Back to School
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT
Should my child go to school, if they are ill?

- Contact your child's school, so that they can offer assistance when your child is ill.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness.
  - Individuals who have a fever greater than or equal to 100.4°F or other signs of illness will not be admitted to school.
What will happen on the bus? 

- All PK-12 students must wear a mask while on the bus
- Students will sit in an assigned seat according to a seating chart
- Windows will be kept open for additional ventilation
- Bus operators will clean and sanitize the bus after each route
- Busses will operate at full capacity;
  - parents have the option to bring students to school.
What will happen when my child arrives at school?

- K-12 students and adults will wear a mask.
  - Students in grades K-12 are required to wear masks.
  - Students ages 2-4 may wear masks, if tolerated.
  - Disposable masks will be available at the school site.

- Temperatures will be checked upon arrival.

- Students will be provided with hand sanitizer as they enter and exit any room throughout the school.

- Schools will limit entry and exit points to allow students to travel in single file lines in a single direction to enable physical distancing.
What will happen in the classroom?

- Students will be given hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of the classroom.
- Desks will be sanitized between each class period.
- Students will be seated 3 feet apart
  - Desks in Middle and High schools will face the same direction
- Adults will maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and students
- Shared materials will be sanitized between use
What will happen in the classroom? (continued)

- Handwashing will be scheduled every 2 hours.
- If anyone shows signs of sickness, they will be escorted to the school’s isolation room.
- Students with disabilities will receive their special education and related services in the least restrictive environment as outlined in the IEP.
- Elementary students will remain in their cohort as much as possible throughout the day.
How will my child transition to new places in the building?

- The school will have directional markers throughout the building to facilitate a one-way flow of traffic.
- Students will walk in a single file line, while maintaining appropriate physical distancing.
- Masks will be worn by all during transition.
- Water fountains will be closed, but water bottle filling stations will be available across campus.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized at least twice during the day.
Where and how will my child eat?

- Classrooms may be utilized for eating in place.
- If the cafeteria is used, students will be grouped and eat at staggered times.
- The group sizes will be limited to meet the 6 feet apart physical distancing requirement.
- Students may bring food from home.
- Students will travel in single-file spaced lines to enter and exit the cafeteria, as well as in serving, disposal, and exit lines.
Will my child be allowed to participate in P.E. and recess?

- Yes. Recess or P.E. classes in shared spaces will require physical distance guidelines be followed.
- If groups are outdoors, a physical barrier is not required, but each group will remain separate.
- P.E. equipment will be sanitized between groups and after each use.
- A daily cleaning checklist of all surfaces and playground equipment commonly touched by children will be utilized to ensure all surfaces are sanitized after use.
Will my child be able to participate in athletics?

- Athletic activities are to comply with the recommendations put forth in the LHSAA’s Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics & Activities.
- It is recommended that students participating in athletics are vaccinated or participating in a weekly testing regiment.
- Athletic equipment is cleaned after each use.
- All attendees of athletics events will be required to wear masks.
What will happen during dismissal?

- Students will exit the classroom in a single file line.
- Students will exit the building using directional markers on the floor to maintain one-way flow of traffic.
- Students and adults will maintain separation measures upon dismissal.
- Students will board the bus and sit in their assigned seats or follow their school’s carpool guidelines.
Will my child's school have after care or after school programs?

- Yes. All after school programs will adhere to the same safety requirements followed during the school day
  - Masks must be worn
  - Physical distancing must be maintained
  - Equipment/materials must be cleaned between groups

- Schools will maintain static groups when possible and implement physical distancing requirements for groups that change composition
What happens after my child leaves for the day?

- All classrooms and restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized with an antiviral cleaner and disinfectant approved by the EPA.
What happens if my child is ill at school?

1. The ill student will be escorted to the school’s isolation room.
2. The staff member will notify the principal & school nurse about the ill student.
3. The ill student’s parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the student up within one hour.
4. The school nurse will provide initial and follow-up guidance.
5. The ill student’s parent/guardian will complete and return the Symptoms Letter to school guidance.
6. The custodial staff will clean the school’s isolation room.
What is a close contact?

- A person who was within six (6) feet of confirmed positive case for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hr. period

- **Indoor Classroom Exception (Students Only)** If both the case and the contact each consistently and correctly wore a well-fitting face mask AND were within 3 to 6 feet of each other, those close contacts do not need to quarantine.
What happens if my child is a close contact?

Pre-K Sites & Classrooms: 14-Day Self-Quarantine (All Non-Vaccinated Individuals)

Close Contact Letter for Parent/Guardian

Self-quarantine Room & Contact Parent/Guardian

K-12 Schools: 10-Day Self-Quarantine, 4-Day Symptom Monitoring (All Non-Vaccinated Individuals)
COVID-19 Reported Positive Case Communication Flow

1. **Confirm & Report Positive Case**
   (Classroom and/or Bus)

2. **Determine Close Contacts**
   Were there any Close Contacts?

   ![Diagram arrow] Yes  ![Diagram arrow] No

3a. If there are close contacts:
   - Parent/guardian of close contacts will be called by school nurse/HGIS staff
     - Parent/guardian will pick student up from school
     - A parent/guardian close contact letter and a COVID resource guide will be given to each impacted student
     - School nurse/HGIS staff will provide support during self-quarantine period

3b. If there are NO close contacts:
   - A parent/guardian information letter will be given to all students in the same class(es) and/or bus(es) as the COVID-19 positive individual.
   - It may be determined that a robo call will need to be made for this group of students.

**Schoolwide Communication:** All parents/guardians and staff members will be notified each day when there is a positive case at the school.

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What do I do if my child is a close contact of someone outside of school or they have COVID-19?

- Contact your child’s school for assistance.
- The same self-quarantine and self-isolation guidance applies.
Does my child have to enroll in the virtual school if they have to isolate or quarantine?

- No. Like in any other situation when a student is at home due to illness, the parent/guardian will contact the school to make arrangements to get the student’s missed work.
- The student will continue to be enrolled at the same school during a 10-14 days of isolation and/or quarantine.
- The EBR Virtual School is for the students whose parents have selected the virtual instruction option.
  - Elementary and middle schools students commit to an enrollment period of one or more 9 weeks. (grading period)
  - High school students must commit to an enrollment period of one or more semesters
What factors determine if a class or school temporarily closes due to COVID-19 cases?

- **Classroom Closure:** If two or more people test positive or have COVID symptoms within 14 days of each other and the second case is not in self-quarantine then the entire class needs to be moved to off-site learning.

- **School Closure:** When the number of staff in isolation or quarantine hinders the operation of in-person learning. (Decision is made with the support of OPH)
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