand what “Symptoms Screening” does and does not do. When implemented, the purpose of symptom screening is to identify individuals who may have COVID-19 and exclude those individuals from a setting to reduce the risk of transmission to others. Symptom Screening **does not** assess whether it is safe for an individual student to attend school or whether a student has an increased risk for severe illness if they develop COVID-19. Symptom Screenings also do not provide enough information to diagnose someone with COVID-19. Symptom screening excludes individuals from the population for further evaluation in an effort to protect everyone involved.*