

LINWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

MARCH 2022

MASKS

- Effective Monday, March 7, 2022 masks will be optional for students, staff, and visitors.
- The District will not tolerate harassment, intimidation, bullying, and/or disrespect directed towards or about individuals who choose to either not wear a mask, or those who choose to continue wearing a mask in school.
- Students identified as being symptomatic for COVID-19 and/or ill in the school will be required to wear a mask prior to being picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Masks will be required for unvaccinated household close contacts, COVID-19 symptomatic, and COVID-19 positive students, faculty, and staff returning on day 6 through day 10 after isolating/quarantining for 5 days.

This information is available on the District website. The protocols are effective March 7, 2022; however, the District reserves the right to make adjustments if needed based on elevated community or school transmission, direction from the NJDOH, State mandates, or to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our school community.

SCREENING FORM

- Screening Form must continue to be used by staff and families each to monitor for symptoms.
- Follow the information on the form if your child is not able to come to school.
- The form will be sent to families and staff weekly via email.
- Any visitors to the building will continue to use the screening form upon arrival.

LIVE STREAMING

- Students will continue to receive access to classes virtually if excluded for COVID related reasons.
- Coordination will be handled through the classroom teachers through Google Classroom.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Maintain distancing to the minimum of three feet as much as possible.
- Spacing will continue in the cafeteria at this time.
- Signage in halls and on doors
- Reminders for students and staff

BUSES

- Coordinated with Mainland Regional High School
- Follow protocols and procedures as provided through MRHS
- Staff notified of these practices including cleaning procedures
- Assigned seating
- Masks optional

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

- COVID +
 - Individuals will be excluded and will be able to return on Day 6
 - Return to school/work on Day 6 as long as symptoms are improving and fever-free for 24 hours
- Household Cases
 - Unvaccinated individuals who have a household member who has COVID symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID will be excluded.
- COVID-like Symptoms
 - Individuals with COVID symptoms will be excluded.
 - Return will be based on proof of a negative test OR an alternate diagnosis from their health provider.
- Masks will be required for unvaccinated household close contacts, COVID-19 symptomatic, and COVID-19 positive students, faculty, and staff returning on day 6 through day 10 after isolating/quarantining for 5 days.
- The NJDOH will continue contact tracing. The District will no longer be conducting in-school contact tracing.
- All return dates will be handled through the school nurse and/or Principal.

OTHER INFO

- Cleaning/Disinfecting continues
- Encourage hand-washing, respiratory etiquette
- Communication with families, schools
- On February 28, 2022, the CDC updated the contact tracing guidance to say, "Universal case investigation and contact tracing are not recommended." The CDC went on to say that the guidance shared in the update can be used for investigation of priority cases and notification of priority close contacts as outline in [Prioritizing Case Investigation and Contact Tracing for COVID-19](#). Accordingly, the District will only contact trace when there is a priority case identified as a close contact.
- [NJDOH K-12 Recommendations Info](#)

This information is available on our website www.linwoodschools.org. Information is subject to change.