



Updated COVID Protocols

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The Laurens County School District's plan for the 2021-2022 school year is designed with the health and safety of students as its highest priority and will be sufficiently flexible to adapt if the current available information or if the local transmission rate of COVID-19 should change. These protocols and practices will protect the safety of our students, staff, and visitors while also protecting students' access to a high-quality education.

Please note this plan will be revised as needed.

COVID Protocols

Wearing a mask at school is highly encouraged, but not required. However, masks are required on school buses.

Laurens County Schools will continue to implement the aggressive cleaning protocols put in place during the 2020-2021 school year:

All classrooms and utilized areas are disinfected daily.

All Buses are disinfected daily.

Frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs are cleaned multiple times throughout the day.

Classrooms will continue to be provided necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies.

Additional sanitizer will continue to be provided in the classrooms and throughout the school.

Additional teaching and reinforcing good hygiene will continue.

For the safety of all students and staff, schools will continue to limit the number of visitors entering the building. Guests are encouraged to visit the schools when they are invited, as in the case of a special event or celebration.

Limited movement and distancing of 3 feet among students where possible will occur.

Students will bring individual water bottle since water fountains are now water bottle refilling stations.

Outside food deliveries are still discontinued.

Students will have assigned seats on bus that will allow for families to sit together.

On December 30, 2021, the Department of Public Health issued a new Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures. This updated Administrative Order contains new isolation and quarantine protocols that align with the CDC guidance issued December 27, 2021.

Isolation/Quarantine-Laurens County Schools will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases in our schools and community, and will adjust this protocol as needed.

Isolation: Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, (regardless of vaccination status) must:

- Isolate at home for 5 days from the date symptoms first appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date of the positive test. Stay away from others in the household as much as possible during isolation.
- After 5 days, if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving and you have not had fever for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, you may end isolation. If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, you should continue isolating until these criteria are met.
- After ending isolation, you should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 days.

Quarantine: If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you are

- Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):
 - You do not need to quarantine at home.
 - You should wear a mask around others for 10 days.
 - If possible, get tested on day 5.
 - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.
- Unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and have not received a booster:
 - You must quarantine at home for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - If possible, get tested on day 5.
 - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results.

