

# Lincoln Park School District

# Safe Return Plan

# 2021-2022

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# Objective & Process

The NJDOE requires we “Plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools.”

We will ensure that our plan addresses the needs of our community of learners and empowers us to offer the best educational services that conditions will allow. We are not trying to return to “normal.” We are striving to improve upon what we had prior to Covid-19.

# LPES Schedule

- Transitional first grade
- Intervention period for each grade level
- Extended lunch periods

# LPMS Schedule

Many Changes are coming to the LPMS Schedule, which Mr. Winston will be discussing in his presentation.

# **Maintaining Health & Safety: Universal & Correct Wearing of Masks**

The district will follow the most current executive orders or regulations regarding all mitigation strategies. Signage regarding safety measures will remain present. If masks are required, staff will review how to wear a mask correctly. PPE will be available for staff and students.

# **Maintaining Health & Safety: Social Distancing**

As per the governor's direction, we intend to open with every student in their school every day. We will maintain a 3 foot distance between students and are still working on our plans for lunches. If health conditions require a change, we can re-establish the cohorts and make adjustments to ensure we can meet the health and safety guidelines.

# **Maintaining Health & Safety: Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

Signage with hand washing reminders will remain in place. Teachers will review proper handwashing procedures and respiratory etiquette (sneezing and coughing) with students on the first day of school and as appropriate for their grade level. Hand sanitizer will be provided at school entrances, in each classroom, the cafeteria and throughout the hallways. We are looking into making our bathroom facilities touchless with the support of federal funding.

# **Maintaining Health & Safety: Cleaning & maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

The district will continue to employ the strategies that helped us successfully navigate the 2020-2021 school year:

- Opening windows to increase fresh air flow
- Daily cleaning with electrostatic sprayers
- Pursuing a bond referendum to improve our existing HVAC systems



## **Maintaining Health & Safety: Contact tracing in combination with isolation & quarantine**

The district will continue to follow the most current executive orders, policies and guidance that are in effect at the time of reopening. The school nurses and principals will maintain our strong working relationship with our local health department to provide support for contact tracing, isolation and quarantining, if necessary.

# **Maintaining Health & Safety: Diagnostic and Screening testing**

If necessary, students and staff will complete a daily health questionnaire before arrival each day. Nurses and teachers will monitor to ensure compliance.

Visitors to our buildings will complete a form in hard copy upon their arrival. They will reflect the current guidance in place and will be adjusted accordingly.

## **Maintaining Health & Safety: Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities**

During the 2020-2021 school year, the district worked closely with the Lincoln Park Health Department and Atlantic Health Systems to communicate information about vaccination opportunities for our staff and community. Updates will continue to be shared through email and the electronic backpacks.

## **Maintaining Health & Safety: Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health & safety policies**

The district will follow all Individual Education Plans (IEP) and 504s to ensure that the needs of all of our students are met. For students with disabilities or specific health needs, individualized health plans will be generated in collaboration with the district physician, school nurses, and students' pediatricians.

As needed, case managers will communicate accommodations to the appropriate staff members.

# **Ensuring Continuity of Services: Students' academic needs**

- Continued benchmarking via iReady
- MTSS coach position
- Summer data analysis for MTSS placement
- Summer enrichment programs for identified students

# **Ensuring Continuity of Services: Social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff**

SEL and mental health have been priorities for our district for years. We will incorporate many new elements as well as continuing with successful strategies from the past:

- Responsive Classroom built into homeroom
- LPMS program built into an enrichment period
- Calming boxes in LPES classrooms
- Summer SEL planning time
- Trauma informed PD training

# **Ensuring Continuity of Services:**

## **Consideration of health and food services**

- Minimal increase in the price of lunches
- Encourage the use of cashless transactions
- Students receiving free & reduced services will not experience a break in services
- An additional lunch period at LPES to minimize the number of students in the cafeteria at once

**Thank You!**