

Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools

601 CALUMET STREET
LAKE LINDEN, MI 49945

Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan, Preparedness and Response Plan

2023-24 School Year

March 2024

The Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools 2023-24 COVID-19 Response Plan is a living document that changes as more information and data has become available when it comes to addressing COVID-19 in public education. When circumstances warrant, we receive updates and input from the Western UP Health Department, Upper Peninsula Health System, Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, the Copper Country ISD and neighboring districts in analyzing data, formulating strategies, and adapting protocols and procedures to best meet the safety and educational needs of all students. The LL-HPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response plan is reviewed as needed as part of the regularly scheduled Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education monthly meetings. Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools will adhere to all CDC, MDHHS, and/or MCHD orders regarding COVID-19 as they pertain to public schools in Michigan. If such an order is rescinded, LL-HPS will default to our previous guidelines if feasible.

How instruction will be delivered:

- Online classes only will not be offered as an option to students in grades preK-12.
- If circumstances necessitate a district wide move to online learning, in-person preK-12 students will receive virtual instruction from their regularly assigned teachers.
- Students with IEP's, 504's and other learning plans will be provided accommodations that fit with virtual learning. Ancillary services will be provided to the extent staff is limited by local, state or CDC guidelines. Services such as OT, PT and speech may happen virtually if appropriate.

Safety Protocols Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Facial Covering Requirements:

- As of February 25, 2022, the CDC does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs.

District and Building Implementation Plan if Facial Coverings Become Required Again:

- LL-HPS may be required to transition to this plan on very short notice.
- Face coverings may be ordered and available to every student and staff member on a daily basis. The supply of masks located on buses and in the classrooms will be monitored by staff.
- Clear face coverings may be provided to all teachers with the option to wear the clear mask during instruction.

Hygiene Recommendations:

- Adequate supplies of soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, tissues and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques will be provided to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
- Staff will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Staff and students will cough and sneeze into their elbows or cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- Soap and hand sanitizers will be systematically and frequently checked and refilled.

District and Building Implementation Plan:

- Every classroom will be supplied with hand sanitizer, soap, etc.
- Supplies (paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, trash receptacles) will be checked daily and restocked in the classroom.
- Teachers will contact the office if supplies run low during the school day.

Safety Protocol, Spacing, Movement and Access Recommendations:

- In classrooms where large tables are utilized, students will be spaced as far apart as is feasible.
- Where feasible, all desks will be arranged facing the same direction toward the front of the classroom.

Screening Students and Staff Recommendations:

- All students and staff should self-screen before coming to work or school. If students/staff are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 they should stay home and monitor for 24 hours. Currently, LL-HPS will not temperature check or screen students before entry each day.
- ***Effective March 1, 2024, for people who have COVID-19 or influenza, the CDC now recommends returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without the use of a fever-reducing medication.***

District and Building Implementation Plan:

- Symptomatic/positive students and staff that go home from school should remain at home until they satisfy the most recent CDC recommendation.

Food Service Recommendations:

- Students, teachers, and food service staff should wash hands before and after every meal.

Athletics/Extra Curricular Recommendations:

- Spectators are currently allowed at events and the district will follow any safety guidance that is established by the MHSAA.
- Indoor concession will be allowed with consideration to CDC, MCHD, and MDHHS guidelines for providing food and drink inside school facilities.