

**Liberty Public Schools  
Return to School Plan  
2023-2024  
ESSER III**

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## Statement of Action

The effectiveness of this plan relies strongly on each individual's personal responsibility to monitor his or her health. Coming back onto a school campus will mean students and staff may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. Liberty Public School will strongly encourage routine daily self-assessment for individuals coming onto campuses to include temperature and symptom checks. This plan will be flexible and reassessed continually as conditions change. Everyone should prepare for disruption. The 2023-2024 school year will be like no other. We are doing the best we can to establish protocols and stability for students, staff, and families. However, this public health crisis is unprecedented and circumstances and advice from health professions continue to develop. Because keeping the community healthy depends on self-assessment, we are asking, but not requiring, masks be worn indoors and that you stay home when experiencing symptoms.

The creation of this plan is based on two guiding principles:

1. Limit exposure where possible: Some suggestions provided by other plans are not reasonable for our specific conditions due to space, human behaviors, or budget constraints.
2. Learning must remain constant: Building on the experiences of distance learning during the school closure last spring, Liberty Public School is ready to deliver instructions to students virtually or face to face. We know disruption during a public health crisis like COVID-19 is very likely. Although we can expect disruption during the school year, consistent lesson delivery from teacher to student will remain strong either through a more traditional face to face method or through virtual learning at home. Google classroom will be the learning management system Pre-K through Grade 12. Grades and attendance will be monitored and reported during the 2023-2024 school year.

Within each area, procedures are discussed with the understanding that conditions for each area are subject to revision depending on the changing circumstances related to COVID-19.

## Communication with Parents and Community

All communication with parents and the community will be delivered through the district Facebook page phone calls / text messages, or notes. Liberty Public School is committed to strong communication and responsive action.

## Educational Pathways

The *2023-2024 Educational Pathways* options are:

1. On Campus Face to Face: Students report to campus and attend classes in a traditional setting with access to online instruction through Google Classroom or other Learning Management System platforms. Teachers will be present with students in the classroom to guide instruction daily. Students may participate in school sponsored athletic programs.

2. At Home Full Time Virtual: **Available to students grade Pre-K-12 if we were required to shut down.** Students learn from home for an extended period through Google Classroom, other LMS platforms, or Distance Learning Packets. Teachers will be assigned to the student to deliver, guide, and facilitate learning. Students may participate in school sponsored athletic programs.

All sites will practice CDC recommended guidelines for proper hand washing and social distancing where we are able. Masks will be highly encouraged but not required. Visitors on campus will be limited. Parents will be asked to complete daily health self-assessments before sending your child to school. Teachers and staff are eager to welcome students back to school.

## **Self-Assessment Checklist**

Parents will be required to acknowledge the responsibilities and risks of sending your child back to school by agreeing to conduct home self-assessments on a daily basis. The daily self-assessment checklist includes answering questions about

- Temperature and other symptoms
- Exposure to others diagnosed with COVID-19

Students who remain home due to symptoms will be able to access class assignments through Google Classroom. Teachers will assist students with questions while students are away from campus.

Students who become ill at school will be sent to a designated isolation room. School staff will follow an established protocol for assessing symptoms and notifying parents.

## **Masks**

We highly encourage staff, students, and parents to wear masks on all campuses.

Masks will not be required. Liberty Public School will monitor the changing conditions of COVID-19, and our policy may change under advisement of health officials.

## **Cleaning Schedules and Protocols**

Increased cleaning and disinfecting measures will be implemented in the following areas:

### ◆ Bathrooms

- Additional sanitization each day.

### ◆ Classrooms

- Each classroom will have disinfectant spray for teachers to disinfect as needed
- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer for students and staff to sanitize hands in classrooms where soap and water are not available

- Students and staff will limit the sharing of supplies, utensils, devices, toys, books and learning aids
- Students will use hand sanitizers located at the beginning of the serving line
- Students will practice social distancing as much as space allows
- The cafeteria will be sanitized daily

## **Cafeteria**

Social distancing will be implemented in the cafeteria when and where possible. Liberty Public School will determine protocols for limiting the number of students in the cafeteria as schedules allow.

## **Athletics**

Procedures for athletics will be followed in conjunction with recommendations from OSSAA and our local health professionals.

## **Academics & Growth**

Achieving our core mission to educate children is a tremendous challenge during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Liberty Public School is committed to keeping learning constant throughout the school year although we know we may experience disruption due to possible positive diagnoses.

Our goals for the 2023-2024 School Year are to provide flexible learning pathways for families who may be impacted by health concerns either due to an individual who is immunocompromised or due to a short period where family members are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms.

For these reasons, we pledge to

- ◆ Continue to deliver on grade level content through challenging and engaging lessons
- ◆ Provide interventions for students who fall below grade level
- ◆ Offer enrichment for students who are learning at a faster pace

- ◆ Respond to parent questions or concerns about their student's progress
- ◆ Create options for personal learning pathways

## **Student with Special Needs**

Individualized Education Plans (IEP), 504 Plans, and English Language Academic Plans will be followed with the assistance of special education director, teachers, and site principals. District related services providers such as speech and OT/PT will be in contact with students and parents to arrange for continued services within the constraints of this public health crisis. IEP and 504 meetings will be held in person unless a request is made for a phone or video conference.

*\*This plan may be modified by administration as new information and guidelines arise. The district will stay in close contact with health officials and state leaders to assure the best possible courses of action are taken to ensure the safety of our students and staff.*