



LANSINGBURGH
— CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT —

RETURN TO SCHOOL
2021-2022

REOPENING PLANNING

This plan is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED), and is subject to change if and when guidance and/or conditions change

COMMUNICATION/FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The district will:

- Immediately notify parents through the School Messenger automated messaging system of any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 within the school community.
- Immediately notify the local health department about potential COVID-19 cases and work closely with local health department guidelines for contact tracing and coordination as needed.
- Post and maintain all school reopening plans on the District website (www.lansingburgh.org) and have hard copies available at each school. The reopening plan will be posted on the website as both a downloadable PDF and a direct embed. Reopening plans will be available in languages spoken by district families as needed.
- Provide regular updates and communications with students, parents/guardians, staff and visitors via the district's website (www.lansingburgh.org), School Messenger automated messaging (email, text messages and phone calls when applicable) and posting on district social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)). Updates and communications will be available in languages spoken by district families as needed.
- Have school reopening information and updates centralized on the district website's [School Reopening Information and Updates](#) page. This page will be consistently updated as relevant new information and changes occur. The link to this page will remain prominently visible on the district website's homepage.
- Have a dedicated email (CovidInfo@lansingburgh.org) for any stakeholder COVID-19-related questions, concerns or feedback.
- Will have a designated COVID-19 Resource Person for COVID-19-related questions. This coordinator can be reached at the email address above or by phone at 518-233-6850 during the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Monday-Friday

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Trainings

Informational Videos from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and Questar will address:

- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [Proper Face Covering Wearing/Do's & Don'ts](#)
- [Social Distancing](#)
- Respiratory Hygiene

Links and embeds of videos will be available on the district's website.

[Signage](#)

The district will create and deploy signage throughout the district to address public health protections surrounding COVID-19. [Signage will address protocols and recommendations in the following areas:](#)

- Proper use of PPE
- Acceptable face coverings and requirements related to their wear

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand washing ● Adherence to social distancing instructions ● Symptoms/prevention of COVID-19
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HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of our students, our staff, and their families is our top priority. We want students and employees to feel comfortable and safe returning to school campuses. Our reopening plan incorporates recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

HEALTH CHECKS

The district has developed resources to educate parents/guardians and staff members regarding the careful observation of symptoms of COVID-19 and health screening measures that will be conducted by the District.

The CDC has provided this flowchart that can be used to determine what families should do if a student is not feeling well: [WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS AT SCHOOL](#).

Dedicated isolation area	Each building is equipped with an isolation room, staffed by an additional nurse, that will be located adjacent to the normal nurse’s office.
Social Distancing, Face Coverings, and PPE	<p>The district has developed a plan with policies and procedures for maintaining social distancing of all students, faculty, and staff to the greatest extent possible when on school facilities, grounds, and transportation.</p> <p>Proper fitting face coverings must be worn by students and staff throughout the day while indoors and on the school bus. Visitors to our schools will be expected to wear face coverings indoors as well.</p> <p>Students will be allowed to remove face coverings during meals and for short breaks scheduled throughout the day. Students who are unable to medically tolerate a face covering will not be required to wear one.</p> <p>Face coverings will be provided to students and staff, if needed, at no cost. Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, cloth-based coverings and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose.</p> <p>An employee is allowed to wear their own acceptable face covering if they choose. Employees with healthcare provider documentation stating they are not medically able to tolerate face covering may be accommodated.</p>

MANAGEMENT OF ILL PERSONS, CONTACT TRACING, AND MONITORING

Management of ill persons	The district requires students, faculty, or staff members who develop COVID-19 symptoms during the school day to report to the isolation room. If there are several students waiting to see the school nurse, students must wait at least 6
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	<p>feet apart. The district has designated areas to separate individuals with symptoms of COVID- 19 from others until they can go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on severity of illness.</p> <p>PPE requirements for school health office staff caring for sick individuals includes both standard and transmission-based precautions. In areas with moderate to substantial community transmission, eye protection (e.g., goggles or face shield) should be added. When caring for a suspected or confirmed individual with COVID-19, gloves, a gown, eye protection, and a fit-tested N-95 respirator will be used, if available. If an N-95 respirator is not available, a surgical face mask and face shield will be used.</p> <p>School health office cleaning will occur after each use of cots, bathrooms, and health office equipment (e.g., blood pressure cuffs, otoscopes, stethoscopes).</p>
Confirmed case of COVID-19	<p>When caring for a suspected or confirmed individual with COVID-19, gloves, a gown, eye protection, and a fit-tested N-95 respirator will be used, if available. If an N-95 respirator is not available, a surgical face mask and face shield will be used.</p>
Contact Tracing	<p>The district will notify the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual within school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the district. To assist the local health department with tracing the transmission of COVID-19, the district has developed and maintained a plan to trace all contacts of exposed individuals in accordance with protocols, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program.</p> <p>Districts may assist with contact tracing by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keeping accurate attendance records of students and staff members 2. Ensuring student schedules are up to date 3. Keeping a log of any visitor which includes date and time, and where in the school they visited 4. Assisting the local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual in accordance with the protocol, training, and tools provided through the NYS Contact Tracing Program
Returning to school following an illness	<p>The district has established protocols and procedures, in consultation with the local health department(s), about the requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment at school. This protocol includes negative COVID-19 diagnostic test results.</p>

TRANSPORTATION

SCHOOL BUS

	Busses will be at full capacity
Masks	All students and transportation staff must wear masks and social distance on the bus.
Cleaning and disinfecting	All buses used for student transportation will be cleaned/disinfected daily. High contact spots on the busses will be wiped down after the morning and afternoon bus runs depending upon the disinfection schedule.
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● PPE will be provided for drivers and monitors● Staff who have direct physical contact with a child will wear gloves

STUDENTS ON TRANSPORTATION

Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students must wear a mask while riding the bus● Students who do not have a mask cannot be denied transportation and will be provided one by the district● Students with a disability, including students where a covering would impair their physical or mental health, are not subject to the required use of a face covering
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TEACHING AND LEARNING

In-person learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All students will return to in-person learning in all schools for students in EPK through grade 12.● A full remote option will ONLY be made available to those students who present documentation of medical necessity. This option will be provided by Questar III and will require a one-year commitment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Instruction will not be delivered by a Lansingburghteacher.● The district will prioritize meeting the social-emotional needs of students and families as the school year begins and as students re-engage in full in-person learning.
Quarantined students	For students who are officially quarantined by the Department of Health, we will provide asynchronous learning opportunities through Google Classroom.
Remote learning	<p>Given the possibility that communities may experience spikes in COVID-19 cases at any point during the school year, which may prompt short or long-term school closures, the district has developed a model and schedule that can transition into a fully remote model.</p> <p>To ensure high-quality remote learning experiences, the district will standardize the use of a single online learning platform - Google</p>

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

All athletics, extracurricular activities and after-school programs will resume.

Interscholastic Athletics

The district will follow DOH guidance in regards to interscholastic athletics along with NYSPHSAA and/or Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA, Inc. for guidance in conducting interscholastic athletics for the 2021-2022 school year. The district will only allow school-sponsored activities and/or groups to use school facilities in 2021-2022 school year.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Cafeteria/Meals

Meals will be distributed in the kitchen area and eaten in the cafeteria. Physical distancing will be maximized to the greatest extent possible in both areas. Mask removal will be limited only for the duration of eating to limit potential exposure. Hand washing/sanitizing before and after will be strongly encouraged, as an additional mitigation strategy.