

Loveland Reopening Plan FAQs

New FAQ

How should I notify the district that my child has a positive COVID test?

Families should immediately contact the attendance line for their student's school to report a positive COVID-19 test result. Attendance lines are monitored throughout the day.

Loveland Early Childhood Center - (513) 697-3060

Loveland Primary - (513) 697-3888

Loveland Elementary - (513) 697-3888

Loveland Intermediate - (513) 697-3024, Ext. 6123

Loveland Middle - (513) 697-3602

Loveland High School - (513) 697-3715

Why am I getting so many COVID-19 Update emails from the district?

Loveland City School District exceeds the Ohio Department of Health Director's Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Schools, which can be found here (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/DO-K-12-Reporting.pdf>).

The order requires districts to notify parents or guardians of "all students who share a classroom space or have participated in a school activity during the COVID-19 infectious period," and to make a school-wide notification. **LCSD notifies every family across the district of every positive case with a COVID-19 Update email**, to make sure everyone is aware.

Should I worry when I get a COVID-19 Update email?

These emails are to make a general notification of all LCSD families. These COVID-19 Update emails are sent after we have notified any families that need to quarantine. Your child does not need to quarantine unless you have been directly contacted.

Why aren't quarantine numbers included in COVID-19 Update emails?

We quickly notify families of a positive COVID-19 case after the district is informed, often that means additional contact tracing is still necessary. Waiting to send out the COVID-19 Update email until after initial contact tracing is complete would require delays, because contact tracing is ongoing as additional information becomes available. Each Friday LCSD provides data on the number of quarantines in the weekly COVID-19 dashboard update, which can be found here. (<https://www.lovelandschools.org/COVID-19DataUpdate.aspx>)

How are you protecting students' medical information?

The Ohio Department of Health Director's Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Schools, which can be found here (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/DO-K-12-Reporting.pdf>) requires districts to "share as much information as possible without disclosing protected health information." District leaders make sure to follow these guidelines during the notification and contact tracing process.

Existing FAQ

What steps should I take every day before sending my child to school?

- Parents will assess their child each morning before sending to school by checking for symptoms of COVID-19, including taking each child's temperature (must be below 100°F).
- Make sure your child has a clean mask for the day.
- If a student is dismissed early for an appointment, parents will notify the school regarding the appointment, and call the office when they arrive. Depending on building specific, your child will be walked to your car or with permission, you may need to come get them.
- Parents must make sure their phone is with them at all times and answer if the school is calling. Please update your Emergency Medical Authorization with changes.
- Parents must pick up ill children within 30 minutes of being notified of illness.
- Parents must follow the guidelines for returning a sick child to school.

What should students do to help classmates stay safe?

- Sanitize hands upon arriving and exiting the classroom, going in and out for recess, lunch, and any other time instructed by the teacher. Handwashing will occur after use of the restroom and when available.
- Keep your mask securely on your face while in the classroom. It can be taken off while eating, physically distancing 6 feet or more outside (as allowed by the teacher). There will be mask breaks.
- Assist with disinfecting desks as directed by the teacher (developmentally appropriate).
- Tell your teacher as soon as you start to feel ill in school.
- Learn and follow the new flow of traffic throughout the school building.

Why are we going back to 5 day in-person learning?

Beginning in August, the Loveland City School District Board of Education's goal was to have students in class for five-day in-person learning. During the September 22 meeting, the Board passed a resolution to return to 5 day in-person learning. In a 3-2 vote, the Board approved a plan to phase in a return to in-person learning after beginning the year with a Blended Learning model.

How does the district decide to move between blended learning and 5 day in-person?

The decision to move between five-day in-person, blended or remote learning models is based on several factors and does not affect Remote Learning Academy. No single factor is used to make decisions, but rather the combination of factors and the trends within those factors.

- Weekly phone call with Hamilton County Public Health officials to help interpret trends and concerns
- The Ohio Public Health Advisory System (color-coded by county)
- 7-day moving average of new cases
- Local rate of spread
- Number of cases per 100,000 people in Hamilton County
- Data specific to the 45140 ZIP code for Hamilton County
- Cases and quarantines involving staff and students
- Staffing levels and availability of substitutes

What should I do if I've been told my child has been in close contact with someone who tested positive? (Updated 10/27/20)

Current Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control guidance calls for quarantine for 14 days for people who are in close contact with an infected person. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a confirmed case for 15 minutes or more (cumulative) during a 24-hour period. Since students are not allowed to come to school when quarantined, we have grade-specific family and student instructions when quarantined information you can access [here](#).

My child has taken a COVID-19 test, what should I do? (Updated 10/27/20)

If your child is tested for COVID-19, they should not come to school until you know the results. If the result is positive, please call your child's school and let them know. Your child can return after 10 days from the date of the test if your child is asymptomatic or from the start of symptoms and at least 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications.

Where can I get a COVID-19 test?

Reach out to your local Board of Health:

Hamilton County: <https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/>

Clermont County: <https://ccphohio.org/>

Warren County: <http://warrenchd.com/>

With students returning to 5 day in-person learning, will there be more quarantines?

Bringing students back into school five days per week will mean physical distancing in classrooms will be 3 feet, when possible. What we have seen from other districts that have moved away from a blended learning model is that quarantine requirements are forcing large numbers of students to stay home. At times, a single positive test result can lead to dozens of students being required to quarantine.

When will things get back to "normal?"

It is impossible to know right now. We are committed to giving students, families and staff the best educational outcomes with a high level of safety, while listening to your feedback and factoring that into our decision-making. We are constantly evaluating our safety protocols and paying close attention to any evidence of spread in our schools.

How can I keep my child safe?

Reinforce "The Bundle" with your child:

- Distance - 3 ft. gives protection (everyone masked), 6 ft. twice as much which will prevent the need to be quarantined
- Masking - everyone wears a mask (cleaned daily) at all times with mask breaks
- Handwashing - soap and water for 20 seconds or hand sanitizers that have at least 60% alcohol (check FDA website for recalls)
- Routine cleansers and protocols effectively clean COVID-19.

How many COVID-19 cases have there been involving Loveland students or staff?

We post data weekly, and you can look through past reports [here](#).

(<https://www.lovelandschools.org/COVID-19DataUpdate.aspx>)

What happens to students enrolled in the Remote Academy?

Changes between blended learning and 5 day in-person learning will not have an impact on students enrolled in the Remote Academy.

Can I move my student into the Remote Academy?

Families will have the option to change between remote learning and in-person learning for the 2nd semester. If you have a specific circumstance, please contact the building principal.

Is COVID-19 spreading in our schools?

When positive cases have been reported to the district, there have been no instances of other students or staff becoming symptomatic or testing positive which means the virus is not being spread at school.

How can I help?

Keeping our community healthy, our students learning, and our schools operating at a full in-person schedule requires a collective commitment to safety. Masks, hand washing, and physical distancing outside of school will remain important. Keeping students home when they are ill, waiting for results of a COVID test and following quarantine rules if you have a positive case in your home will also be key. We want to avoid COVID-19 entering our schools, putting students, staff and their families at risk, and disrupting learning with quarantines.