



Louisville Municipal School District

David Luke, Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

LMSD is excited to announce that we will return to school in a traditional manner on August 6, 2020, with the following objectives in mind: 1. focusing on the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community, and 2. providing a quality education to all students.

In an effort to create our return to school plan for the LMSD, our administrative team has collaborated with other Mississippi districts, medical professionals, our stakeholders, and participated in numerous state and nation-wide Zoom meetings related to COVID-19. We have also analyzed the results from the surveys and considered all responses as we developed our plan. Based on this collaboration and research from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Disease Control, it has been determined that a traditional start to school is best for our students, staff, and community. Even so, please understand that the plan is subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances, executive orders, local ordinances, etc. With this being said, our goal over the next few weeks is to refine plans, train staff, and educate students and parents on practices to increase safety in our schools while keeping with the goal of providing a quality education.

We are confident that we can continue to work together to foster a safe and comfortable learning environment and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this pandemic. The LMSD will continue to monitor the situation and implement a plan that will make 2020-2021 an amazing school year.

Respectfully,

David Luke

Superintendent, Louisville Municipal School District



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Transportation	Parents are encouraged to bring their child to school; however, we will run all buses throughout the district. All bus drivers and students riding a bus will be required to wear a mask or protective face covering. Buses will have hand sanitizer and will be disinfected after each route. Students living in the same household will be asked to sit together.
Cafeteria	For a period of time, meals will be modified to accommodate social distancing.
Classrooms	All classrooms will be distanced to the best extent possible. Please send a mask to school with your child in case social distancing cannot be obtained. Staff and students will be required to wear a mask when social distancing cannot be obtained. Classrooms will have hand sanitizer available at entry points, and classrooms will be disinfected throughout the day. We will continue to have recess and PE outside as well as other electives. Good hygiene will be emphasized and encouraged throughout the school day.
Staff	All staff will be screened upon arrival. Any staff member that has a temperature above 100.0 will be sent home. Staff will wear masks or a protective face covering when social distancing cannot be obtained. Cafeteria staff will wear masks when social distancing cannot be maintained. Administrators and custodial staff have been trained on ways to properly sanitize buildings throughout the school day. School administrators are developing school-specific procedures and schedules to ensure the safety and well-being of all. These schedules and procedures will be monitored daily to ensure that the safety of our students and staff are a top priority.
Students	All students will have temperature checked before they enter the school building. Any student with a temperature above 100.0 will be quarantined and parents will be contacted for pick-up. Masks should be worn in instances where social distancing is not possible.
Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities	School activities/athletics are scheduled to proceed. When the Mississippi High School Athletic Association finalizes plans for fall sports and extra-curricular activities, we will provide an update.
Campus Visitors	Visitors will be limited; however, anyone entering the building will be required to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. Plexi-glass is being added to the offices at each school.
Technology	Shared technology will be sanitized after each use.



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Sick Students	Sick students will be quarantined with a mask. The parent will be contacted and the child taken to the car for dismissal. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school; however, if your child's symptoms persist, your child may need to be quarantined for a longer period of time.
Exposure to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any student or staff member that has been tested for COVID-19 must be quarantined until released by a physician.• Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 must quarantine at home for 14 days and provide the school with a medical release from a physician. Parents should notify the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19 or has been in contact with COVID-19.• Any student or staff member who becomes aware that they have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19, may be asked to quarantine for a longer period of time.• When the school becomes aware that a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, the parents of the individuals in that student's class/activity will be notified without identifying the affected student. All should then monitor for signs and symptoms of the virus. Any student or staff member who was within 6 ft of the affected individual for at least 15 minutes will be notified and asked to quarantine at home and monitor signs and symptoms.

Virtual/ Distance Learning

As indicated by the American Academy of Pediatrics, research shows that face-to-face instruction is the most effective means of instruction; however, the district understands that individual families may have students or adults living in their homes who are medically fragile. The district wants to accommodate those particular situations to the greatest extent possible. The parent should schedule a meeting with their child's principal to see if they qualify for on-line learning and to complete required paperwork.

This plan is being released on this date for purposes of planning for all stakeholders, and subject to change as more information becomes available.