

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



STRATEGIC (REOPENING) PLAN

Updated for SY 2021 - 2022

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Introduction:

The Lyme Central School District, in cooperation with various local, regional, and state partners, is providing this **Strategic Reopening Plan** to guide our staff and families as we continue our district's mission:

Preparing Today's Students to be Tomorrow's Citizens, during these unprecedented times. The plan was developed in response to feedback from parents, teachers, school and district leaders, non-instructional staff, school board members, health experts and other interested parties from various regions of our state.

Together with our partners we have developed a comprehensive action plan which addresses the following categories of priority:

Communication and Family Engagement; Health and Safety; Facilities; Child Nutrition; Transportation; Social-Emotional Well-Being; School Schedules; Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism; Technology and Connectivity; Teaching and Learning; and Budget/Fiscal Considerations.

The Lyme Central School **Reopening Document (updated for SY 2021-22)**, along with all associated resources, will be available for public view at the Lyme Central School District Office and also on the District's Website at:

<https://sites.google.com/lymecsd.org/lcsreopeningportal/home>

Reopening Taskforce Goals:

- Develop a communication plan between the district and families that is clear, concise, and timely. New technologies will be implemented and existing ones utilized to promote communication
- Design, implement and communicate instructional and behavioral expectations
- Adhere to the NYS Learning Standards when considering curricular and instructional methods
- Prioritize essential concepts and skills
- Implement a flexible educational plan that can be adjusted as necessary to comply with federal, state, and health regulations

Daily Hours of Operation:

- Due to a lack of supervision, students **will not** be permitted inside the school building until 8:10 a.m. (unless prearranged by a teacher/staff member)
- Students in PreK – 12 Grade - the tardy bell is 8:17 a.m.
(M-F) 8:20 a.m. – 2:58 p.m.

For a Safe Re-entry to School:

- District must secure and provide necessary equipment and have adequate access to PPE
- District must have screening measures in place to test unvaccinated staff weekly and students as requested by parents or caregivers
- District must conduct appropriate health and safety training for all students, staff and families
- District must require appropriately fitted masks be worn by all individuals inside the school buildings and on buses except for during masking, food or water breaks.

Mandatory Mask Wearing:

(Masks **must** cover both the nose and mouth)

- **On buses**—students, drivers, bus aides
- **In school building**—ALL students, staff, *visitors will wear mask when in the presence of another person and/or when sitting, standing or walking in any school facility/building
- **Outside**—No masks when 6’ social distancing is maintained

Social Distancing:

- No longer required when on the bus (100% masked)
- Outside if 6' (preferred) masking is not required; IF less than 6' masks should be worn
- Inside the school building—(hallways and classrooms)
 - Adult/Adult—6'
 - Adult/Child—6' (as possible)
 - Child/Child—3' – 6' (as possible)
 - Common Areas (cafeteria; band; etc.)—6'

Health Screenings and Surveys:

- Parents/caregivers are asked to take their child/children's temperature before school (everyday)
- No surveys will be sent home regarding health and wellness of students
- Temperature screenings of students will occur randomly by school staff
- If your child has a temperature of **100 degrees or above and/or is exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID**, please **KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME** and call Mrs. Dowe

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- All areas of the school building and buses will be thoroughly cleaned, 1X every day
- High traffic and high touch areas will receive additional cleaning/disinfecting throughout the day, as possible

Transportation:

- All students and driver MUST wear a mask (appropriately covering the nose and mouth) at all times when riding the bus
- All students riding the bus will be issued an assigned seat (to be determined by the driver) for the entire year
- All Drivers will create and maintain a seating chart for all students throughout the 2021-22 SY
- As a reminder, changing bus routes will not be permitted. In an effort to avoid confusion and ensure student safety, **we are not permitting daily or frequent bus/transportation changes unless** there are extenuating circumstances **OR in the case of a true emergency**. In the event of an emergency, please call Mrs. Rickett or the main office at 315-649-2417 ext. 0.

Pick up and Drop Off Procedures:

(Please do not drop students off prior to 8:10 a.m.)

- All Students in grades PreK- 6 who are walkers or who are dropped off to school will **enter and exit** the building at the corner of Washington and Academy Streets (Flagpole Entrance/**Entrance C**).
- Parents of students in grades PreK-6 who drop off at the beginning of the day and/ or pick up their child or children at the end of the day will need to travel down Madison Street (Blue Heron Restaurant Street) and turn onto Academy Street.
- All students in grades 7-12 who are walkers and/or who are dropped off to school will continue to enter and exit at the **Welcome Center entrance (Entrance A)**. If you have students in multiple grades, please choose one location to use regularly.
- Parents/guardians who need to drop off or pick up their child grades PreK-12 once the school day has begun will use the **Welcome Center Entrance (Entrance A)** beside the parking lot. Please sign your child in or out on the clip board which is located by the drop box at the Welcome Center.
- Please contact the School Nurse, Mrs. Dowe, or Mrs. Rickett if your child will be late attending school. **If picking up early, please message Mrs. Rickett and your child's teacher by 8:30am the day of pick up, please include the name of the person picking up your child.** If you wish to pick up your child at dismissal, the location is at the corner of Washington and Academy Streets.

- **At the end of the day**, walkers and students being picked up in the grades PreK-6 will be released once buses have departed at the corner of Washington and Academy Streets.
- All students that are dismissed by the nurse for medical reasons will be picked up at the **Welcome Center (Entrance A)**.
- Doors will unlocked at 8:10am.

Instruction:

- **NO Remote** Instruction will be available this year (except and unless in the case of wide-spread DOH mandated quarantines)
- **All instruction** will be **in-person** for all students

Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Programming:

Jefferson-Lewis BOCES is working closely with its 18 component districts to craft individualized schedules that will allow as many CTE students and special education students as possible to have daily, on-site, face-to-face instruction (with appropriate social distancing in classrooms and shops). Due to social distancing requirements on busses, the Lyme Central School will be transporting our district students attending BOCES, rather than participating in a shared transportation model with the Thousand Islands School District as in the past.

In the coming days and weeks, counselors and supervisors from the BOCES Technical Center and Programs for Exceptional Students will be working closely with Lyme administrators and counselors to craft schedules for students. Particular attention will be paid to making sure students in programs with hour requirements for certification will receive the required hours.

- Students attending BOCES **WILL NOT** be permitted to drive unless approved by Mr. Davis

Breakfast and Lunch:

- Breakfast and Lunch is once again FREE for all students in PreK – Grade 12
- Breakfast will be “grab and go”—students are encouraged to pick up a bagged breakfast from the elementary entrance or lobby area –students will eat in classrooms
- Students will go through the lunch line, socially distanced, and then will be eating at (socially distanced) desks in cafeteria OR socially distanced on the bleachers or at desks in ½ of the gymnasium

Visitors:

Due to the recent resurgence of COVID-19 cases in and around the surrounding areas, **visitors will not be permitted to enter the building without prior approval from Administration.** We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to keep our students and staff safe during this unprecedented time.

Until further notice, individuals interested in attending monthly Board of Education Meetings may do so virtually. Information regarding how to access those meetings can be found on our District Webpage or you may call 315-649-2417 ext. 7 for assistance.

Drop Box:

- A mail/correspondence “drop box” is available by the Welcome Center entrance
- **Tax payments, written correspondence, paperwork, etc., may be placed in the drop box or mailed to PO Box 219, Chaumont, NY 13622**
- Please contact the Business or District Office should you have questions or need assistance

**All decisions are subject to immediate change as deemed necessary by the District, or per mandates set forth by the DOH/CDC; the State Education Department and/or the Governor of NYS.*