

# La Porte Independent School District

## Health and Safety Recommendations for Students and Staff

The health and safety of our students and staff in La Porte ISD are our top priorities. We continue to monitor and adjust our plans in response to evolving conditions, relying on local health and state authorities for guidance. Below are highlights of our comprehensive school opening plan.



### Self-Screening

Students and staff are required to self-screen each day prior to accessing a campus or a district facility. La Porte ISD self-screener guidelines for students and staff are available on our website.



### Face Masks

Masks are highly recommended for students and staff, but not required.



### Attendance

Student attendance will be earned through in-person instruction. Virtual instruction is not offered at this time.



### Transportation

Face masks are highly recommended on LPISD school buses as social distancing is not possible. Parents are encouraged to drive their children to and from school.



### Cafeteria

Designated tables that allow for social distancing will be available at every campus. Refillable water bottle stations are accessible at each campus. Visitors for breakfast and lunch will not be allowed.



### Classrooms

Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom. The use of shared supplies will be limited. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in common areas. All facilities will be cleaned on a regular basis.



### Visitors

Campuses are encouraged to utilize virtual meetings to engage families. Visitors are limited to only those individuals necessary to school operations. It is highly recommended that all authorized visitors wear a mask while on campus. In addition, to protect the health and safety of students, parents are not permitted to eat breakfast or lunch with their student.



### Positive and Symptomatic Students and Staff Response

Local and state guidelines have been updated to include a mandatory 10-day minimum exclusion from school and school activities for students and staff who test positive for COVID-19. Symptomatic individuals will be required to self-isolate and may be allowed to return after meeting re-admission criteria (alternate diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test). Refer to the 2021-2022 [Student](#) and [Employee](#) Process Maps for specific guidance. The district will continue to offer COVID-19 rapid testing for students and staff.

### Campus and District Notifications

La Porte ISD will continue to provide daily campus reporting of any known positive cases and update the district dashboard weekly. The district is required to notify the local health department and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) of any student or staff member who has been in school and is test-confirmed positive.

For further information regarding COVID-19 prevention, mitigation and response, please visit [www.lpsid.org](http://www.lpsid.org) to review our La Porte ISD [Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services \(RIPICS\) Plan](#).