



Lake Station Community Schools

2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UPDATE

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, IDOH, and Lake County Health Department.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

Grades K – 12: **Masks** are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** but not required by the CDC and other health agencies and the Lake Station Community Schools. **Should a school have a 2% increase in COVID cases or related symptoms, the students/staff will have to wear masks for 14 days.**

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. Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.

ISOLATION

Positive for COVID-19. Everyone regardless of vaccination Status: Stays home for 5 days. May return to school on day 6 as long as they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms have improved. Individuals **MUST** wear a mask at school for 5 days (days 6 – 10).

QUARANTINE

Students and staff exposed to COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status no longer need to quarantine.

CONTACT TRACING

LSCS will do a limited contact tracing notifying clusters of students such as athletic teams and classrooms.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottle filling stations will be available at school.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Continue as possible in congregate areas, classrooms, cafeteria, etc.

VACCINATION

Being vaccinated is one way to protect oneself and others from COVID-19. All students are encouraged to get vaccinated. **Call your child's school for details.**

CLEANING/DISINFECTING/REPORTING

- Desks and hard surfaces will continue to be disinfected daily.
- School air filtration systems meet all requirements for the amount of fresh air circulating.
- LSCS will continue to update the COVID-19 Dashboard on our website each Monday after 1:00pm.

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