

Cambridge Elementary School
COVID-19 Guidelines and
Procedures for 2021-2022
Family/Staff Quick Guide



Below are CES/LNSU COVID mitigation guidelines and procedures to begin the 2021-2022 school year. These guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Masks:

Per the Lamoille North Supervisory Union School Board, masks will be required for all students, staff, and visitors to our buildings. Everyone will be required to wear a mask (while indoors) until further notice. Masks may be removed for instructional purposes when necessary. We have found that most students prefer their own cloth masks. Disposable masks will be available to those who need a mask. Parents and guardians who drop students off inside the building are required to wear face masks. If you choose to send your child to school with their own face mask, please remember to wash it daily before your child returns to school the following day.

It has been made clear by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Vermont Department of Health (VT DOH), American Association of Pediatrics, and the Vermont Agency of Education (VT AOE) that masks are an imperative mitigation measure against the COVID 19 virus.

Masks are a matter of public health and will be worn by all students and staff until the science suggests they are no longer needed.

LNSU Mask Expectations

Health and Safety Expectation: Cloth coverings/masks are an expectation for in-person learning while indoors.
Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

Pre teaching and preventive measures	1 st Step	2 nd Step	3 rd Step
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask expectations will be shared with students, staff, families, and guardians. Teachers and staff can provide students with opportunities to further explore the use of facial coverings/masks as an expected safety measure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder is provided to the student by a teacher or staff member. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student will be asked by designated staff to leave the classroom space. Designated staff will provide support through the use of modeling, explicit directions, rehearsal, practice, feedback, and reinforcement opportunities. Designated staff will support re-entry into the classroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An administrator will call the parents/guardians to pick-up their student. An administrator will provide additional support that may include a re-entry meeting. If the issue cannot be resolved, other options will be considered.

- There may be some students who are unable to wear masks due to a documented medical condition that results in exemption from mask wearing. Appropriate ADA forms signed by a health care professional will be required in these instances.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

- Drop off**

Students who do not ride the bus will have an assigned entrance.

- PreK, K, 3rd and 4th will use the main entrance
- 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th will use the white entrance that is located to the right of the gym entrance

A staff member will be located at each of these entrances to help students safely enter the building.

A staff member will be located in the parking lot to help direct cars to the two drop off lanes for these entrances (just like last year).

Students should arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:50. **Please do not drop off your child before 7:30 as there will not be available staff to supervise them.** Staggered drop off times will NOT be assigned.

- **Pick Up**

Students who do not ride the bus in the afternoons will be dismissed between 2:20 and 2:30 and will be met by parents outside of the building unless a parent has a pressing need to enter the building. Students will exit the building using their assigned door (see above). Parents can park in a designated parking spot and meet their child outside of their assigned entrance OR drive into the drop off/pick up lane and wait for your child to come to their vehicle. Please do not leave the drop off/pick up lane until you are the first in line or directed to leave the lane by our traffic controller. Staggered pick up times will not be assigned.

Transportation

In accordance with the CDC, wearing a mask on a school bus is required. Seats will be assigned to students for purposes of contact tracing. Bus monitors will be assigned to some or all buses.

Outside Visitors:

At this time, we will allow parents and other visitors to enter the building. In an effort to maximize safety for our students, I am strongly encouraging families to drop off and pick their children outside of the building following the outlined procedures above. Parents may walk their children to their classrooms in the mornings, but we are requesting that you limit your stay to ten minutes. Staying longer than ten minutes could subject visitors to close contact requirements if a COVID case arises at CES.

Meals

- Students will eat meals in the cafeteria. Because students need to remove their masks to eat, students will sit three to a bench on one side of the table. Students will not be seated directly across from one another. For the purposes of contact tracing which we are still required to do, students will sit in assigned seats.
- We are very excited to announce that USDA has extended some of the waivers we had in previous months.

This will allow us, just like last year, to provide FREE meals to all children 18 and under.

When you order meals, you will not be charged.

Please take advantage of this wonderful benefit, the more meals we serve the better it is for our Food & Nutrition Program, and to our community. More Meals Served really equals More Local Products into our schools! Which equals better nutrition to our students!

Students will be provided with a daily fresh fruit or vegetable snack at no charge to families.

CES Health Guidance for Families

Please note that the information and guidance used to create this handbook is updated frequently by health and education officials and is therefore subject to change.

All students, staff, and parents/guardians will be asked to do what they can to keep us all safe.

If your child has ANY of the following symptoms, or feels ill they should NOT come to school:

Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion/runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

Students who show signs or symptoms of illness while at school will be sent to the nurse's office and will remain there until a parent/guardian or another approved person can pick them up and bring them home.

Contact Tracing:

COVID-19 Fall 2021 Contact Tracing Process Set Forth by the VT DOH and AOE

PreK-12 schools will conduct internal contact tracing investigations when a student or staff was present in school or was at a school event while infectious. Schools may learn of these school exposures when a family or staff notifies school administrators directly or when the Health Department identifies an exposure during contact tracing and alerts the school. When schools learn of an exposure, schools will:

1. Verify the student or staff was at school while infectious.
2. Identify all close contacts in the school setting.
3. Meet with the Health Department to review the situation, conduct an exposure risk assessment and discuss close contact determinations.
4. Notify close contacts at the school of their exposure using the "quarantine letter" provided by the Health Department and provide testing guidance as needed. The Health Department will not follow up with close contacts that the school notifies, unless there is a need identified by the school for specific

scenarios (e.g. need for translation services, family or staff unwilling to share vaccination status with school, etc.).

5. Provide a line list to the Health Department with information about all close contacts identified.

The Lamoille North Supervisory Union formal reopening plan can be found at the link below.

https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1629500161/Insuorg/rk3zrzw1gmtsrygeg7en/ReopeningPlanCoverLetter_1.pdf