



School Opening 2021

8/9/2021

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Guidance and Resources

What guidance does LCSD follow:

[CDC Guidance for Schools](#)

[Tompkins County Health Department/ NYS Health Department](#)

[NYS Education Department](#)

[NYS Office of the Governor](#)

[Cayuga Medical Center](#)



CDC/ Health Department/NYSED Recommendations

1. Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Readily available free testing, surveillance screening testing has proven to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
3. Strong focus on in-person instruction.
4. All members/ campus visitors must mask when indoors.
5. Socially distance of 3ft whenever possible.
6. Proper ventilation.
7. Proper hygiene/ handwashing practices.
8. Proper disinfection.



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Prek-Grade 12

- 5 days per week 100% in-person.
- Maintain 3ft Social Distancing whenever possible.
- Mask wearing when indoors.
- Proper ventilation.
- Proper hygiene.
- Proper disinfection and cleaning.
- Limited visitors until further notice.

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[NYSED issued guidance on Thursday, July 29, 2021](#), reflecting that SED no longer requires districts to offer the option of remote/ virtual learning for all students and that districts should prioritize in-person learning for all students.

As a general rule, LCSD will only offer an 100% in-person model. In a very limited capacity, LCSD will offer an 100% virtual option.



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LCSD is offering 100% virtual instruction for a limited number of students who qualify as medically fragile with documented health conditions or medical needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual instruction will be provided through an independent virtual instruction program that is an approved model.

Process

1. Complete Application (no later than 8/23/2021)
2. Submit Medical Documentation
3. Medical Review
4. Approval/ Denial
5. If approved, initiate [504 Process](#)



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NYSED did advised that districts have a contingency plan for remote learning if closure becomes necessary due to staff or student quarantines.

LCSD will have a contingency plan for remote learning should the District be forced to close due to Quarantining mandates.



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LCSD Summary

- We are offering 100% in-person instructional model.
- We are not offering a hybrid model at this time.
- We are offering 100% virtual instruction only to students who follow the virtual instruction application for medically fragile/immune compromised students as related to COVID-19.
- We will follow health and safety protocols/ recommendations by the CDC until further notice.



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Technology, Food Service, Transportation, Childcare

- Students will receive an electronic device for the 2021-2022 school year (chrome books)
- Foodservice – Breakfast and Lunch is free for the 2021-2022 school year. We are requesting that you complete the free and reduced lunch eligibility forms if applicable.
- We continue to encourage you to drive and pick-up your student to and from school. If your student rides the bus, all health and safety protocols, including assigned seats will be followed.



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Childcare provided by Ron Frost in the School Aged Childcare Program, PK-Grade 6

Child care is offered in the morning and afterschool for Elementary Students and afterschool for Middle School Students.

Please contact Ron Frost at rfrost@LCSD.k12.ny.us



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Childcare Hours of Operation

Lansing Elementary School (located in the cafeteria)

Before School Program: 7:00 am - 9:00 am

After School Program: 3:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Lansing Middle School (located in the cafeteria)

After School Program: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm



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Health Screening Process

We will not be using a daily health screener for the 2021-2022 school year. We will be asking you to complete a Health Screening Acknowledgement form by 9/1/2021 stating the following:

In lieu of continuing daily electronic screening to be cleared to come to campus, LCSD is changing our health screening process. We are asking that you acknowledge that by coming to school on any given day, you are attending without symptoms of COVID-19 and that you will use the temperature screeners.



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Athletics

Chorus/ Band/ Orchestra - yes

Extra-curricular programs - yes

Lunch – 3ft minimum/ barriers
In lunchroom and other locations

Class mobility – MS/HS students will
change classes. ES students will attend
encore.

1. Follow all health and safety protocols.
2. Strong indoor attendance protocols for contact tracing purposes.
3. Activities will be on a more typical schedule.



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Can the District legally mandate all staff receives the COVID-19 vaccine?

Although it could be argued that a mandatory vaccine policy is solely a matter of public safety, given that the NYSDOH has not mandated the COVID-19 vaccine, and given that the vaccine is subject to Emergency Use Authorization, it is likely that PERB (Public Employment Relations Board) would hold that school districts do not have the authority to unilaterally require employees to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine, absent negotiation with relevant bargaining units.

Though, LCSD will encourage all employees to become vaccinated, at this time we will not mandate all employees receive the covid-19 vaccine.



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Do you anticipate that we will be receiving written guidance from the DOH before the start of the school year, or will the District operate based on the most recent CDC guidance?

The office of the Governor and NYS Health Department has stated that they will not be issuing any new guidance prior to the opening of school and recommended school for CDC guidance.

LCSD will proceed with opening plans based on the CDC guidance as summarized above. We will continue to confer with our County Executive, local county department of health, and other superintendents in TST BOCES. We will review the reopening plan every five weeks considering the local infection threshold of 50 individuals per 100,000 residents and make changes as appropriate.



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Upcoming guidance NYSED/ TCHD

8/17/2021 – Tompkins County Health Department

- Quarantining Practices
- When to send students home
- Protocols for siblings

Guidance from NYSED in the coming weeks.

No additional guidance from NYSDOH and the Governor's office before the start of the school year. At this time, they heavily advise following CDC recommendations.



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Next Community Zoom – August 25th, 6PM

Agenda

- Any updates to our instructional program and offerings
- Review our mental health and wellness plan
- Review of virtual instruction contingency plan for quarantining purposes
- Review of quarantining protocols by TCHD (who, when, where, why)
- Review of when you should keep your child home from school
- Review of athletic, extra-curricular, afterschool hours
- Review of drop-off and pick up policies/ protocols
- Any additional relevant updates



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2021-2022 Calendar for Students

September 9 – First Day of School for the following Grades Only

- Pre-kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- Grade 5
- Grade 9

September 10 – All students attend school, PK-12



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2021-2022 Hours for Students

Elementary School Hours – School begins at 9:06, Dismissal begins at 3:15PM

Middle School Hours – 7:35 – 2:30 (breakfasts 7:30-7:50), Afterschool 2:30-3PM

High School Hours – 7:35 – 2:25, Afterschool 2:30-3PM



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QUESTIONS

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