



## **COVID-19 Operations Plan**

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Implementation of Phase 1: November 1, 2021

### **Phase 1: Implement Symptom-Monitoring Plan & Test to Stay Program**

#### **Masking**

Logan County Schools has continued to closely monitor public health and local data since we returned to school in August. We have also implemented the voluntary test-to-stay program at every school. Cases peaked in September (with an incident rate as high as 130, with over 500 quarantines across the district), and we have seen a significant decrease since returning from Fall Break.

Logan County Schools will continue to monitor the county incidence rate, review weekly county average, assess rolling county averages weekly/monthly to determine trends, individual school data including school quarantines and positive cases (staff and student), and local/regional hospital capacity (this includes ICU, and the number of ventilators available). The superintendent will review the data and make a decision on a weekly basis as to whether masks will be required at each school the following week. The decision will be announced by 6:00 pm each Friday for the following week, beginning October 29.

Per federal mandate (42 CFR §§ 70.1, 71.1), masks are still required on school buses at all times, regardless of the school masking status. Masks will continue to not be required outdoors, during meal breaks, and during physical activity.

**Test to Stay Program**

“Test to Stay” is a voluntary program in which students and staff will be tested at the beginning of the school day on 5 days. This testing is free and will occur only if the parent/guardian grants permission. The test used is a low nasal swab that does not have to reach the upper nasal cavity. Provided that the test is negative each day, the student or staff member will be allowed to stay at school. If a student or staff member tests positive, he/she will be required to quarantine for 10 days, beginning on the day he/she receives a positive test result or develops symptoms. If a student or staff member is contact-traced at school and chooses to participate in the Test to Stay program, the student must wear a mask at school for 5 days following the exposure, regardless of the school’s current masking protocol.

	<b>Preschool-5th Grade</b>	<b>6-12th Grade</b>
<b>School Exposure (Masked, Close contacts defined within a 3 ft radius)</b>	Close contacts within 3 feet of a positive case will be notified to monitor symptoms for 14 days. Precautions will be taken to increase social distancing. If symptoms develop, the person will be required to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.	<p>If a person has been vaccinated or has had a documented COVID-19 case in the past three months, quarantine is not required, but the person should monitor for symptoms.</p> <p>All others will have the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in the Test to Stay program if you have NO symptoms.</li> <li>• Quarantine for 10 days if you have NO symptoms. Return to school on Day 11.</li> <li>• Quarantine for 7 days if you have NO symptoms and have a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test on or after Day 5. Return to school on Day 8. If your PCR or rapid test is positive, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning on the day you receive a positive test result or identify symptoms.</li> </ul>
<b>School Exposure (Unmasked, Close contacts defined within a 3 ft radius)</b>	Procedures will remain the same, however, the student identified as a close contact must wear a mask for 5 days after exposure or quarantine for 5 days.	Quarantine procedures remain the same as above.
<b>Household Exposure</b>	If someone in the household tests positive and others cannot isolate, household contacts must remain quarantined for the duration of the positive person’s quarantine PLUS 10 days. Household contacts may also quarantine for 7 days with a negative PCR test on or after Day 5 if the person is not symptomatic.	

From Phase 1, we will transition to Phase 2 based upon analysis of the number of positive cases within our schools, our county's status on the incidence map, and other factors.

## Phase 2: Symptom-Monitoring Plan with Test to Stay Options for ALL Grades

<b>Masking</b>	Procedures for masking will remain the same as in Phase 1.
<b>School Exposure (Masked)</b>	<p>These procedures will apply provided that both the person testing positive and all contacts were properly masked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Close contacts within 3 feet of a positive case will be notified to monitor their symptoms for 14 days. Precautions will be taken to increase social distancing. If symptoms develop, the person will be required to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.</li> </ul>
<b>School Exposure (Unmasked)</b>	<p>These procedures will apply to a school-related exposure if anyone is unmasked (for example, when participating in athletics or other activities):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a person has been vaccinated or has had a documented COVID-19 case in the past three months, quarantine is not required but the person should monitor for symptoms.</li> <li>● All others will have the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in the Test to Stay program if you have NO symptoms.</li> <li>○ Quarantine for 10 days if you have NO symptoms. Return to school on Day 11.</li> <li>○ Quarantine for 7 days if you have NO symptoms and have a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test on or after Day 5. Return to school on Day 8. If your PCR or rapid test is positive, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning on the day you receive a positive test result or identify symptoms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Household Exposure</b>	Procedures for household exposures will remain the same as in Phase 1.