

## **Lewisburg Middle School Return Plan**

We will transition back to traditional school with 100% in person learning beginning Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. As we transition back to in person learning, we have made some changes to our school day to help limit the spread of Covid in the school building. I completely understand that not every parent or student will be in favor of these temporary changes whether it be the safety/medical aspect, academic issues, limited extra-curricular, and/or the limited social contact that students will have.

Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible at LMS. Social distancing recommendations and safest practices will be in place and reminders will be posted throughout the building and students will be reminded of these daily over the intercom. We have posted signage throughout the school regarding good hygiene practices, and district guidance regarding staying at home when sick. Coming to school sick puts others at risk so we ask that you please stay home and contact your doctor if you have symptoms related to Covid.

Below is information that we hope is temporary, but will be in effect for the remainder of the 21-22 school year unless announced otherwise:

### **Arrival**

- Doors will open at 6:50 and all students will report directly to their 1<sup>st</sup> period classroom.
- Breakfast will no longer be available for students.

### **Dismissal**

- Dismissal times will be staggered. Bus riders and walkers will be dismissed at approximately 2:47. Car riders will be dismissed at approximately 2:50.
- Bus rider and car rider pick up locations will remain separated.
- Students in the car rider line will be encouraged to wear a mask and to adhere to the social distancing guidelines as much as possible while waiting on their ride.

### **Break**

- Concessions will be sold by carts and break will be held in the teachers' classrooms.

### **Lunches**

- We will be transitioning to 5 lunches and each teacher will be assigned a specific lunch time. This will keep our lunchroom capacity no more than 50%.
- Students will remain 3 feet apart walking to and from the cafeteria
- Students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria that are spaced out with at least one seat between each student.

### **Bathroom Usage (Will be limited due to cleaning)**

- Students will have scheduled times throughout the day
- Restrooms will be closed during class changes
- We will limit restroom capacity to three at a time

### **Class Change**

- Class change will be staggered at different times from period to period.
- One way hallway traffic will be utilized
- Teachers will actively monitor class changes

### **Social distancing in the classroom**

- We will do our best to social distance as much as possible in the classroom.
- Group work will be limited.
- 9-week long seating charts will be used to minimize interactions between students

### **Mask**

- Masks usage is strongly recommended and highly encouraged for all faculty and students.
- **Students who wear a mask will not be quarantined from a close contact.**

### **Quarantined students**

- Schoology is the platform that will be used for quarantined students to keep up with work missed while they are out. Quarantined students are encouraged to keep up with their work on a daily basis through Schoology to prevent falling behind in class.
- Students are encouraged to contact their teachers via email or Schoology with any questions or concerns while quarantined.

### **Water**

- Water fountains will be shut off. Water bottle filling stations will remain on.
- Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles each day.

### **Parent Meetings and Conferences**

- All meetings and conferences will be held through Microsoft Teams. No in person meetings unless an emergency and/or approved by administration
- All visitors wishing to meet at school will be by appointment only, unless an emergency

### **Misc.**

- No guest speakers
- No visitors will be allowed for lunch with students
- No assemblies or pep rally's
- No field trips

## QUARANTINE INFORMATION

- A **positive** student is quarantined for 10 full days from the onset of symptoms if symptomatic and 10 days from their test date if they are asymptomatic.
- **Important term – “Close Contact”** Someone who is within 3-6 feet of an individual who tested positive for Covid for 15 minutes or longer.
- There is not a set number on determining quarantining the class/group. A variety of factors will be considered. We do not want to quarantine the whole class or group unless it is necessary. We look at when the positive cases are coming back, spacing in the room, ventilation in the room, does this group stay together all day, etc.
- When it is determined that a class is going to be quarantined, their return date will be 10 days from exposure to the last positive case in that class. Parents still get the same quarantine options as they always do.
  - They can be excused from quarantine if they were wearing a mask or if they are fully vaccinated or if they have had Covid in the last 90 days.
  - They have the option of a 10-day quarantine or a 7-day plus test option; just like they do with any quarantine.
  - You may have students returning on different days due to previous quarantine. Do not extend their quarantine. They may come back on their original return date.
- On a home exposure, their return date will be set by the **last day of exposure** to the positive case. If there has been no separation of family in the home, their return date will be determined by the day they report the positive case to the school and are encouraged to separate at that point.
- If a parent wants to quarantine their child without them being identified as a close contact, we cannot excuse those days missed as quarantine days. They can use their parent notes for the absence or provide a doctor's excuse.
- We accept home test results to isolate the positive individual for 10 days (I would rather isolate them than for them to come to school positive). The results from a home test are not validated by a medical lab, therefore, they are not reliable enough to quarantine other students based off those results.