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2022-2023 Ready to Achieve Plan

This plan outlines approved steps to support safe, in-person learning for K-12 campuses, and keep them open, while managing the spread of COVID-19. Based on COVID-19 community levels, the plan provides the flexibility necessary to make modifications based on changing local situations, including periods of increased community health impacts from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination Policies

The West Carroll Parish School Board does not have a policy that requires vaccinations for students or staff. Vaccinations and boosters are encouraged. Immunization planning resources can be found on the [Louisiana Department of Health website](#).

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, should be tested for COVID-19.

Parent & Employee Protocols and Screening Overview

Parents of students and employees are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to arrival on campus. Individuals with a temperature should not report to school or work until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. Click [HERE](#) to view the school COVID-19 screening decision chart for parents/students and staff members.

Individuals must stay home, inform the school, and notify their healthcare provider if he/she has fever **or** two or more of the following symptoms:

- ⇒ Fever (100.4 or higher)
- ⇒ Shortness of breath
- ⇒ Chest pain or cough
- ⇒ Body aches or fatigue
- ⇒ GI symptoms (nausea, diarrhea)
- ⇒ Loss of taste, loss of smell
- ⇒ Other flu or cold-like symptoms (headache, sore throat, or congestion).

Parents of students who report/display two or more of these symptoms after reporting to school will be notified immediately. The student(s) will be isolated from other individuals but adequately supervised until they are picked up. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to promptly pick up the student from school.

Requirements to return to school/work for symptomatic or COVID-19 positive individuals:

- 1) Five (5) days after symptom onset OR five (5) days after testing positive if you have no symptoms. Day 6-10 return to school or work wearing a mask. If school cannot ensure masking for 5 days, then the individual should isolate for the full 10 days.
- 2) 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing meds

AND

- 3) Significant improvement of symptoms.

Enhanced Safety Measures

Cohorting is the practice of keeping people together in a small group and having each group stay together throughout the day, while minimizing contact between cohorts. In areas with a high COVID-19 community level, schools will utilize cohorting practices and discourage crowding indoors to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Schools will teach and reinforce proper handwashing hygiene to lower the risk of spreading viruses. Hand washing will be monitored and reinforced during key times in the day (e.g., before and after eating and after recess).

Schools will teach and reinforce covering coughs and sneezes to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Schools will clean surfaces at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces. If a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, the space will be cleaned and disinfected.

Wearing masks is optional. Face coverings are required for five (5) days when returning from being COVID positive. Masks must be worn on day 6-10.

If masks cannot be worn, the individual quarantines for the full 10 days. Masks/coverings must not contain wording, emblems and/or insignias that promote profanity, obscenity, political messages, drug/alcohol/tobacco use, or gang/hate-related slogans. Also, masks/coverings cannot contain images of faces.

Bus Transportation: Masks are optional for all students and drivers. Buses will be sanitized between routes and at the end of the day.

Currently we are not conducting contact tracing, our district will be flexible and fluid and will reinstate contract tracing if there is an increase of COVID- 19 community levels.

Curriculum and Instruction

Currently we are providing face to face instruction. The district is prepared to transition to virtual instruction if the need arises due to an increase level of COVID-19 community levels.

The district maintains a 1:1 device ratio of technology to students in the event that virtual learning needs to be reinstated.

Visitors on Campus

The safety of our staff and students is our main concern. Currently our schools are open to visitors. Individuals who are positive for COVID-19, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been in contact with a positive individual should not be visiting a school campus.

