

**LOCUST GROVE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**Frequently Asked
Questions
Return to Learn
2020-2021**

Will temperatures be taken upon entering a Locust Grove Public Schools building or facility?

- All sites and buses will have touchless thermometers for temperature screenings. Temperatures will be taken upon entrance. Sites will have staff monitor entrance points and temperatures. Students and staff will not be allowed to enter the site if running a temperature of 100 degrees F or higher.
- All visitors and guests will be screened for temperatures and required to wear a face covering/mask upon entry.
- Regular screening will take place during the school day if a student or staff member is suspected of running a temperature.

Will all Locust Grove Public Schools students be required to wear a face mask?

- Face coverings/masks will be required by all staff and students upon entry to each site. Each site will have “mask free zones” and “mask required zones” to be determined by site administration. Areas where students can social distance and spread out will be “mask free zones”. Most classes will be accommodated for proper distancing and be “mask free zones”. Potential “mask required zones” could be places like hallways, libraries, and buses.
- Masks and face coverings **are required while riding the school bus**. Proper social distancing cannot occur on a school bus.
- Students and staff will need to have a mask with them upon arrival and have it readily available throughout the school day. Students will not be sent home for not having a mask. Disposable masks will be available at each site, however, this is a responsibility that students need to become accustomed too. Principals will work with parents and students to ensure this procedure is followed.
- One mask will be provided by LGPS and an additional one will need to be purchased by the student.
- Locust Grove Public Schools will monitor the changing conditions of COVID-19, and **our policy may change under the advisement of health officials and the State Department of Education**.

Will students on school buses be required to wear a mask and social distance?

- All students who ride school buses will be required to wear a mask because of the inability to properly distance.

What will physical distancing look like in the classroom?

- We will physically distance in the classroom as space allows. In accordance with the Department of Health directives, efforts will be made to limit close contact between students.
- We will limit contact through the following actions:
 - Arrange classrooms and other areas to maximize spacing between students and teachers to the extent possible.
 - Amend schedules to conform with social distancing guidelines (e.g. stagger lunches, minimize transitions).

Will elementary school students remain in their homeroom all day?

- Students will not remain in the classroom all day. P.E. and recess will take place outside or in the gym when possible. Classes like music, P.E., and trips to the library will continue, though the schedule and class location could change.

Will my child be allowed to play on playground equipment at recess?

- Yes. Each site will determine and set guidelines for the number of students participating in recess.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized daily.

If my child commits to virtual learning this semester, can he/she still return to the traditional school for the spring semester

- Yes

Will I be allowed to have lunch at school with my child?

- No, unfortunately. Parent and guardian visits to school will be limited to essential activity. We must minimize risk for all students.

Can I walk my child to their classroom?

- No, unfortunately. Parent and guardian visits to school will be limited to essential activity. All parents are required to check-in at the site office and encouraged to make an appointment if possible.
- Visitors at each site will be prohibited unless special permission is granted by the site administration.
- If permission is granted, visitors will be screened for temperatures and required to wear a face covering should an exception be made.

Will there be bottle filling stations for the refilling of water bottles during the day?

- All schools will have a bottle filling station. You will need to send water bottles filled for the day. Trips to the bottle filling station will be limited.

What steps will be taken if there is a student and/or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19?

- Since each case is unique, Locust Grove Public Schools will work with public health officials to determine the appropriate next steps. This may require a specific school site and/or district to temporarily shift to distance learning. Locust Grove Public Schools will communicate through the Locust Grove Public Schools app and through district email as to any and all changes that will be needed for a specific school site and/or district.

What will determine a temporary school closure?

- Locust Grove Public Schools works in partnership with public health officials and agencies. The guidance and recommendations given by those agencies will determine the steps that should be taken by our school district.

When will distance learning be used?

- Distance learning will be used by Locust Grove Public Schools when:

- Students who are quarantined, have CLOSE exposure to a person testing positive to COVID-19, and/or are ill themselves.
- A school site and/or the district is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak or other unforeseen circumstances.

Will attendance be taken during distance learning?

- Yes. During distance learning, attendance will be measured through student logins, communication with district educators, participation and completion of activities, assignments, and assessments.

Will grades and assignments be taken during distance learning?

- Yes. During distance learning, students are expected to complete activities, assignments, and assessments.
- All assignments will be given through the site LMS (Learning Management System).
 - Elementary - Seesaw
 - Middle and High school - Google Classroom

How will parents receive information about updates, transitions to distance learning, changes in schedules, etc.

- All information will be sent via Locust Grove School app, the district website - www.lg.k12.ok.us and site Facebook pages.

Will child nutrition services be available if the school is closed due to COVID-19?

- Yes, our child nutrition team is prepared to continue meal service to students. The “grab and go” service will continue. We will determine additional details and schedules at a later date.

How do I receive information about the specific procedures, protocols, and plans that will be implemented at my students’ school building?

- The return to school plan is what will be implemented throughout the district; however, there will be more specific procedures, protocols, and plans implemented at each school site. The procedures, protocols, and plans implemented with Pre-Kindergarten students will look very different than those implemented with 12th-grade students. Please contact the building principal with questions concerning specific procedures, protocols, and plans for your students' school building.
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- UE Principal- Mrs. Shannon Hall shall@lg.k12.ok.us, 918-479-5234
- MS Principal- Mrs. Jamie Hall jhall@lg.k12.ok.us, 918-479-5244
- HS Principal- Mrs. Nancy Neff nneff@lg.k12.ok.us, 918-479-5247
- Transportation Coordinator- Mrs. Terri Gomes tgomes@lg.k12.ok.us, 918-803-4196 ext 1147

How do I submit my additional questions or concerns to the school district?

- For questions or concerns related to the Locust Grove Public School Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021, please contact Superintendent of Locust Grove Public Schools, Dusty Torrey.
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 - 918-479-5243