



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 or Face Shields** 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.

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