

2020-2021 LaHarpe School

Frequently Asked Questions

If you have questions not answered here please email me, sryner@laharpeeagles.com

- What time will school start each day?

- 7:30-7:55 Breakfast in or near classrooms except for Junior High. Junior High will eat breakfast in the cafeteria
- 8:00 Students must be in class ready to learn.

-When is the first day of school?

- Wednesday August 19th, 2020

- What time will school end each day?

- 1:30 Buses will leave and walkers will head out
- 1:35 Car line begins

- Will there be school all five days per week?

- Yes

- Does my child have to wear a mask at school?

- Yes, masks are required anytime students are in the building or on a bus. Students may remove masks at lunch, recess and when taken outdoors by staff as long as social distancing.

- Will the school provide a mask for my child?

- Students should bring their own mask to school for entry to the building or onto the bus. We will have additional cloth masks made by community members that may be returned home with your student for washing. Please wash them as quickly as possible and return them. We will continue to use them for your student's use as a spare. We have some disposable masks and our community

is providing enough cloth masks for all children to get a clean cloth mask when needed.

- We encourage you to find your own that your student tolerates best if possible.
- Will my child be disciplined for not wearing a mask?
 - Your student has been offered remote learning if they refuse to wear masks. Do not send students to school if they refuse to wear masks. They will have to return home. If the student needs a mask break, we will work to get them outside as soon as possible.
- May my student wear a face shield instead?
 - No face shields are not allowed. If a student cannot wear a mask they need to choose the remote learning option. Doctor notes for students to attend face to face instruction without a mask or with a face shield instead will not be honored. Face shields are considered insufficient to stop the spread of COVID 19 and students needing them will be at higher risk for transmission.
- Will there be times when my child can remove the mask during the day?
 - Recess
 - Lunch
 - Teachers are encouraged to take students outside after instruction to work on assignments, readings etc where they can spread out and remove masks.
- How will students be “cleared” each day to come to school?
 - Parents will self certify at home via Smartphone scanning a QR code or via paper pad. Paper will have to be brought to school each day by the student.
- Where do I drop off my child each morning at school?
 - PreK - 2nd grade bus riders will be dropped off at their doors and met by paraprofessionals.
 - PreK will enter their building via their colorful door. You may park and walk from the parking area east of the Johnson building.
 - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd will enter in the southeast doors by the greenhouse. You may park on the south side of the main building parking lot and walk or let them out at the sidewalk’s north end and drive through. A paraprofessional will

meet these children to walk them to their doors. You may also park and walk from the parking area east of the Johnson building.

- 3rd and 4th parent drop enter in the north west door near the teacher's lounge.
 - 5th-8th parent drop off enter by the south west door near the office
 - All bus riders will enter through the gymnasium lobby doors. Signs will direct 3rd and 4th to their right, 7th and 8th straight ahead through the gym, and 5th and 6th to their left down the junior high hallway.
- If my child is late, do I take him/her to the office?
- Do not be late.
 - Buzz the office from the west side or call from your cell phone and someone will be out to have parents sign student's in.
- If I need to pick up my child (not sick) early, do I pick him/her up in the office?
- Buzz the office from the west side, or call from your cell phone and someone will be out with your student to have parents to sign students out.
- Will buses run?
- Yes, if you need the bus just let us know. We asked for your busing needs on registration papers and the survey. We are currently planning routes.
- Does my child have to wear a mask while riding the bus?
- Yes, students will not be allowed on the bus without a mask.
- Will lunch be served?
- Yes face to face learners will have a scheduled lunch. Those who chose remote learning will need to pick up lunch daily at 10:30 and breakfast weekly at 10:30 on Mondays. Only those students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive free and reduced lunch prices.
- How will students be picked up at the end of each day?
- 1:30- Buses will load and leave
 - 1:30 - Walkers will be taken out by staff
 - 1:35 - Car line will begin. Students being picked up by parents will wait in their classrooms until their name appears on their classroom's Promethean Board.

Staff will type in names of cars in the car line in order as cars approach so teachers can release students to the back.

- How/where do I pick up my child at school if he/she is sick?
 - Sick students with COVID19 type symptoms will be taken to a room in the Johnson building near the entrance, where there is a cot to rest. Parents will need to park on the east or west side of the Johnson building and sign the student out with the staff member inside the Johnson building. Those with things like bee stings, or injuries will be continue to be picked up in the office.
- Does my child have to get a COVID19 test if he/she is sick?
 - This is a parent's or guardian's decision.
- What happens if my child tests positive for COVID19?
 - The health department will be involved in contact tracing.
 - Students should quarantine for 14 days after the last symptom.
 - See end of document for Hancock Co Health Department contact tracing information
- What happens if a child or staff member in my child's class tests positive for covid?
 - The student's or staff member's health care provider will inform Hancock Co. Health department and they will begin Contact tracing. The following is information from Hancock Co Health Department:
- What if a staff member or child who is not in my child's class tests positive?
 - See below Hancock Co. Health Department's contact tracing
- Will LaHarpe students participate in sports this year?
 - We currently have students participating in baseball and cross country within the Return to Play guidelines.
 - IESA's blueprint for the future Girls Basketball March 1st, Boys Basketball Jan. 2nd, Volleyball Jan. 2nd, Track is

The following is information from Hancock County Health Department about contact tracing:

If someone tests positive for COVID-19 anyone who was within 6 ft for at least 15 minutes would then be considered a close contact. Close contacts must be self-quarantined for 14 days. (14 days begin on the last day the individual had contact with the positive COVID-19 patient) Example: Jon got his positive test results back on July 5. Jon and Matt were in "close contact" (within 6 ft for at least 15 minutes) on July 1st. Therefore day 1 of self-quarantine began on July 2 and will end on July 15. Contact tracing will be done with ANYONE who fits the criteria of being within 6ft for at least 15 minutes.

A few other things to consider...

- ★ Testing is recommended for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.
- ★ Those contacts who test **positive** (symptomatic or asymptomatic) should be managed as a confirmed COVID-19 Case.
- ★ Asymptomatic contacts testing **negative** should self-quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure (i.e., close encounter with confirmed or probable COVID-19 case)
- ★ If testing is not available, symptomatic close contacts should self-isolate and be [managed as a probable COVID-19 case](#).
- ★ If testing is not available, asymptomatic close contacts should self-quarantine and be monitored for 14 days after their last exposure, with linkage to clinical care for those who develop symptoms.

******VERY IMPORTANT:** The timeframe for self-quarantine is 14 days following the last day of exposure to a patient with COVID-19, **to ensure that the contact does not get sick themselves and spread the virus to others**. Because, it is possible to show symptoms anywhere from day 2 to 14 after exposure to COVID-19.

If a student does end up testing positive he or she will have to think of those individuals who fit the criteria of "close contact" at school. It will be important for teachers to keep a seating chart in case it needs to be referred to at some point.

Contact tracing steps

Generally, contact tracing includes the following steps:

- **Case investigation:** Local public health department staff work with a patient to help them recall everyone they have had close contact with during the time they may have been infectious.
- **Contact tracing:** Local public health department staff begin contact tracing by notifying exposed people (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible, not revealing the infected patient's identity.
- **Contact support:** Contacts are provided with education, information, and support to help them understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, and how to monitor themselves for illness. In addition, they are informed of the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they do not feel ill.
- **Self-quarantine:** Contacts are encouraged to stay home, monitor their health, and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others until 14 days after their last exposure to the infected patient in case they also become ill.