

Return to In-Person Learning

West Lafayette Community School Corporation

2021-22



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- The West Lafayette Community School Corporation will rely on guidance provided by the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD), the Indiana State Department of Health and the Governor's office, and School Corporation Physicians.
- The WLCSC School Board has the sole authority to make adjustments to the in-person instruction plan. However, Executive Orders from the Governor or Emergency Orders from TCHD may require measures that alter plan designs previously approved by the School Board.

Note:

This plan is designed to meet criteria for the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan, as required by the US Department of Education as a part of ESSER III funding.

In-Person Instruction

The WLCSC Board of Trustees recognizes that in-person instruction offers the highest-quality educational experience to students and maximizes the skill and professional abilities of educators and staff.

In consultation with administration, faculty representatives, school nurses and school physicians, the West Lafayette Community School Corporation will open the 2021-22 school year using an **in-person model**.

The **in-person model** will have students attending a full day of school at their assigned building. The school year will begin on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Accommodation of Medical Needs

- Students with a verified medical need documented by a physician may be eligible for an alternative educational arrangement. Situations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Students who are ill, quarantined due to COVID, or absent from school for other reasons will be provided with their school homework via the ordinary channels facilitated by teachers.

Masks and Vaccines

- Following Centers for Disease Control and Tippecanoe Health Department guidance, WLCSC will observe the following:
- Face masks are **required** for all when indoors and not eating, regardless of vaccination status.
- Face masks are **required** for all on school transportation, including CityBus, until further notice, per the federal Department of Transportation.
- Face mask material and manner of wearing should adhere to CDC guidelines.

Contact tracing and quarantine

- Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter a school building.
- WLCSC will follow IDOH guidelines on the definition of close contacts.
- **Vaccinated** individuals identified as close contacts of a COVID-positive individual:
 - **Must be tested 3 – 5 days after exposure**
 - **Must wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test**
- **Unvaccinated** individuals identified as close contacts according to CDC time frames.

Prevention and Mitigation

- Prevention and mitigation measures such as regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and increased ventilation and air filtration shall continue in the 2021-22 school year
- Students and staff are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene throughout the school day.
- Other prevention and mitigation strategies specific to certain curricular and extracurricular activities may be instituted as circumstances warrant.