



# HEALTHY AND SAFE AT LADD SCHOOL

SAFE RETURN PLAN 2022-2023

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Student health and safety is our number one priority at Ladd School. This document provides all the helpful information you need as it relates to health and medical requirements for students, social emotional supports, and district safety protocols. In addition, you will find all COVID-19 protocols and several resources to help your child and family.

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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).

## HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORM REQUIREMENTS

### PHYSICALS

State Law requires written evidence of physical examinations, including age-appropriate developmental screening, social-emotional screening, for all students registering for the first time and the grade levels below. Immunizations for Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Measles, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine are also required. Proof of immunity shall be documented evidence of having received a vaccine or proof of disease verified by a healthcare provider. (Section 655.250) The only waiver of evidence of immunizations is through written objection that these requirements conflict with religious tenets or practices, or that the physical condition of the child is such that compliance would be a hazard to the health of the child. Proof of examinations must be submitted prior to October 15 of the school year. New students to the district registering after October 15 will have 30 days from the date of registration to submit all medical examination records required. *A STUDENT WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS BY OCTOBER 15 WILL BE DENIED ENTRY TO SCHOOL UNTIL COMPLIANCE IS MADE.*

## **KINDERGARTEN:**

- Proof of a physical examination
- Proof of up-to-date immunizations
- Proof of lead screening
- Proof of dental exam
- Proof of vision exam

## **SECOND GRADE:**

- Proof of dental exam

## **SIXTH GRADE:**

- Proof of physical exam
- Proof of up-to-date immunizations
- Proof of Dental Exam

# **COVID-19 INFORMATION AND PROTOCOLS**

## **VACCINATIONS**

[Vaccines are readily available](#) for all school age children and the district recommends parents speak with their family physician about keeping their children and household members up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, including recommended booster doses.

## **MASKS**

Masking is welcome at school but is not required. Masking is strongly recommended for **individuals [who have been exposed to COVID-19](#)**, as well as for 10 days after a positive test result, including after isolation has ended.

## **STAYING HOME WITH SYMPTOMS OR AFTER EXPOSURE**

Parents should keep symptomatic children at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as other health issues like colds and flu that can be spread easily among children. We ask that parents keep other students and families in mind and responsibly keep children home when they are symptomatic.

Following updated public health guidance, the school district will not require quarantining after exposure to a close contact, unless symptoms develop. Those exposed to a known positive case should follow the related [CDC guidance for those exposed to COVID-19](#).

## **TESTING**

The school district will not conduct or expect weekly screening of students. The district is in the process of acquiring rapid antigen tests that can be administered at home, or at school when symptoms arise and parents provide approval to do so. At home tests are also readily available to parents through local pharmacies. In accordance with current health guidance, the district will not provide close contact or low-risk notifications related to COVID-19. Parents who have a particular health issue or concern may request to be notified of cases in their child's classroom.

## **QUARANTINE GUIDANCE FOR SYMPTOMS AND POSITIVE TEST RESULTS**

Regardless of vaccination status, students and staff who exhibit symptoms or test positive should follow the updated [CDC isolation guidance](#).

## **REMOTE LEARNING DURING QUARANTINE**

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 may attend after school tutoring until all assignments are up to date.

## **ADJUSTMENTS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

As needed or required, the school may make adjustments to these protocols based on the current public health guidance. The district will carefully monitor all [current CDC transmission levels](#) for our Ladd Community. Parents will be kept updated when protocols change.