

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



STRATEGIC (REOPENING) PLAN

Updated for SY 2023 - 2024

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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 2023-24)**, 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 for those who need and/or request items for their individual use.

Mandatory Mask Wearing:

- There continues to be no universal masking this year; the District will continue to allow masks at each individual's discretion
- Masks will continue to be available for all staff and students
- Those recovering from COVID will be encouraged to wear a mask upon return from the 5-day isolation period

Social Distancing:

- Social distancing is no longer required.

Health Screenings and Surveys:

- Schools are under no obligation to offer diagnostic or screening testing
- The District will continue to offer antigen tests to families and staff who would like them
- Unvaccinated staff no longer need to be tested weekly
- Test results and positive case information will no longer be reported to the Department of Health

Transportation:

- 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 2023-2024 school year
- 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. McIntosh 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**).
- 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 pick up your children in the Welcome Center entrance.
- 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. McIntosh if your child will be late to school. **If picking up early, please message Mrs. McIntosh 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 be locked 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:

- Students attending BOCES **WILL NOT** be permitted to drive unless approved by the building principal.

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 and/or their first period class.
- Students will go through the lunch line and will eat in the cafeteria. Elementary students will sit with their assigned class and a designated table.

Visitors:

- Visitors are welcome to use our facilities (ie: Fitness Center) and meet with administration or a teacher by appointment only. Please call our main number at 315-649-2417 to schedule an appointment.

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.***