

Lanphier High School Return to Learn Plan

2021-2022

The Lanphier High School Return to Learn Plan has been developed in accordance with the policies and protocols found in the District 186 Return to Learn Plan for 2021-2022. The district's plan can be found using the link on the right-hand side of the LHS website.

Morning Arrival:

We ask that students arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. All students will enter the building through the Commons Ramp door until the end of 2nd hour. At the beginning of 3rd hour, students arriving late will enter the building using the Main Entrance off the blacktop parking lot. Upon entering the building, students will be required to wear a mask (over mouth and nose) while in the building.

Breakfast and Lunch Service:

During breakfast and lunch students will be required to sit at a table of No more than 4 students per table. Students will not be permitted to stand/congregate. Masks are not required to be worn while a student is eating or drinking. However, the mask must be worn immediately after eating or drinking. Students deciding not to eat will be required to wear their mask at all times. When possible, students may have the option of sitting outside during lunch (a limited number of students). At this time, vending machines will be turned off. Students will have access to a they usual milk choices and the water bottle filling station.

*****Students will not be permitted to have outside food delivered or dropped off*****

Limiting Visitors to the Building:

Lanphier High School will minimize visitors to the greatest extent possible. Our entrance desk supervisor is present 7:30 am-3:30 pm. The front desk supervisor handles drop off items at the main door and will relay that LHS prefers parents leave any items at the table, then security delivers item to appropriate office or student. If parents must enter the building, they are required to wear a face mask. Security will escort parent/s to appropriate area.

Lockers: Students will have access to lockers. Students are required to put coats and bookbags in their lockers. Students will bring computers to school and will need to carry them in their assigned computer bag.

Water Fountains:

Lanphier High School will allow plastic/metal (no glass) water bottles filled with water. A water bottle fill station is located in the commons and outside the faculty lounge. Regular water fountains have been turned off.

PE:

Due to safety protocols, students will not have access to locker rooms. Students will not have to dress for PE during first quarter (potentially longer). This protocol will be assessed when the mask mandate has been lifted.

Restrooms:

Student restroom use is encouraged during the extended passing period time. Individual passes for emergencies is allowed, students will be directed to the closest restroom in order to

maintain contact tracing information. The number of students permitted in the restroom is limited to 3 to allow for social distancing guidelines to be maintained.

Nursing and Isolation Spaces:

The school nurse will continue to support student health/well-being. They will provide appropriate first aid when needed and continue to administer physician approved medications. They will also be the point person when dealing with students having to be assigned to the isolation space.

Dismissal Procedures (3:17 pm):

At dismissal, students will be permitted to access items from their locker and will be expected to leave the building immediately via the closest exit. All staff will provide supervision during this time to monitor social distancing and the wearing of masks. Students are expected to be off school grounds by 3:30 p.m., unless they are involved in a school activity that has a scheduled practice or gathering after school.

Lanphier High School:

Signs, Markers and Hallways

- LHS has posted signs regarding face masks requirements and social distancing requirements and other safety procedures that are consistent across all school buildings.
- LHS has installed floor markers for social distancing and one-directional movement.

Locker Rooms and Lockers

- ~~Locker rooms will be used and resume normal usage.~~ **Update: Locker rooms will not be accessible at this time. The district will revisit this issue based on the scientific data and the expiration of the mask mandate.**
- LHS will still ask students and staff to store their coats and bookbags in their lockers for safety reasons.

Cleaning

- All disinfectant and cleaning products used by the District are listed as effective against COVID-19 and other viruses.

Day Cleaning Protocol

- The head custodian will inspect the building condition each morning prior to students and staff entering the facility.
- Upon completion of students and staff entering the building, entryways and touch surfaces will be disinfected.
- Restrooms will be monitored and disinfected multiple times throughout the day.
- Trash and corridors will be maintained as usual during the day.
- Periodic disinfecting of touch surfaces will occur throughout the day.
- Classrooms will have access to disinfecting spray. Spot cleaning throughout the day **can be done by teaching and support staff if warranted. This is not required.** Staff will be provided supplies they need and have access to custodial staff throughout the day.

Night Cleaning Protocol

- Night custodial teams will be disinfecting each room and classroom on a nightly basis.
- Rooms will be swept and mopped regularly on a predetermined schedule
- Classroom desks, chairs, and touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly.

- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected nightly as usual.
- Locker surfaces will be sprayed with disinfectant regularly.
- All trash will be removed as usual.
- Corridors will be swept and mopped and surfaces disinfected.

Per District 186 Return to Learn Plan, Lanphier High School will follow the mitigations listed:

Social Distancing

Social Distancing 3 ft or greater will be used to the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full day in-person learning. The ISBE FAQ Document released on August 2, 2021 states that this strategy combined with universal indoor mask wearing reduces transmission risk (p. 4). The inability to social distance by 3ft at all times should not exclude students from in-person learning in order to keep a minimum distance.

School staff are to help students commit to physical distancing as much as possible by:

- Arranging furniture, play spaces and materials to model and reinforce physical distancing of at least 3 feet and movement;
- Providing assigned seating for students and encourage students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible; and
- Developing marked paths of travel in classrooms and corridors.
- School staff will maximize physical distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines and while eating indoors. Aside from the cafeteria, additional spaces for mealtime seating will be utilized when available and feasible (e.g., weather permitting).
- Physical distancing measures are to be done in an equitable manner that does not perpetuate academic, racial, or other tracking (e.g., separating people into fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cohorts).

Mask Guidance:

There are three specific levels of Mask Requirements that can be considered and implemented upon a majority vote of the Springfield School Board of Education. **To begin the school year, all schools, district offices and facilities will follow Mitigation Level 1:**

- Universal Masking is required of all students (above the age of 2) and staff who can medically tolerate masking in all indoor settings unless eating or drinking. Those who cannot medically tolerate masking will be required to have a doctor's note that outline accommodations that are needed. (See Below)
- Mask use is required for all school bus routes including field trips and Capital Area Career Center bus routes.
- Universal masking is required for all CACC students (per CAVV administration).
- Disposable masks will be available if someone does not have a mask at school and on the bus. All schools will be guaranteed to have the supply that they need without having to wait to receive additional supplies. (We recently had over 20,000 cloth masks donated to the school district by the Central Illinois Food Bank as well)
- Mask breaks may occur outside or if students and staff are at 6 ft distancing.

Mitigation Level 2:

- Mask use is required for Pre-K, elementary students and middle school students who cannot yet receive the vaccine.
- Mask use is required on all school bus routes including field trips and Capital Area Career Center bus routes.

- Mask use is required for all middle and high school students who are unvaccinated.
- Universal masking is required for all CACC students as per CACC administration.
- Mask use is NOT REQUIRED for vaccinated individuals, yet students and staff can opt to wear a mask.
- We encourage vaccinated adults to model mask wearing for PK and Elementary students when possible.
- Everyone should be prepared to wear a mask if local metrics warrant that need. (Revert back to Level 1 Mitigation)
- Disposable masks will be available if someone does not have a mask at school and on the bus. All schools will be guaranteed to have the supply that they need without having to wait to receive additional supplies.

Level 3 Mitigation: (Not recommended at this time)

- Mask use is optional for all students in all instances
- Disposable masks will be available if someone does not have a mask at school and on the bus. All schools will be guaranteed to have the supply that they need without having to wait to receive additional supplies.

Students in need of Masking Accommodations:

Illinois State Board of Education's most recent FAQ document stated, "Schools that continue to require people older than 2 years of age to wear a mask should make exceptions for the following categories of people":

- A person who cannot wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of reasonable accommodation with workers who are not fully vaccinated who are unable to wear a mask, or who have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

(August 2, 2021)

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:

- School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- assisting young children with handwashing;
- reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently;
- using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when hand washing is not possible;
- continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes); and
- providing adequate handwashing and hand sanitizer supplies that are safely stored.

Testing Protocols:

District 186 is offering the following testing options at your child's school grades K-12. These testing measures are both available at no cost to the District or to families through the State of Illinois. They are both mitigation strategies to help keep students in school. A parent consent to test form was a part of the registration process for the 2021-2022 School Year.

[UPDATE on 8/2/21: We are now recommending these options for K-12 grade with parent permission.](#)

The following testing measures will be available at Lanphier High School:

SHIELD Illinois – SHIELD Illinois is a surveillance testing program through the University of Illinois. The SHIELD test is a saliva-based PCR test. Students will be tested 1 or 2 times per week to identify cases as early as possible. Results are available within 24 hours. Negative results allow students to return to class. The test is self-administered with help from our testing partner. The third-party testing partner will contact families directly with medical results. **Students participating in extracurricular activities and sports will be required to test unless they are vaccinated. This practice started during the summer of 2021.**

BinaxNow – The BinaxNow Test is an antigen test that provides results in approximately 15 minutes. This test is used when a student has symptoms. In some cases, a negative Binax test is sufficient to allow a student to return to class. In other cases, a PCR test, such as the SHIELD test, is required. The test is a nose swab administered by a school nurse.

Is testing required?

- Testing is not required for vaccinated staff and students.
- Testing is not required, but highly encouraged, for unvaccinated staff and students.
- Testing is required for unvaccinated students participating in extracurricular activities. Testing all unvaccinated staff and students is critical because approximately 50% of spread is through asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals. Why should my student participate?
 - Early detection
 - Keeps kids in school and extracurriculars and reduce any need for quarantine
 - Peace of mind
 - For vaccinated students, surveillance testing is not necessary. However, if a vaccinated student has symptoms, he/she must be excluded from school for 10 days or have a negative PCR test or alternative diagnosis.

Ventilation Mitigation:

HVAC systems will continue the mitigation process that we followed in the Spring of 2021. These include:

- Increased run time to continue the flow of air
- Increased air exchange as allowed by the equipment in each individual school.
- New filters with the highest MERV rating that they can handle will be installed prior to start of school and replaced on a frequent basis
- New HVAC equipment will be installed as a part of facilities improvement plans in identified buildings as the projects progress.

AirBox air purifiers for offices, and classrooms with window air conditioners have and are being distributed along with filter changes for the year. (LHS will have one per classroom in addition to other small spaces).

Bi-polar Ionization units for HVAC units are in the purchase process and installation will begin upon receipt.

School and Classroom Family Communication:

There will be a focus to minimize the large amount of emails to families by using centralized communication options found in the Canvas Learning Management System, Remind, and Class Dojo.

Resources:

We will utilize a combination of resources to share important information about COVID-19, Center for Disease Control, IDPH recommendations, and other District and community messages. These resources include posters, videos, and websites from both community partners and items created by staff and students.

Response to a Positive Case:

All communications regarding a positive case will be made following IDPH and SCDPH recommendations. Both organizations have issued guidance documents for schools that can be found in the District COVID Information Folder and they will be updated as they are issued. At all times, we must ensure a person’s right to privacy while sharing the appropriate information. This framework will also include cleaning and sanitizing the building.

Vaccination:

Vaccination is not currently mandated at the state or the district level. However, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if exposed to a case as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Why Vaccinate?

Scenario	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated
Someone at home has COVID.	Continue to attend school and activities.	Must stay home from school and activities for 24 days.
Someone at home has symptoms.	Continue to attend school and activities.	Must stay home from school and activities for 24 days.
Close contact with someone outside of the home that has COVID including a teammate or classmate.	Continue to attend school and activities.	Must stay home from school and activities for 14 days.
Student has COVID symptoms.	Out 10 days or until negative PCR test or alternative diagnosis.	Out 10 days or until negative PCR test or alternative diagnosis.

(Chart updated after the 8/2/21 Board of Education action to adopt Mitigation Level 1)

Requesting Proof of Vaccination for Informational Purposes:

As stated in the Illinois State Board of Education FAQ document released on August 2, 2021, schools may request proof of vaccination from parents for their children or from staff to determine vaccination status. The protocol to collect, to secure, to use and regulatory requirements, including Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) statutory and regulatory requirements. In addition, local school authorities are permitted to access the

statewide immunization database to review student immunization records. The District will ensure that only employees who have direct responsibility for ensuring student compliance with 77 ILL.Adm. Code 665.210 can apply for and receive access to I-CARE database. (Updated: August 2, 2021)

District Level: Crisis Cleaning Response Team:

A crisis cleaning response team has been developed to address special cleaning activities in the event of a partial or complete closing of a facility due to a positive case in a building. This is a

workforce that has volunteered for extra duty assignments. This group is made up of our current trained custodial staff and facilitated by the District in cooperation with SEIU Local 15. This group is willing to work overtime and night shifts to properly sanitize spaces and buildings.

Response Actions by Operations and Maintenance Department and the Response Team:

In the event that the District decides to implement closing whole facilities or specific areas of facilities, the Operations and Maintenance may be asked to perform special cleaning as required. No decision to close or clean a building will be done without input from the District and Building Administration, along with the consultation of local, state or federal health department officials as necessary.

Response Actions:

Only when it is determined that a cleaning or closing is warranted the response team will do the following.

- Coordinate with supervisors, building custodial teams and school administrators to outline procedures and areas to be cleaned.
- Regulate the area to be cleaned, i.e. lock doors, install barricades and signage if necessary.
- Ventilate the area if possible with existing HVAC equipment and or opening windows.
- Clean and disinfect as listed below.
- Reestablish occupancy after confirming with District Administration and health officials as necessary.

Process:

- The team members are alerted of the situation. The number of team members will be determined by the size of the area to be cleaned and disinfected.
- Team members will arrive at the building with masks (N95), gloves, eye protection, disinfectant and additional cleaning equipment as needed.
- The team regulates the building. No one enters the building/area without PPE.
- Ventilation will be increased if existing equipment allows. Windows will be opened to promote ventilation weather permitting.
- Team members disinfect their way into the building/area and apply disinfectant (Buckeye E23) to touch surfaces of identified areas. Use of misters may be used as warranted.
- Touch surfaces are wiped down after contact time allotment and disinfectant applied again.
- Furniture and equipment are cleaned.
- Floor areas are then cleaned with Buckeye E33 Neutral Cleaner.
- Buckeye E23 disinfectant is re-applied and allowed to dry.
- The team cleans up and leaves the building disposing of used PPE and cleaning materials outside.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

PPE will be provided to schools and additional supplies may be requested at any time. The District will continue to stock and reorder PPE as needed so needs can be met.

