

Reopening Plans for Earhart Elementary

2021-2022

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Social Distancing Measures

Earhart will reopen under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD), and LSC district guidelines. Students, staff, and families will continue to experience new preventative and mitigating measures. These new measures are being initiated for the health and safety of every person entering our building or attending an LSC event or activity.

In Person Instruction

The In Person model will have students attending a normal day of instruction at their assigned school. While students will attend a normal instructional day, there will be numerous new health and safety protocols in place. Social Distancing will be a high priority.

Students will begin school on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with a full day of instruction. Busses will run, and breakfast and lunch will be served.

E-Learning Opportunity

An E-Learning opportunity will only be available for students who provide a note from their family medical provider that it would not be in the students best medical interest to attend school in person. The LSC administration will review each medical note for approval or denial.

Preventative Measures

Administration, teachers and staff members will educate our students about the practices and procedures each building is implementing with regards to personal hygiene, bathroom breaks, water bottle fill-up, hallway procedures, classroom procedures, school bus protocols and the many other precautions being taken to keep things cleaned and sanitized.

Teachers and staff members will be trained on what to look for and will notify the school nurse and administration if they notice one of their students might not be feeling well. **NO ONE SHOULD ENTER SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS NOT FEELING WELL, HAS A FEVER, OR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO IS ILL.** The administration, teachers, staff members will all be trained about the symptoms of COVID-19 and will take immediate action to remove anyone from school who is ill. Also, each school has a point of isolation that will be utilized to keep everyone safe at school.

The LSC teachers, will receive COVID-19 training before the students return.

If at any time during this process, someone within the school setting tests positive for the COVID-19, the administration will follow the CDC, IDOE and Tippecanoe County Health Department guidelines to determine mitigation procedures. Each situation will be considered on a case by case basis.

Face Masks

Face masks and face coverings will be optional during the school day. The LSC recommends you consult with your family medical provider for guidance for your child and the wearing of Face Masks and/or Face Coverings. Unless the CDC, the State of Indiana Health Department or the Tippecanoe County Health Department issue a directive that Face Masks and/or Face Covering are mandated, the LSC will follow the guidance that Face Masks and/or Face Coverings are optional.

Times when masks will be required for all students:

- Bus Rides to and from school, including field trips

School Busses

As of the date of this document, the CDC continues to require all students and adults to wear a Face Mask while on a school bus. The LSC will continue to provide extra Face Masks on each bus should a student forget their mask. The LSC will provide an up-date of this topic later in the summer.

Mandated Vaccines

The LSC will not require or mandate any staff member or student to have a COVID-19 vaccine. The LSC recommends that staff members and families consult with their family medical provider for questions or concerns regarding a COVID-19 vaccine.

Preventative Measures that will be taken at Earhart:

- Additional hand washing opportunities will need to be provided within the classroom.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms and common areas for students and staff to utilize.
- Signage is posted all entrances to remind people entering the building to sanitize their hands and make sure they are not feeling ill.
- Seating at each table will be limited in the cafeteria and students will remain at assigned seats with their classrooms.
- All food will be in portioned cups. There will be no self-serve available. Utensils will be pre-packaged.
- Classrooms will continue to be assigned to an area or station to play at daily which will allow for continued social distancing.
- All students will sanitize their hands after coming inside from recess.
- Teachers will continue to keep track of seating charts for contact tracing purposes.

Bus Transportation

Our transportation staff (drivers and aides) will work diligently to implement safe practices.

- Busses will be sanitized after each bus route (morning and afternoon).
- Masks will be worn by all students.
- Seating charts will be utilized.
- If the bus driver suspects COVID 19 symptoms he/she will refer that child to the school nurse immediately.

Morning Arrival

- 7:45am – Doors open and students arrive. Students will report to their designated areas. Each grade level will be assigned a specific area in which students may sit and wait. Appropriate social distancing will be marked so students know where to sit/stand.
- 8:10am – Teachers invite students into the classroom for breakfast.
- Bus arrival: Bus drivers will be asked to keep the kids on the bus until 8:10am. This way, once they unload, they can go directly to the classroom. Buses will be unloaded one at a time. Support staff will help students walk in single file lines to classrooms.
- Entering the building: Doors will be propped open so no one has to touch the door handles. Staff will be in the front hall and throughout the building to remind students of social distancing.
- All visitors will need to report to the main office.

Special Education

- Case Conferences will continue regardless of school status or closure.
- Case Conference committee will determine how and when Case Conference meetings will be held (in person or via Zoom)
- Case Conferences will be limited to the qualified individuals as listed in Article 7
- Related services will continue with proper social distancing and PPE as needed.

Registration

- LSC on site registration will be three days this year. The dates are as follows: July 27th and 28th from 9am-4pm, and July 29th from Noon to 7 PM.
- Stations will be set up around the school for families to complete the registration process. Stations will take social distancing into consideration.
- Returning parents are being encouraged to complete registration online to allow only kindergarten and new students to complete in building registration.

Open House

- Open House will be held on Thursday August 5th from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. At this time students and parents can enter the building to meet their classroom teacher.
- ALL essential school supplies are being purchased by the LSC and will be available to students on the first day of school waiting in their classrooms. Parents are encouraged to

purchase a back pack for their students and have a pair of tennis shoes available on their child's PE day.

Field Trips

Field trips may take place and will follow all COVID-19 guidelines set by the CDC and TCHD. LSC students and staff will follow the designated field trip venue's guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing. All students and staff shall wear masks/face shields while riding a school bus. Note: field trips may be canceled at any time if COVID-19 restrictions dictate a cancellation.

Visitors

- All school visitors will need to continue to check in at the main office prior to entering the building.
- All school visitors need to self-screen before entering the building.