

Lebanon Borough School Reopening Plan Q&A

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<p>Will students have their masks on the whole time or will they be allowed to remove it at times (indicated by the teacher)? If so, when would teachers indicate it is "safe" for students to remove their masks?</p>	<p>Students will be expected to wear masks much of the day. Although seats are distanced 6ft apart, there will be teacher movement and other student movements around the room (sink, trash, bathroom). This will necessitate mask-wearing more often. Every class schedule will have a built-in mask/movement break, but teachers are able to do this whenever they feel that the class needs one. We cannot make a blanket statement about times in the classroom when a mask would not need to be worn because there are too many variables.</p>
<p>Will students wear masks during PE classes?</p>	<p>Students will wear masks on their way to PE. Once they arrive and go outside, they can take them off. As more information/guidance is shared we will determine if we will begin holding socially distanced PE inside the gym; however, we do not feel that masks during physical activity in PE would be feasible.</p>
<p>Will all students/staff have their temperatures checked prior to entering the building?</p>	<p>Families will have a quick self-screening protocol for each morning before sending students to school. We are determining the logistics of recording this beyond a pledge from families to do this. There will be staff at the doors who will visually screen students entering the building. If any student appears ill, they will be discretely escorted to the nurse. Staff will also have a self-screening protocol. At this time taking temperatures of each individual will not be part of the protocol at the school doors.</p>
<p>What will the protocol be if a student in the school is diagnosed with COVID?</p>	<p>The school will follow the most current guidance on making those decisions from the Hunterdon County Department of Health. Here is current guidance we've received: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NrCx5MORt8pjmXL60alT8uvt</p>

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<p>With the exception of PE/Health, are all specials being held virtually after the 12:45 dismissals?</p>	<p>LBS Shares specialists with other school districts and we need to work with them as we create our schedules. At this moment, the only definite special that will occur after 12:45 pm is Music. We will schedule some others as feasible based on scheduling constraints.</p>
<p>What is the protocol if a student refuses to wear a mask?</p>	<p>If a student is in a situation where a mask is required, we will work to educate the child on the need to wear a mask and the proper way to wear it at an age-appropriate level. We will work with the family to impress upon the child the importance of wearing a mask.</p>
<p>If a student cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons, what can be done to ensure they are not sick? Will parents be made aware that there is a child in the class who will not be wearing a mask?</p>	<p>If a medical exemption is presented that a student cannot wear a mask, we will work to arrange the room to ensure that students are not within 6ft of the desk even when getting up to go to the restroom or trash. Special accommodations will need to be made to maintain a 6ft social distance at all times. At this time, we are unsure about the privacy issues surrounding the second question and would need further guidance from the health department. Once we have that it will be shared.</p>
<p>If kids are in Y aftercare do they participate in the specials live with their teacher(s) from 1:00-3:00 Or is it virtually led with help from the Y people's help?</p>	<p>If a special is delivered virtually, all students will participate virtually. We will work with our partners in the YMCA aftercare program to ensure that students can access the class.</p>
<p>My son will be going to the afternoon PreK class (age 4) 12:30 - 3:00 pm. Are you still offering this class since dismissal is now at 12:45 pm? How many students will there be in class approximately?</p>	<p>ALL preschool students will attend preschool from 8:40 am to 12:45 pm along with the rest of the school. There will only be one class. The preschool space is large. We do not have a set number at the moment but will cut off registration at a point that</p>

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	we feel we can comfortably and successfully provide social distance in the classroom.
How would you arrange the PreK classroom to maintain proper social distance? Pre-K students don't sit in individual desks like the rest of the students.	Students will be seated at either end of a 6 ft table. We would use the barriers in the pictures from the Board Presentation as an extra step.
Pre-K students share toys, books, etc in class. Would they be sharing these items and if so would these items be disinfected after each use?	Students will not be sharing toys or materials. Toys and materials will be disinfected between uses.
Would an all virtual option be offered to pre-K students? If so, is full tuition expected for this all virtual option?	Preschool is being offered virtually from 8:40 am to 12:45 pm. Although the time period is longer than a normal half-day session, we will still be offering this for both virtual and in-person learning at the \$250 half-day rate.
How are we informing people about our plan regarding travel bans? The list of states that require people to quarantine upon returning from continues to grow. What about teachers who live in PA in the event that becomes a quarantine state?	We will continue to communicate via email regarding all issues, including travel bans. We will handle the PA situation based on guidance from the health department if it becomes an issue.
Do you anticipate needing to hire anyone once teachers make their decisions about whether or not they will be returning in person or virtually? What about if a teacher needs to quarantine during the school year?	Currently our staffing is sufficient to provide our program. We will continually assess this issue. If staffing falls below a level that we can safely open school, we will need to consider all virtual options. We are anticipating a substitute shortage and encourage anyone with 60 college credits to contact Mrs. Duell to discuss substitute certification (tduell@lebanonschool.org)
Will crossing Guards be required to wear facemasks?	Yes. Crossing guards come in close contact with our students as they cross the street.

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Will crossing guards need a temperature check prior to starting their post?	Crossing guards will use the same self-screening protocol as staff members.
What days and times will we be needed?	Monday - Friday, normal time in the AM and 12:40 in the PM.
If I want to homeschool my child, what is the process to do that? What curriculum would I use?	Parents in NJ have the right to homeschool their children. A letter needs to be sent to the school district indicating that this is how the child will be educated. The district's curricula are on the website and can be accessed there. Additionally, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards are the basis for our curriculum.
Will fully virtual students be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities offered?	In the beginning of the year we will have a limited number of extracurricular activities. Any that we have will be available to all LBS students, regardless of virtual or in-person option.
What is the YMCA's Before/Aftercare Fee structure for next year?	Click here: https://operations.daxko.com/Online/5210/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?program_id=CC2568&
Will the YMCA be able to socially distance the students?	Yes. If enrollment is larger than expected, we will provide additional spaces to ensure proper distancing.
Can lessons be recorded live for virtual students who cannot be in class at the time?	This question is in a gray area at this time. It is expected that students choosing virtual will be online and "in class" during the normal classroom schedule. We will look into the privacy issues surrounding live recordings of the classroom.
Will the teachers have PPE?	Teachers will wear masks and face shields. They will have available to them PPE appropriate for higher risk situations as needed.

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<p>Will there be an in-person Kindergarten Orientation?</p>	<p>At this point we have not determined if an in-person Kindergarten or Preschool orientation will be feasible. If so, we will do so very close to the start of the school year. More information to come.</p>
<p>Will parents have access to a sample day in the Kindergarten Class to give us a better idea of what their daily routine might look like?</p>	<p>Once we know our in-person enrollment we will better be able to provide families with what the day will look like. It varies from grade to grade. Our kindergarten teacher is experienced and will be working to provide a loving and caring environment as she always has while adjusting for the reality of the situation.</p>
<p>Will students be allowed to use the playground equipment? Will they be required to wear masks on the playground, during recess, during physical education?</p>	<p>It is our intention at this time to allow students to use the equipment on a class by class basis, disinfecting it in between. During outdoor time we will work to social distance the children so that masks are not necessary.</p>
<p>How much time on a screen/device will students be spending on average while in school?</p>	<p>This will vary from grade to grade. We have not chosen a minimum or maximum amount of time. The teachers will work to deliver developmentally appropriate instruction in each grade. Sharing of supplies and materials will be limited and students may be required to submit more things via the chromebook. Many of our curricular programs and tools have a technology component, which will continue to be utilized.</p>
<p>Is it possible for parents to opt for their child to attend school in person on a part-time basis?</p>	<p>At this time that is not an option. We are working to provide consistency to families with whichever of the two options is chosen.</p>
<p>How will attendance be handled? If a student has to stay home due to scheduling or childcare rather than illness, will virtual attendance count in lieu of in-person?</p>	<p>We are bound by state attendance rules. If a family opts for in-person instruction, the expectation will be regular in-person attendance. Virtual students will be expected to follow the</p>

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	<p>schedule of classes, as well. We will continue to review the guidelines and revise our expectations if appropriate.</p>
<p>What, if any, training have the teachers received in trauma informed teaching and/or providing social/emotional support?</p>	<p>Our staff will be involved in training related to trauma informed schools and providing social emotional support prior to the start of the school year. Our school social worker will also be available to provide support to staff and students as needed. We understand that all children are coming to school with different levels of information and apprehension. We will continually monitor the social/emotional well-being of all students and staff.</p>
<p>What will the preschool class look like?</p>	<p>This depends on attendance. The class will be set up with two students per table. We will still utilize toys, etc.</p>
<p>When children and their families travel to states on the NJ travel restriction list, will they be required to quarantine prior to returning to school?</p>	<p>Yes. If the governor requires a self-quarantine when traveling to any other particular state, it will be required at LBS.</p>
<p>For the kids doing virtual learning, will there be an opportunity for them to meet the teacher (in-person preferably) before or during the first week of school?</p>	<p>We will work to try to schedule something outside early in the school year during the 1:40-3:00 PM time frame to allow for this.</p>