

COVID-19 School Health Protocols

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All plans are subject to change

The La Crosse County School Districts will follow guidelines as determined by the La Crosse County Health Department (LCHD), Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

Protocol	Action
Pre-Screening Students Parents/Guardians Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents/Guardians: Screen students at home for fever >100.4 without medication, chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea ● Parents: check your student's temperature daily before school. Do not give Tylenol or Ibuprofen before sending your student to school ● Parents: keep your student at home if symptomatic ● Staff: Self-screen at home and sign-in the binder that they are free of symptoms. ● Staff/Students: If you feel sick, stay home.
Reporting Student Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents: contact school to report your student's absence ● Information should include the student's complete name, symptoms of illness and a contact phone number
Pick-up/Drop-Off Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No congregating at the entrance/exit area ● Parents: Remain in their vehicle during pick-up and drop-off
Entering School Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practice social distancing ● Students: will enter through an assigned door and wear their masks ● HS – Students will sit in commons and then at 730 will go to homeroom ● MS – Grade Level Entrance ● ES – Students will enter through an assigned door
Masks Face Coverings Education: Importance of Wearing Proper Use Care of Face Covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students/Staff: will wear masks/face covering in school buildings. These are required. ● Masks/face coverings promote the safety, health and well-being of students, staff and community ● Two washable masks/face coverings will be provided; students may bring their own mask ● Grade 4K to 12 will wear masks/face coverings. However, 4K and K will only wear during activity, singing and where social distancing is difficult. ● Exception: individuals who cannot remove face coverings without assistance and/or significant sensory needs or use lip reading for communication may use a face shield as an alternative ● Education will be provided ● Mask breaks will be provided regularly by teachers and staff throughout the day. <p style="text-align: center;">Be Safe, Healthy, Responsible</p>
Hand Washing Hand Sanitizing Education: Hygiene Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students/Staff: will wash or sanitize their hands when entering the building, entering/exiting classrooms, entering and exiting cafeteria, after using the bathroom, after recess, exiting building and as needed ● Hygiene stations will be located throughout the buildings ● Education will be provided
Touch Surface Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhanced cleaning protocols in place throughout the day ● Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles) within the school as much as possible. ● Increase cleaning frequency for restrooms, showers and locker rooms, and / or consider design change.
Cafeteria / Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elem: Breakfast/Lunch in classroom ● HS: Social Distancing, assigned seating in commons, no sharing of food, open campus allowed ● MS: Social Distancing, assigned seating in commons. no sharing of food
Response to Students who become COVID symptomatic at School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● La Crosse County School Districts will follow guidance from the La Crosse County Health Department ● If a student develops COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be sent home and the parent should contact their health provider, and all classroom contacts will be contacted regarding possible exposure. ● Parents/Guardians should call the school when they arrive for pick up, remain in their vehicle and the student will be released ● Classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized <p>When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time.</p> <p>Health Departments will work with schools to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the level of community spread outside the school building? ● Were other students and staff who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes masked? ● Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day? ● To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions

	<p>(handwashing, hand sanitizers, etc.)?</p> <p><u>The answers to these questions will determine</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the number of close contacts, 2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom, and 3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined.
Response to Staff who become COVID symptomatic at School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff should report to their direct supervisor AND Beth Clements RN, clements.beth@wsalem.k12.wi.us, 608-786-1662 x 2 or internal calls x3103 2. Staff Leave the building and isolate at home. 3. Staff should contact their health provider to seek out testing 4. Staff - if after hours, please call or email Beth Clements RN, clements.beth@wsalem.k12.wi.us
Return to School Post Illness Covid-19 / Other Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID- 19 - Staff/students may return to school when cleared by their health provider or the La Crosse County Health Department <p>Other Illness - Staff/students may return to school when they have not experienced symptoms of illness for 24 hours. https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/guidance.htm</p>
Positive Cases and Response Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Crosse County School Districts will follow guidance from the La Crosse County Health Officials • Communication to families as recommended by the La Crosse County Health Officials
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fountains are closed, no mouth drinking will be allowed • Water bottles only and disposable cups will be offered in classrooms to fill • Bottle Fillers available
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/Staff will walk on the right side of the hallway • No lockers; students will carry all supplies in backpacks • MS/HS carry backpacks to class, assigned lockers, can go at beginning of day and end of day.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing: 6 feet when physically possible. • Outdoor classrooms as feasible • If 6 feet cannot be established between individual students, students will be seated in pods of two and socially distanced as the classroom allows • PE and Music Education Activities, 6ft when physically possible, but 8-10ft is recommended.
Exiting the Building Multiple Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elem: Walkers dismissed first; then bus riders – staggered dismissal • MS: Grade Level exit points, staggered dismissal • Parents stay in vehicle for pickups • HS: Multiple exit points, staggered dismissal
Visitors/Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors/parents call office • Face covering required, if a visitor is unable to mask, should call the office upon arrival. • Visitors will have temp taken (not recorded) and signature to comply that they are free of symptoms. • Students: Early pick up for appointments, report to the office • Parents: Call the school office upon arrival to the building and the student will be released • Parents: Stay in vehicle • Visitors may be invited in for special meetings such as IEPs, health-related meetings, discipline issues, or other meetings • Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities involving external groups and organizations
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students: assigned seats, wear face coverings, physical distancing • Bus driver: wear face covering • Surfaces: clean/sanitizing between routes • Students with special needs will be spaced as far apart as possible in vehicles.
Facility usage by outside organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside groups and After School Programs will follow La Crosse County Health Department and Wisconsin DHS guidance
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate guidance from WIAA, and the La Crosse County Health Department • Travel monitored/current guidelines • WSSD will follow the La Crosse County Health Department regarding out of state travel. • Cancel field trips, student assemblies and other large gatherings.
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSSD will have recess at the elementary level • Recess will be organized to minimize interaction between classes • The playground will be divided into sections and each homeroom will stay within their assigned section • Students will be taught activities that promote physical distancing • When physical distancing is maintained, masks may not be required • Grade levels will be assigned balls and playground equipment • Playground equipment (small items i.e.: balls, jump ropes, and structural i.e.: slide, monkey bars) will be disinfected daily • Physical distance when preparing to go outside (putting on snow pants, boots, etc.)
Classroom Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize requirements from La Crosse County Health Department and WI DPI. Maintain six feet of physical distancing. Discourage direct person to person contact (i.e., no hand shaking, no high fives,

	no hugs).
Cohort Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactions among groups of students will be limited as much as possible utilizing requirements from the La Crosse County Health Department. • School specific protocols will be developed to minimize mixing of students.
Infection Control Protocol	<p>To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, everyone should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. (it is okay to use alcohol based hand sanitizer in our buildings. • Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet). I know this is a challenge at school, but we will do the best we can. • Wear your cloth face covering. • Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. • Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

MASKS

According to the CDC, local and state health officials and community pediatricians, COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Symptoms range: none - mild – severe, symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can spread the COVID-19 virus.

Everyone needs to wear cloth face coverings in public settings, practice physical distancing (6 feet away from others) and practice hand hygiene.

Cloth face coverings provide an extra layer to help prevent your respiratory droplets from traveling in the air and onto others.

Resources

La Crosse County School Districts continue to follow the guidance of our health experts, medical advisors at DPI, DHS, CDC, La Crosse County Health Department.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/education-forward>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/schools.htm>