



# Lake Station Community Schools

## 2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UPDATE

**FIRST STUDENT DAY: MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021**

In-person classes for all K – 12 students will be Monday through Friday.

### 2021-2022 BEST PRACTICES

The following protocols are the practices we will use for the 2021-22 school year.

These **guidelines are subject to change** based on recommendations from the CDC, ISDH, and Lake County Health Department.

### MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

Grades K – 12: **Masks** are required by the CDC and other health agencies and the Lake Station Community Schools that everyone regardless of vaccination status wear a mask while indoors. **The mask wearing mandate begins Tuesday, September 7, 2021.** All bus riders are required to wear masks on buses, per federal mandate.

#### HANDWASHING/SANITIZING

Regular handwashing or sanitizing will be encouraged for everyone. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and common areas when handwashing isn't an option.

#### SYMPTOM SCREENING

Families are expected to screen their children and Keep them home if sick. Students and staff should stay at home if they have a fever of 100.0 or higher OR show symptoms.

#### COVID-19 TESTING

Testing is reliable and sites are located throughout the area. Rapid testing is available at school for students with symptoms with parent permission.

#### CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Desks and hard surfaces will continue to be disinfected daily.
- School air filtration systems meet all requirements for the amount of fresh air circulating.
- Hand sanitizer stations will remain available in common areas and classrooms for students and staff to use throughout the day.

#### NURSES/CLINIC LOCATIONS

There will be a designated area for students with symptoms waiting to be picked up. A separate area will be designated for medication distribution and medical attention.

#### WATER BOTTLES

Water bottle filling stations will be available at school.

#### VACCINATION

Being vaccinated is one way to protect oneself and others from COVID-19. All eligible students and staff are encouraged to get vaccinated.

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For more detailed information, please visit: [www.lakes.k12.in.us](http://www.lakes.k12.in.us) Return to School Plan or contact your child's school.