

20-21 Learn
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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

INITIAL REOPENING PLAN

JULY 16, 2020

Lafayette Parish School System School Community:

School and district level staff continue to work to finalize details for the reopening of schools in August. We are committed to maintaining protocols to protect the health and safety of our students and employees. We will continue to collaborate with the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Department of Health as we move through the various phases of our **20-21 Learn Lafayette** plan.

The attached document outlines our plan to provide a high-quality education to our 32,000+ students in the 2020-2021 school year. Teaching and learning models are phase dependent; however, it may become necessary to adjust plans based on the status and unique needs of our community. Plans are fluid and may evolve as we receive guidance from the Louisiana Department of Education, Louisiana Department of Health, and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

Families have the option to choose a 100% virtual learning model and can [apply here if interested](#). To allow us to evaluate and respond to staffing needs, the deadline to apply to Lafayette Online Academy is Monday, August 3, 2020.

Based on the COVID-19 status of our state, it may be necessary for the district or particular schools to switch to a 100% distance-learning scenario. Parents are urged to consider contingency plans for childcare, meal pickup, etc. in the event we transition to a Phase 1 learning model. Beginning in August, all learning will be required and grades recorded; therefore, it is important that families have Internet/Wi-Fi service. Information about low-cost internet options for qualifying families can be found [here](#).

We have delayed the start of school to ensure that employees have time to be trained, practice safety protocols, and to prepare for an effective start to the 2020-2021 school year. The academic year will begin on **Monday, August 17, 2020** in Phase 2, which will remain in effect through the end of the first nine-weeks on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. We will continue to communicate to you in the next few weeks regarding more specific details and/or new information as we work to implement our Learn Lafayette plan.

Having teachers and students return to a safe and engaging learning environment is our ultimate goal. Please join us in doing your part in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Irma D. Trosclair
Superintendent



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The 2020-2021 academic year will begin on August 17, 2020 in Phase 2
 Phase 2 will remain in effect through October 13, 2020
 Plans are subject to change as needed

	PHASE 1 Distance Model	PHASE 2 Blended Model	PHASE 3 Traditional Model
Maximum Group Size	10 individuals per group, including adults	25 individuals per group, including adults	50 individuals per group, including adults
PK-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning occurs through distance/virtual learning models, outside of the school setting, with ongoing teacher guidance Attendance is recorded and grades assigned Devices and/or hard copies provided through pick-up drive thru at each school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will report to school on A/B days, alternating between in school and distance/virtual learning models PK-5 students remain in static groups, interaction between groups is minimized, with individuals in combo settings being allowed to transition with safety precautions 6-12th grade students will be allowed to transition between classes with safety precautions Instructional times will be adjusted to accommodate buses Until further notice locker rooms will be closed. Click here for information about physical education <p>A/B Schedule Monday - Group A Tuesday - Group B Wednesday - Group A Thursday - Group B Friday - Rotate Weekly Click here for details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students attend school daily PK-5 students remain in static groups, interaction between groups is minimized, with individuals in combo settings being allowed to transition with safety precautions 6-12th grade students will be allowed to transition between classes with safety precautions Instructional times will be adjusted to accommodate buses Until further notice locker rooms will be closed. Click here for information about physical education
Wi-Fi/Internet Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning is required and grades will be assigned so it is important that students are able to connect to Wi-Fi from home to complete required work and assignments. Click here for low cost internet options Families should be prepared to switch to 100% online learning at any time Smart buses and Wi-Fi boosters will be available on each school campus to assist with student connectivity 		
Lafayette Online Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPSS students have the option to begin the school year through our no-cost Lafayette Online Academy (LOA) and can apply here Lafayette Online Academy Students who begin the school year through LOA will remain in LOA through January 8, 2021 Students have the option to transition to their base school beginning on January 11, 2021 All current Magnet Academy students who choose to learn through LOA will remain enrolled in the Magnet Academy for the 2020-2021 school year. Students enrolled in language immersion programs may be required to take a language placement test to return to immersion programs Students enrolled in LOA can participate in school-based extracurricular activities, including sports The deadline to apply for Lafayette Online Academy is August 3, 2020 		

Transportation	Buses- 25% capacity	Buses -50% capacity-36 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to limited capacity, parents are encouraged to provide transportation to and from school if possible • Arrival and dismissal times will be adjusted 	Buses-75% capacity-54 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to limited capacity, parents are encouraged to provide transportation to and from school if possible • Arrival and dismissal times will be adjusted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses will be disinfected between each route • Students will sanitize hands when boarding the bus • Seating charts will be created and maintained • Students will only be allowed to ride their assigned bus • Weather permitting, windows will be open to facilitate air flow • Face coverings must be worn on buses 		
Symptom Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff who exhibit symptoms of illnesses are to stay home • Staff temperature checks will be taken upon campus arrival • Student temperature checks will be taken during 1st-hour class • Students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be moved to a designated location and will promptly leave campus • Click here for additional employee and student safety protocols 		
Facial Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be required to wear facial coverings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students (3rd grade and up) will be required to wear facial coverings • Face coverings for students in grades PK-2 are recommended Student Face Coverings/Masks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines on face coverings/masks will be determined by LPSS in accordance with the LDH, CDC, and the Office of the Governor
Child Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grab & Go meals will be available at school sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meal service provided for students in attendance • Meals may be consumed in classrooms or other designated areas • Students will take home shelf-stable meals for the following day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be provided meals packed in disposable containers/bags • Meals may be consumed in classrooms or other designated areas
Visitors on Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities are closed to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will only be allowed for essential business and on a limited basis • LPSS guidelines for visitors will be clearly posted and enforced • Face coverings and temperature checks are required for all visitors 	
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees will report to their respective work site • Doorknobs, fixtures, and other high touch surfaces and high traffic areas, such as restrooms, will be cleaned multiple times per day • Handwashing and/or hand sanitizing at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit • Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout all schools • Students may bring hand sanitizer from home • Water fountains will be sanitized hourly, but students may also bring water bottles from home • Hygienic supplies will be provided to staff • Crowding will be limited at entry and exit points and no large assemblies or gatherings permitted • Employee and school related travel may be permitted in Phase 3 with prior approval from the superintendent and office of risk management • Parents and employees are encouraged to access the most recent information about school reopening and operations through the LPSS website, LPSS social media, individual school websites, and email communications • Before and after school programs will be allowed in Phases 2 & 3, but must adhere to the maximum group sizes and physical distance protocols 		