

Introduction

As we plan for the 2021-2022 school year, Ladd CCSD 94 is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for students and staff. This plan has been created to communicate all procedures and safeguards implemented to ensure a safe and healthy return to full in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic

The following plan is subject to change and will be updated based on the most current health guidance and mandates, local vaccination coverage, levels of community transmission and guidance from local public health officials to ensure that we are providing the safest environment possible for students and staff.

The procedures in this plan are based on guidance from the ARP Act, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Rationale

Priorities	How they are addressed/considered
In-Person Learning	We are focused on providing in-person learning for all students by implementing procedures that allow us to remain open and keep students safe.
Student & Staff Safety	We will follow IDPH guidelines.
Social-Emotional Health of Students & Staff	We will support students social emotional needs through monthly team building activities, increased support through social work services, and positive behavior incentives.
Academic Achievement	We will implement our full curriculum, providing remote access for students who are quarantined. Scheduled time will be provided for recovery of skills in intervention blocks and after school tutoring

The Schedule

Ladd CCSD 94 will operate with a full-day in-person learning schedule. Students will attend in person learning 5 days per week from 8:15-3:05. Parents can find the full district calendar [here](#).

Remote Learning

All students will be expected to attend in-person for the 2021-2022 school year. Remote learning will not be offered as a daily option. Only students who are placed in quarantine due to positive diagnosis, symptoms, or close contacts will be required to engage in remote learning until they can return to school.

Masks

Ladd School will follow the state mandate that all students, staff, and visitors be required to wear a mask at all times within the building regardless of vaccination status. Masks do not need to be worn outdoors unless social distancing is not possible during the activity. Teachers are encouraged to take students outside daily to provide additional mask breaks.

Social Distancing

Students will be expected to maintain a minimum of 3-feet social distancing at all times within the building while wearing masks and a minimum of 6-feet social distancing without masks. The classrooms and cafeteria will be set up to ensure that social distancing is maintained. All staff are responsible to ensure students follow these guidelines.

Quarantines

Quarantine procedures will remain in effect for students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, are close contacts to a positive case, or have COVID-19 symptoms. Student and staff quarantine decisions will be made based on the most current [Exclusion Guidance from IDPH](#) and guidance from the local health department.

Remote Learning During Quarantines

During quarantine, when well enough, students will be expected to check into their digital classrooms (Seesaw for K-4, Google Classroom for 5-8) daily. Parents may be asked to pick up hard copy work or textbooks to support remote learning. Students will be required to submit assignments daily. Students/parents will be expected to communicate with teachers via email daily for questions and direct instruction as well as have completed assignments to be counted as present. Students who have not kept up to date with schoolwork during quarantines will be given unexcused absences and will be required to attend after school tutoring until all assignments are up to date.

Contact Tracing

Ladd staff will be conducting contact tracing any time there is a positive case. All students who are deemed to be "close contacts" to a positive student will be asked to

quarantine per the IDPH Exclusion Rules and the Bureau County Health Department recommendations.

Close Contacts

Close contacts will be defined as persons who have not remained socially distanced (a minimum of 3 feet with masks and 6 feet without masks) from a positive case for more than 15 minutes. All close contacts will have to quarantine regardless of vaccination status. Ladd School will consult with local health departments regarding all positive cases and close contacts.

Self-Certification

Students will not be allowed to attend school if they have any COVID-19 related symptoms. Parents must ensure each day that their child is free of fever (100.4 or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue from unknown cause, or muscle or body aches from unknown source. Parents are required to fill out a commitment to check their child's symptoms daily before sending them to school.

School Bus

All students, monitors, and bus drivers will be required to always wear a mask on the bus. Students will be socially distance to the greatest extent possible when on the bus. Students will have assigned seats on the bus to limit close contacts.

Lunchroom

Grab and go lunches will be served daily. Students will enter through the gym doors and exit through the hallway doors to allow for social distancing. Students will have assigned seats in the lunchroom to allow for contact tracing and students will wear masks unless in their seat eating. Garbage will be collected at the tables before students are dismissed.

Vaccinations

Students will not be required to be vaccinated at this time. Students who choose to be vaccinated may provide proof of vaccination status with administration. Should guidance change for vaccinated students, proof of vaccination will be required

Cleaning

Ladd School will continue to undergo extensive cleaning and sanitizing throughout the year to protect the health and safety of our students and staff. Should a positive case occur, all impacted areas will be deep cleaned, sanitized, and aired before students return to the space.

Additional Procedures:

- Student sharing of supplies will be kept to a minimum.
- Lockers will be available for use daily. Students will be released to lockers on a rotating basis to maintain distancing in the hallways.
- Students will transition classes in middle school. Students will be released on a rotating basis, using only the left side of the hallway.
- Typical in-person instructional practices will take place including small and large group instruction, peer tutoring, flexible seating, and hands-on learning while social distancing.
- Daily recess will occur with student access to playground equipment.
- Students will be allowed to bring water bottles daily and will have access to bottle filling stations.
- Students experiencing symptoms will have access to a private space to quarantine until parents arrive.
- Students will be provided with equipment to keep their masks clean during lunch and mask breaks.
- Signage will be posted to remind students and visitors of the safety protocols.
- Ladd will continue to communicate changes and policies with families via TeacherEase and BCR alerts.