

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.

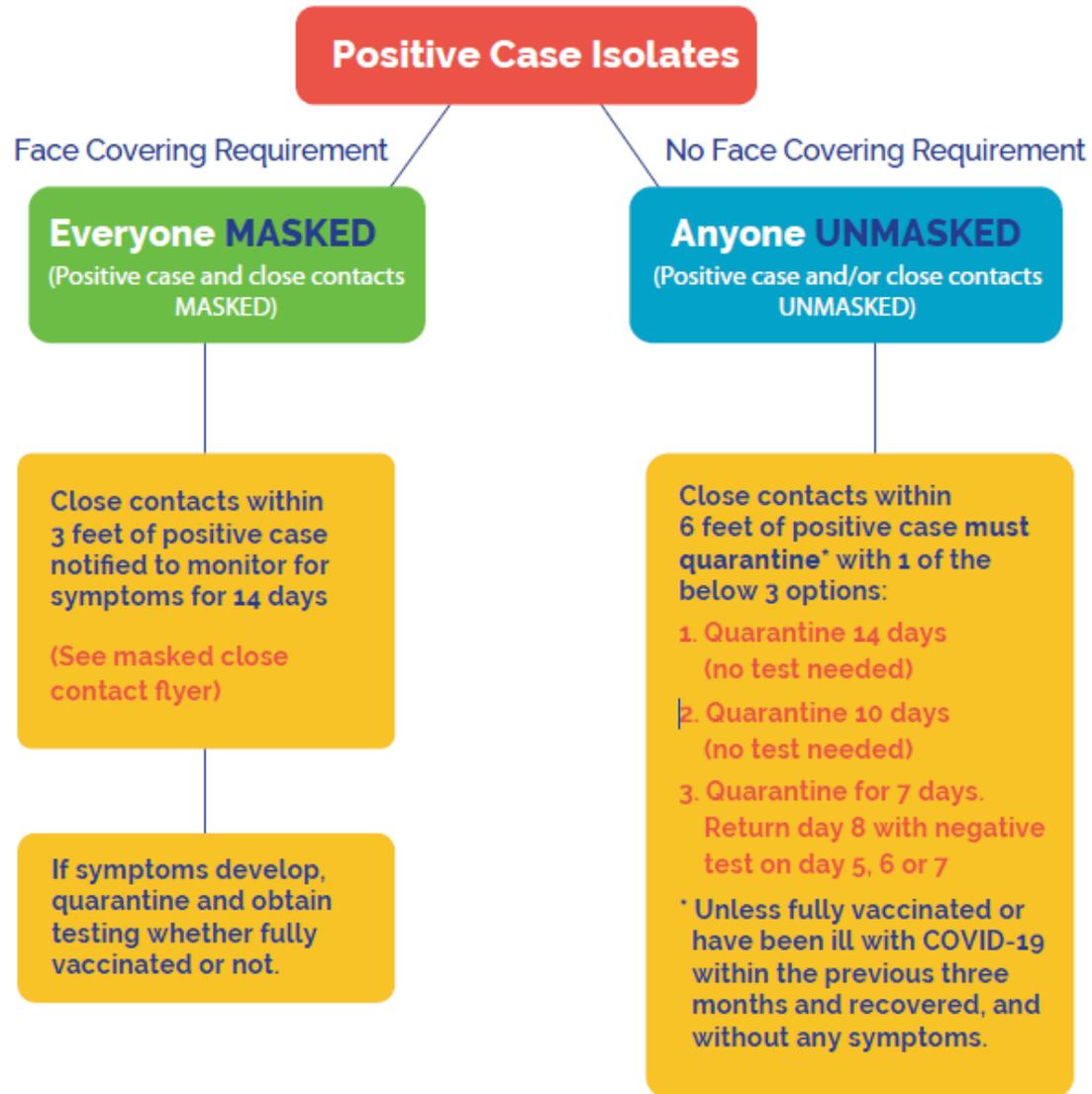
Masks and Vaccines

- 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.
- **When a COVID-positive person and all close contacts have been properly masked in the classroom setting, close contacts will not need to quarantine, but must continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days as described in the IDOH guidance (see attached).**
- **If symptoms develop, close contacts will quarantine and obtain testing.**
- **Upon identification of a positive case, the nursing staff at each building shall have the discretion to determine that masks have been worn properly by involved parties to determine any need for quarantine and testing.**
- **Any close contacts observing a quarantine initiated prior to this revised guidance shall observe the requirements then in effect.**

COVID-19 School Quarantine Guidance



Indiana Department of Health Guidance—September 1, 2021

Wear a mask. Stay in school.



Indiana Department of Health Guidance—September 1, 2021

COVID-19 School Scenarios

MASK REQUIREMENT

When a masked person tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks

COVID +



ISOLATE

Close Contacts



NO QUARANTINE
SELF-MONITOR

NO MASK REQUIREMENT

When positive person and/or close contacts are not wearing masks

COVID +



ISOLATE

Close Contacts



QUARANTINE
(UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED
AND ASYMPTOMATIC)

DEFINITIONS

CLOSE CONTACT:

When both people are masked, in school setting close contact is when an individual is within 3 feet of a positive person for greater than 15 minutes.

When either person is unmasked, a close contact is when an individual has been within 6 feet of an infected person for greater than 15 minutes.

SELF-MONITOR:

Perform a self-check or be monitored twice daily for a fever of 100.4 F or above. If symptoms develop, even if you're fully vaccinated, quarantine and obtain testing. *Coordinate with your healthcare provider and local public health department.*

QUARANTINE:

May be required when an individual has had a close contact. These individuals shall remove themselves from situations where others could be exposed/infected, and self-monitor for symptom development.

ISOLATION:

Required when individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or develops a fever of 100.4 F or above and/or one or more of the following symptoms: a sudden onset of a cough, sudden onset of shortness of breath, or sudden loss of taste or smell. Individuals should remove themselves or be removed from situations where others could be exposed/infected.

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.