Miami Elementary School

Re-entry Plan 2021-2022

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Social Distancing Measures

Miami will open for the 2021-2022 school year under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD), and the LSC District guidelines.

By implementing as many of the guidelines and recommendations as possible, the LSC believes we can open schools for the 2021-2022 school year with an In Person model. Students, staff, parents and community members will continue to experience new preventive and mitigating measures as they enter our buildings. The new measures are being initiated for the health and safety of every person who enters any LSC building or visits one of LSC's many events and activities.

In Person

The In Person model will have students attending a normal day of instruction at Miami. While students will attend a normal instructional day, there will be numerous new health and safety protocols in place. Social Distancing will be a high priority.

Students will begin school on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with a full day of instruction. Busses will run, and breakfast and lunch will be served.

E-Learning Opportunity

An E-Learning opportunity will only be available for students who provide a note from their family medical provider that it would not be in the students best medical interest to attend school in person. The LSC administration will review each medical note for approval or denial.

Preventative Measures

TCHD has provided a checklist for families, students, and staff to educate everyone about their personal responsibilities before entering school, while at school, and after leaving school. The checklist should be used each day to ensure the safety of everyone. It is our expectation that staff will do their part to complete a self-screening before entering school each day. Covid-19 training will be provided to staff. If at any time someone within the school setting tests positive for the Covid-19, we will follow the LSC and TCHD guidance to determine mitigation procedures.

- Signs will be posted around the building to remind others of proper social distancing measures.
- A designated and secure area will be made for anyone exhibiting COVID like symptoms.

Face Masks/Shields

Due to the recent up-tick in COVID-19 cases, beginning on Monday, August 9, 2021, Face Masks and/or Face Coverings will be mandated for all non-vaccinated and vaccinated individuals while indoors in a Lafayette School Corporation's building. This recommendation falls in-line with the current CDC's, State of Indiana Health Department's and the Tippecanoe County Health Department's recommendations. There may be times when masks will be allowed to be removed during the day such as breakfast, lunch and other times deemed necessary. The Lafayette School Corporation will continue to monitor the CDC, the State of Indiana Health Department and the Tippecanoe County Health Department for future updates and guidance.

Mandated Vaccines

The LSC will not require or mandate any staff member or student to have a COVID-19 vaccine. The LSC recommends that staff members and families consult with their family medical provider for questions or concerns regarding a COVID-19 vaccine.

Classrooms and Instruction

- Seating charts will be used throughout the entire school day.
- Store purchased/individually packaged birthday treats will be allowed this year. NO homemade treats will be allowed.
- Classrooms surfaces will be cleaned daily.

Restroom/Drinking Fountains

- Students may not use the restroom on their own unless it is an emergency situation or they have a doctor's note stating they need to.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off but the bottle refill will remain on.

Bus Transportation

As of the date of this document, the CDC continues to require all students and adults to wear a Face Mask while on a school bus. The LSC will continue to provide extra Face Masks on each bus should a student forget their mask. The LSC will provide an update of this topic later in the summer.

Arrival

- 7:45am Doors open and students arrive. Students will report to the cafeteria and gym. Students will sit by grade level and classrooms in the gym.
- Parents and guests will not be allowed to enter with students. Appointments will need to be made with the main office. **This includes the first day of school.**
- Title 1 staff and any additional support staff will monitor hallways/classrooms beginning at 8:00.
- 8:10- Students will be able to enter their classrooms a few at a time to put away book bags and to hang up coats. Breakfast is served in the classroom.
- Bus arrival: Bus drivers will be asked to keep the kids on the bus until 8:10am. This way, once they unload, they can go directly to the classroom. Buses will be unloaded one at a time. Support staff will help students walk in single file lines to classrooms.

Dismissal

- Will start around 2:30 to be a staggered release of students.
- Bus Riders will be released to walk out one bus at a time.
- Car riders will be spread out down hallway.
- Walkers will be released from classroom by grade level with a teacher and using different exits throughout the building.

Cafeteria

- Social distancing decals will be provided by Chartwells for serving line.
- Assigned tables will be used at lunch.

Open House

- Will be held on Thursday, August 5th from 4:00-6:00pm.
- School supplies are being provided to every LSC student.