

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Logan Elm Local School District continues to work with the local health departments to ensure a safe start to the 21-22 school year. During the course of the year, public guidelines, best practices and procedures are subject to change. Parents will be notified if a change occurs and LE asks for your support, if a change is needed.

The following practices will continue within our school buildings for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Frequent hand washing routines;
- Hand sanitizing stations;
- Thorough cleaning practices, including buses and cafeterias;
- The use of hands-free water bottle filling stations;
- Continuing to urge families to monitor their child's health every day;
- Students and staff should stay home when sick.

When it comes to a positive COVID-19 case, the local health departments will conduct contact tracing, which includes:

- Exposure letters will be sent home to any exposed individuals;
- Quarantine letters will be sent home to high-risk exposed individuals;
- Students will be quarantined, pending the degree of exposure based on contact tracing;
- Each school will continue to have a designated quarantine area;
- Students who become sick during the school day or arrive at school sick will be assessed and the school nurse will be consulted. Students may be quarantined or sent home, depending on symptoms.

We have received questions and feedback about the use of masks this fall:

- Due to federal mandates on mass transportation, students and staff must wear masks on school buses. If this changes, we will adjust accordingly.
- Individuals are permitted to wear masks in school buildings and at school-related events, but it is no longer a mandatory requirement. ODH strongly recommends any unvaccinated individual wear a mask. While at school, it's strongly recommended that unvaccinated students and staff wear face masks.
- There may be periods of time when illnesses increase in our buildings and community, and in those cases, we may issue new recommendations for increased precautions.

At this time, spectators are permitted at our athletic, music and extracurricular events.

