



## Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD will return to In-Person Instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. This guidance is to inform parents, students, and staff of the changes to LCM's Mitigation practices for Fall 2021. We recognize that as guidance changes from our current governing bodies, this plan may need to be amended. The LCM CISD Superintendent will have the discretion to make changes as needed to ensure alignment with federal, state, and local guidelines.

All students will be provided in-person learning. There will be no virtual learning option for the 2021-2022 school year.

### COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

Effective Fall 2021, the following protocols will replace all previous protocols.

#### Screening Protocols

- All LCMCISD employees should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.
- Parents/guardians should screen their student for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.
- Screening should include consideration about whether the individual has recently begun experiencing symptoms in a way that is not normal for them:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Campuses will do their best to accommodate parent requests to ensure their student remains socially distanced, when possible, but social distancing will not be feasible in all situations.

### **Isolation Protocols**

- When a student displays symptoms of COVID-19 at school, the nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if the student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the parent/guardian.
- If an individual is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the district will notify the local health department and the Department of State Health Services, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentially requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Employees and parents of students should report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to the Campus Nurse or their supervisor. This information will be tracked on the LCM CISD COVID-19 Dashboard located on the LCMCISD website.

### **Quarantine Protocols**

- Individuals who have been in close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 should monitor for symptoms.
- Individuals will not be required to quarantine following close contact.
- Individuals should follow the guidance from their Health Care Professional's recommendations regarding quarantining.
- Absences due to COVID-19 or close contact will be handled as any other absence due to illness.

## Return to Work/School Protocols

- In the event an LCM CISD teacher, staff, student, or other campus visitor is lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19, they must stay at home throughout the infection period and can not return to campus until cleared for re-entry.
- Individuals who are lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive will not be allowed to return to work/school until they meet criteria as established by the CDC and are released by their physician, Orange County Health Department, or Kelly Meadows.

### **Confirmed COVID-19 with Symptoms:**

- At least 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
- Symptoms have improved; and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

### **Confirmed COVID-19 without Symptoms:**

- 10 days have passed since positive test

### **Unconfirmed COVID-19 with Symptoms:**

- An individual who has symptoms of COVID-19 who has not been evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19 will be assumed to have COVID-19.
  - The student or staff member may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the three-step process for Confirmed COVID-19 above.
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- If the staff member or student has symptoms but wants to return to school before completing the stay-at-home period, the individual must do the following:
    - Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis; or
    - Obtain an accurate infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.
  - If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19, believes the test was a false positive, and wants to return to school before completing the stay-at-home period, the individual must either:
    - Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return to school based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons, the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is; or

- Obtain two PCR acute infection tests (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) at least 24 hours apart that come back negative for COVID-19.

## **Face Coverings**

- In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-36, LCM CISD does not require the use of face coverings.
- Face coverings are optional for student and staff who wish to wear them.
- Face coverings should not promote or advertise alcohol, tobacco, vulgar images, or political statements.

## **Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing**

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entries to the campuses, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant to sanitize high-touch surfaces and shared objects.
- Desk shields will be at the teacher/student discretion.
- Limited water fountains will be available, and students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

## **Campus Cleaning**

- Environmental Technicians are trained in proper cleaning and sanitation techniques of high-touch surfaces and areas.
- All areas of the district are cleaned daily using proper sanitation techniques.
- Following a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case, the campus/department will contact LCM Maintenance, and the room/location will be evaluated for additional cleaning protocols.

## **Child Nutrition**

- Child Nutrition Employees are required to wear gloves during food prep and service.
- Cashiers may also be behind a plexiglass barrier.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for student use.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned between lunch periods.

## **Transportation**

- LCM CISD is committed to safely transporting students who are eligible to and from school.
- Registration is required for transportation to and from school to assist in better route planning.
- Transportation vehicles will be deep-cleaned with the use of disinfectant between morning and afternoon routes.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to students.
- Roof hatches and windows will be opened while transporting students as weather permits.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

- Practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from UIL and TEA.
- Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard visiting rules.

## **COVID-19 Additional Resources**

Many local pharmacies, doctor's offices and other locations are offering the COVID-19 vaccine. The Food and Drug Administration has expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to include all individuals age 12 and older. Currently, the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are only available to individuals age 18 and older. You can register for a vaccine and be matched with the next available appointment at a nearby vaccination site through the Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler.