



Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022

Last updated: September 10, 2021

Communication



- ❑ District Website: Main source of information
- ❑ Parent Portal: We will continue to send out updates using our Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- ❑ Social Media: Lyle's Facebook page will be updated frequently
- ❑ Any information or updates specifically for one student and/or family will be communicated via phone call or email.
- ❑ With any positive cases, we will notify those exposed to COVID-19 as soon as possible. Personal information will not be shared.

Schedule for Learning Model



- ❑ Lyle will start school on September 7th with an In-Person model for all Prek-12 students
- ❑ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:10am – 3:00pm
- ❑ Wednesday – 8:10am – 2:00pm

Schedule for Learning Model In-Person Overview



- ❑ Students will follow traditional schedules
- ❑ Learning spaces may be modified, providing as much physical distancing (3ft) as possible
- ❑ Limited use of shared instructional supplies
- ❑ We will stagger our lunch and recess schedules
- ❑ Morning arrival and breakfast will have various locations
- ❑ Traditional grading will continue

PPE and Masks



- ❑ All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District – 497 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. Families can choose for their children to wear masks/face shields during the school day if desired.
- ❑ Anyone riding on school buses and vans will be required to wear masks, as required by the CDC.
- ❑ Mask-Shaming will not be tolerated and should be communicated to the school office.
- ❑ A limited number of cloth and disposable masks will be available for students
- ❑ Students are encouraged to provide their own face covering
- ❑ We will have PPE available for staff using direct support student services

Education and Implementation of Hygiene



- ❑ Hygiene education will be delivered to all students and staff on a continual basis
- ❑ Signage for physical distancing and hand washing will be displayed throughout the building

Quarantine Plan Close Contact Tracing



Families will be notified of close contact and given two options:

- ☐ **Child stays home from school and activities for 10 days from exposure date. Students are expected to do the schoolwork**

Or

- ☐ **Come to school but required to wear mask for 10 days from exposure date. Students must be symptom free (if not, student will be sent home)**

***** Students with no symptoms and have received the COVID-19 Vaccine or have tested positive within the previous 90 days, they are exempt from quarantine rules. Medical documentation will be required to confirm.**

Quarantine Plan Close Contact Tracing



Close Contact Tracing (Positive Case in Household)

- ❑ Child must stay home from school and activities for 14 days. Day 0 is the date when positive person began showing symptoms. If no symptoms were present, Day 0 is the date of positive COVID test. When returning to school from quarantine, the student must have no symptoms and must wear mask for an additional 7 days.
- ❑ If child above tests positive for COVID-19, child may return to school 10 days from start of symptoms. If no symptoms are present, it will be 10 days from positive test date.

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Cleaning and Disinfecting



- ❑ Daily and frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day
- ❑ Custodian schedules will be modified to allow high touch surfaces to be cleaned frequently
- ❑ Increased frequency of daily disinfecting
- ❑ Staggered use of communal spaces to allow for disinfecting
- ❑ Sharing of objects between staff/students will be minimized
- ❑ Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms
- ❑ Lyle Public installed Bipolar Ionization systems in the fall of 2020 on our HVAC systems.

Travel



- ❑ International Travel
 - ❑ Students and staff who travel outside of the United States must follow CDC quarantine guidance
- ❑ Travel within the United States
 - ❑ No restrictions at this time

Extra-Curricular Events



- ❑ Events and activities will follow the most up-to-date guidance from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).
- ❑ All after-school activities, including sports will follow the same practices and procedures as during the school day. This will include on school buses.
- ❑ Anyone riding on school buses and vans will be required to wear masks, as required by the CDC.

Monitoring of Illnesses



- ❑ Our COVID-19 coordinator will continue to monitor situations
- ❑ Staff will monitor and exclude for illness

Health and Safety



- ❑ COVID-19 affects different people in different ways
- ❑ Infected people have a wide range of symptoms—from mild to severe
- ❑ CDC does not currently recommend symptom screening for students at school
- ❑ Parents will be the fundamental part of the student screening process
 - ❑ If a child is sick, we ask parents to keep student at home

Symptoms (Possibly appearing 2–14 days after exposure)



- ☐ Fever/chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Body aches
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Congestion/Runny nose
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ New or worsening cough
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Nausea/Vomiting

Students Ill at School



- ❑ Students found to be ill at school will be screened according to the most current Decision Tree Guide
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>
- ❑ Students that have symptoms will be in an isolation room until they can be picked up by a parent or caregiver.
- ❑ Please know the isolation room is a waiting area until student can be picked up from school but, it is not intended to hold students all day
 - ❑ It is absolutely imperative that your phone numbers are up-to-date as well as the emergency contact phone numbers.
 - ❑ Please have a BACK UP PLAN in the event your student needs to be sent home

How can Parents and Students Help?



- ❑ Parents are expected to conduct a DAILY screening of their students
- ❑ Parents, students, and staff follow the daily health screening check list. We know it won't prevent all disease transmission, but the goal is to minimize transmission as much as possible
- ❑ If student or staff is sick, they stay home.
- ❑ Parents/Guardians need to notify the office when a student is absent.

How can Parents and Students Help?



- ❑ COVID vaccinations will not be required to attend Lyle Public School, unless required by state or federal mandates.
- ❑ Lyle Public School will offer opportunities for vaccination, if available.

Special Education Services



- ❑ Lyle special education teachers and staff, including SMEC, will continue to provide educational services for students with disabilities by meeting their unique needs within state and local regulations.
- ❑ Communication between Special education staff and families will continue, focusing on the needs of student and within local and state regulations.

Transportation



- ❑ Drivers and students are required to wear face coverings, per Federal Mandates.
- ❑ We will create as much space as possible between students on buses and vans.
- ❑ Vehicles will be disinfected after each use
- ❑ Students may have assigned seats

Kitchen / Food Service



- ❑ Cafeteria tables and serving areas will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- ❑ All students and staff will wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after lunch.
- ❑ We will create as much space as possible between students in the cafeteria.

Social Emotional/Mental Health Support



- ❑ The mental health of Lyle students and staff has been a priority of our school and will continue to be.
- ❑ Staff will continue to receive training and resources to assist our students.
- ❑ Our district social worker will coordinate the necessary supports.
- ❑ Independent Management Services (IMS) will be available for students who meet certain criteria



Please know this plan will continuously be reviewed and altered, based on the needs of the district and upon recommendations and requirements set forth by local, state, and federal agencies.

As changes arises, families will be notified accordingly.

Thank you for your support of Lyle Public School