2021-22 Multiple Layers to Mitigate COVID-19 Transmission in Schools

LCPS continues to monitor and follow guidance for COVID-19 prevention as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Loudoun County Health Department (LCHD).

LCPS will continue to work closely with the LCHD and implement strategies such as promoting vaccination, promoting staying home if sick, respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, contact tracing when recommended, and isolation and quarantine to significantly reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Face Coverings (Masks)
Masks are no longer required on LCPS property. Visit (VDH) for its latest information on face coverings. Mask wearing is still recommended by the CDC, though not required by LCPS, on Days 6-10 following an isolation or quarantine period.

According to federal regulations any preschool program governed by Head Start will continue to require masks.

Masks are now also optional on school buses. (CDC transportation). As the CDC continues to recommend that individuals ages 2 and older wear a mask while using indoor public transportation, bus drivers have a supply of masks for students who request one. Families should advise their students on their expectations for wearing masks on buses.

Community Use/Activities in LCPS Facilities
Students and visitors are not required to wear a mask in schools or on LCPS property.

Field Trips
On a field trip, or for an activity, wearing a mask will be governed by the rules at that destination.

LCPS-Issued Masks
If they choose to wear a mask, students are expected to supply their own mask. LCPS has a supply of masks for students who may have forgotten a mask and wish to wear one. Emblems, words or pictures on the face covering must comply with the Student Code of Conduct and Policy 8270 Student Dress Code.

Enhanced Cleaning
Custodial staff will continue to execute the enhanced cleaning protocols outside the classroom in schools that include cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces.

Vaccinations
Vaccinations are the leading public health strategy to prevent hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 (CDC COVID-19 Community Levels). For information on where to find your vaccine, visit vaccines.gov.
Reporting a COVID-19 Case
Please let your school nurse or health clinic specialist know if your student has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Students who have COVID-19 should isolate for five days after the onset of symptoms. Students may return to school on Day 6. LCPS will recommend, but not require, that students follow [CDC recommendations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) to wear a mask on Days 6-10.

Contact Tracing
As VDH no longer requires schools to contact trace individual COVID-19 cases, LCPS will no longer contact trace individual cases. In accordance with VDH requirements, LCPS will continue to partner with the LCHD and contact trace if there are outbreaks or when sustained transmission is thought to be occurring within a classroom or school.

LCPS COVID-19 Dashboard
Those families wishing to monitor the number of cases in their school may check the LCPS [COVID-19 Case Data - Daily Snapshot](https://www.lcps.org/) dashboard. Students and staff who have reported they are isolating will be reported on the dashboard. The dashboard no longer reflects quarantines.

The CDC publishes a [COVID-19 Community Level tool](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/level-tools/index.html) that helps communities and families decide prevention steps to take based on the latest data.

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<th>Individual/Group</th>
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<td>Individual Student</td>
<td>Isolated (COVID positive and/or symptomatic)</td>
<td>The student stays home and may access content through Schoology if they feel well enough to do so. The student’s absence is excused and will work with teachers to make up work upon return to school.</td>
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<td>Individual Student(s)</td>
<td>Quarantined (Asymptomatic)</td>
<td>The student is considered present and stays home and may participate asynchronously through Schoology. Schools will identify an adult to check in on quarantined students (school counselor, advisory teacher, teacher assistant, student engagement coordinator, etc.) and collaborate with teachers for support as needed.</td>
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<td>Teacher will take sick leave. A substitute teacher will be put in place until the teacher is well enough to return and isolation is over.</td>
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<td>Teacher will quarantine at home and teach remotely from home. A substitute teacher will be placed in the classroom to support learning in the classroom while the teacher is quarantined.</td>
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