

Lexington Public Schools Return to Learn Plan

Believing that teacher-led, in-person direct instruction is the educational method and mode most effective for the vast majority of students, we strive to maintain a healthy and safe environment for staff and students. Our efforts to provide increased sanitation and space available for student groupings will continue as we monitor information provided by the CDC and other health organizations, considering additional changes as public health conditions warrant.

Universal and correct wearing of masks: Masks worn over the nose and mouth are identified as a best practice when social distancing is not possible. Masks are available to students, staff, and patrons with correct wear reminders posted.

Modifying Facilities for Social Distancing: Facilities are marked to show the recommended 3-6 feet of distance in seating and standing areas wherever possible throughout our schools. In classrooms, students are seated to minimize non-distanced contact with others.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette: Students receive demonstrations and are reminded in classrooms about the healthy benefits of proper and frequent handwashing as well as respiratory etiquette of covering the mouth during coughs and sneezes. Signage is posted throughout the district with these reminders. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and other places that students or patrons may pass.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation: We use industrial misting and fogging equipment to sanitize buildings and buses. Air purification technology has been identified for school use.

Contact Tracing Combined with Isolation and Quarantine, Collaborating with State, Local, and Tribal Health Departments: The Superintendent and other administrators attend available zoom calls with the Oklahoma State Health Department as it coordinates with the Oklahoma State Department of Education in order to be informed regarding infection rates, testing, vaccines, and school specific guidance for prevention measures.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing: An informed relationship is maintained with the Cleveland County Health Department so that referrals to testing are readily available.

Vaccination Efforts for the School Community: Lexington School and community accessed available vaccination opportunities from coordinated mass public health events, clinic based provision within tribes, and pharmacy and medical practices. The school will continue to communicate opportunities to our staff and community.

Appropriate Accommodations for Students with Disabilities with Respect to Health and Safety Policies: Accommodations that consider learning gaps caused by an instructional shift due to public health conditions have been instituted. These include socially distanced small group instruction and alternative assignments. Also, the needs of students who may need individualized physical accommodations in order to be safe during heightened health risks are closely examined.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials: We routinely communicate with, report to, and receive information from the Cleveland County Health Department as well as the identified regional and state representatives of OSDH.