2021-2022
LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RETURN TO LEARN PLAN – ADDENDUM

(Effective January 3, 2022)
Since the beginning of the pandemic, Liberty Public Schools has complied with public health requirements and guidance as put forth by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Liberty, Missouri, the Clay County Public Health Center and the Kansas City Health Department. When the requirements or guidance has been inconsistent between these entities, the District has adhered to the most restrictive approach. As we approach the beginning of the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, it is anticipated that there will be revisions to local public health requirements and guidance. Accordingly, the District will adjust our Return to Learn Plan to reflect these changes. Please note that should the public health guidance be revised in the coming months the District would likely incorporate any relevant changes into our Return to Learn Plan. The Board of Education may opt for more stringent COVID-19 mitigation strategies as it deems appropriate in light of conditions in the District, and with due consideration of local public health guidance.

KEY PREVENTION MEASURES / MITIGATION PROTOCOLS

» MONITORING FOR SYMPTOMS/REPORTING COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES/SELF-QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

All staff and students should closely monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms and stay home from school or work when sick. Any staff or family of a student who tests positive for COVID-19 must report the result to the school nurse (for students) or immediate supervisor (for staff) and self-quarantine in accordance with the direction provided below. Prior to return, the COVID-19 positive individual must first contact their school nurse (student) or supervisor (staff) to determine if they are permitted to return.
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<th>Is a COVID-19 Test Required?</th>
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<td>Only one (1) Moderate-Risk Symptom</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>• 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement; <strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;• If health provider believes an alternate diagnosis is the cause of the symptom, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis; <strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;• If the symptom is related to a persistent and known medical condition (e.g., allergies)</td>
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<td>One (1) High-Risk Symptom&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;Two (2) or more Moderate-Risk Symptoms</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>If Negative COVID-19 Test:&lt;br&gt;• 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement; <strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;• If health provider believes an alternate diagnosis is the cause of symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis&lt;br&gt;<strong>If Positive COVID-19 Test or No Test was Performed:</strong>&lt;br&gt;• 24 hours after fever resolution without the use of fever-reducing medications;&lt;br&gt;<strong>AND</strong>&lt;br&gt;• At least ten (10) days have passed since symptoms first appeared; <strong>AND</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Improvement in symptoms</td>
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<td>• New cough</td>
<td>• Fever (100 F or greater) or chills*&lt;br&gt;• Sore throat</td>
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<td>• Difficulty breathing</td>
<td>• Congestion/runny nose</td>
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<td>• Loss of taste/smell</td>
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*Fever in adults should be considered a High-Risk Symptom

Masks/Face Coverings
Masks are recommended of all individuals over the age of 2 while in any District facility. Due to the federal mandate that remains in place, masks will continue to be required on our school buses until further notice.

Contact Tracing/Quarantine
Families and staff will continue to receive email notifications each day should there be a COVID-19 positive case in their school or building. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine. The District will only perform contact tracing for certain sensitive COVID-19 situations that occur within one of our facilities. Accordingly, in most cases, close contacts will not be identified or notified by LPS staff, and individuals will not be required to self quarantine (provided they are not COVID-19 positive or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms). The District will continue to work closely with health officials to monitor COVID-19 cases and adjust plans as deemed necessary.
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Social Distancing
All reasonable efforts will be made to maximize social distancing to the extent possible while students are in District facilities.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing
Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to clean and sanitize their hands on a regular and frequent basis.

Ventilation
Airflow, ventilation, and filtration will continue to be maximized to the extent possible, and all classrooms and learning spaces will continue to have a HEPA (High Efficiency Air Filtration) purifiers in place. Teachers are encouraged to conduct class outdoors when possible and practical.

COVID-19 Vaccine
Staff and families should consider receiving a COVID-19 vaccine (and booster) to limit possible exposure and illness. More information about vaccine locations can be found at: clayhealth.com/301/COVID-19-Vaccine.

COVID-19 Testing
Should an LPS student or Staff member experience COVID-19 symptoms or have a COVID-19 exposure, Liberty Public Schools can provide “take home testing kits” for personal use. Liberty Public Schools encourages all students and staff to consult with their personal physician for medical advice and guidance. Testing sites are available throughout the community and can be found at: clayhealth.com/285/COVID-19-Testing.

Communication/LPS Dashboard
The District will continue to send direct emails to families and staff if a COVID-19 positive situation occurred in their building. The LPS COVID-19 dashboard will continue to be updated each Wednesday afternoon but will only include an accounting of all reported COVID-19 positive cases, by week, by building. The LPS website will also continue to include all relevant information pertaining to our Return to Learn Plan and can be accessed here: https://www.lps53.org.

Changing Learning Modes
It is understandable that changes to our mitigation protocols may prompt some families to seek to choose a different learning mode for their student(s). The district will work with each family to accommodate any change but would ask that this decision be made by January 5, 2022 so that our team will have time to plan accordingly. Please connect with your building principal to formalize any change request.