

Lincoln Christian School – Strong Start Plan 2021

Learning Options

- It is the intent of LCS to open school this fall by educating our students as close to “pre-COVID” as possible. This means full, in-person learning during the week with limited remote learning options for families with special health-related circumstances.
- When possible, facilities will be modified to allow for physical distancing. Where possible, LCS will continue to observe social distancing of at least three feet.
- Attendance: Perfect attendance will not be recognized this year as an award category. Final exemptions will not be related to attendance criteria to allow students the incentive to stay home if ill.
- All school activities and athletics will be conducted normally adhering to the safety guidelines of LCS.

Masks/Face Coverings

- Masks will be optional in all environments. Face coverings shall be free of any images, words, political slogans, except for an LCS logo. Individuals may choose to wear a mask during any school activity.
- State and local health departments and the CDC recommend vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks indoors.

Self-Screening

- Students (parents will be an active part of the self-screening process especially at the Elementary level) and visitors will self-screen before entering LCS buildings.
- Parents should contact the school nurse if their student has been diagnosed with COVID. Students who test positive for COVID will isolate as has been previously required and per the Return Plan.

Communication, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine

- Parents will be notified if their child is within six feet of a person who tests positive for COVID.
- Students who come into close contact with a COVID positive individual should self-monitor for symptoms and may return to school or self-quarantine with no attendance penalty.
- Communication of confirmed positives during the day or during activities and athletics: parents of students at that building/activity will be notified by email or phone ONLY in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected staff member or student.
- Communication of a confirmed positive within the home: parents of student should notify the building nurse of

positive case and positive individual should, if able to do so safely, begin self-isolation from other family members to prevent continued exposure. If isolation cannot be achieved safely, please contact building nurse. Students in the home who have remained without symptoms will be permitted to attend school. Please closely monitor your student for signs/symptoms and if any should develop, keep them home and contact the building nurse.

- Individuals who have been in close and personal contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid should monitor their health conditions for symptoms of COVID. Should symptoms arise, notify the building nurse.
- If a student has been in close contact with a positive individual, has developed any signs/symptoms and chooses not to be tested for Covid, he/she will be presumed positive and will need to contact the building nurse for next steps.
- State and local health departments and the CDC recommend quarantine for those who are in close contact with a COVID-positive individual.

Parents And Visitors

- Parents and visitors will be allowed in building lobbies or main offices for scheduled appointments.
- School sites will have the flexibility to approve activities.

Snack Shack and Meals

- With applicable safety guidelines, Snack Shacks will operate normally, and lunches continue in the cafeteria.

Strategies to Reduce Risk of Exposure

- Social distancing of at least 3 feet is encouraged to the extent possible in common areas such as cafeterias, hallways, gymnasiums, etc.
- Students will be reminded to wash hands with soap prior to eating, and especially after sneezing, coughing, and blowing their nose.
- The LCS Facilities department is preparing campus spaces for reopening and welcoming students, faculty, and staff back to school. The strategies used by our team will center on a commitment to create safe, clean, and inviting grounds and facilities.

Vaccinations

- State and local health departments and the CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccines for those eligible.

*****PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

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**Replies can be expected during normal school hours, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM*