



COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Should my child stay home if they are ill?

A: 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 degrees or other signs of illness will not be admitted to school.

Q: Will my child have to wear a mask at school/bus?

A: All pre-K-12 students must wear a mask while on the bus. While at school, students in grades K-12 are required to wear masks, and it is recommended that students ages 2-4 wear masks, if tolerated.

Q: What will happen when my child arrives at school?

A: Student temperatures will be checked upon arrival. They will be provided with hand sanitizer as they enter and exit any room throughout the school. Schools will limit entry and exit points to promote physical distancing.

Q: What will happen in the classroom?

A: Students will be given hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of the classroom; desks will be sanitized between each class period; and students will be seated 3-6 feet apart. Adults will maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and students. All shared materials will be sanitized between each use. If anyone shows signs of sickness, they will be escorted to the school's isolation room.

Q: How will my child transition to new places in the building?

A: 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.

Q: Will my child be allowed to participate in PE, recess and sports?

A: Yes. Recess and PE classes in shared spaces will require physical distance guidelines to be followed. 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. Athletic activities will comply with the recommendations put forth by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. Equipment is cleaned after each use.

Q: Will my child's school have aftercare or after-school programs?

A: Yes. All after-school programs will adhere to the same safety requirements followed during the school day.





Q: What procedures will be followed for breakfast and lunch?

A: Classrooms may be utilized for eating in place. If the cafeteria is used, students will be grouped and eat at staggered times, and the group sizes will be limited to meet the 6-foot physical distancing requirement. Students will move in single-file spaced lines to enter and exit the cafeteria, as well as in serving, disposal and exit lines.

Q: How long will my child have to be isolated or quarantined?

A: An individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will complete 10 days of self-isolation, which includes a reduction in symptoms and fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours prior to the return to school. Pre-K students will have to self-quarantine for 14 days after close contact with a positive individual. K-12 students will have to self-quarantine for 10 days after close contact with a positive individual. Also, symptoms should be monitored for four additional days.

Q: How will my child who had to isolate or quarantine make up their work?

A: 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 the 10- to 14-day period of isolation and/or quarantine.

Q: If I select the virtual school option for my child, will they lose their magnet seat?

A: No, a magnet student's spot will remain open until they return.

Q: What determines if a classroom or school is temporarily closed?

A: Classroom closure: If two or more people test positive or have COVID-19 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, a decision will be made to transition to off-site learning. These decisions will be made with the support of the Office of Public Health (OPH).

Q: What happens if my child becomes sick at school?

A: The ill student will be escorted to the school's isolation room. The principal and school nurse will be notified, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the student up. Initial and follow-up guidance will be provided by the school nurse.





Q: What safety measures will be taken on the bus?

A: All PK-12 students must wear a mask while on the bus. Students will sit in an assigned seat according to a seating chart, and all windows (if possible and safe) will be kept open for additional ventilation. The bus operator will clean and sanitize the bus after each route.

Q: Will I receive communication about cases in the classroom, bus and school?

A: Students in a classroom and/or bus will receive either a close contact letter or a non-close contact letter depending on the results of contact tracing. Additionally, the parent/guardian will receive a call from the school nurse. All staff and the parents/guardians of students will receive communication each day there is a new COVID case at a school.

