

Below is the outline for the Reopening Plan for 2022-2023. The requirements set forth below concerning persons who test positive for COVID-19 and those with COVID-19 like symptoms are subject to adjustments going forward, such that Cooperative's policies and practice remain in accordance with lawful guidelines established by the IDPH and CDC.

Our goals remain the same regarding the threat of COVID-19 spread.

1. Create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for students and staff.
2. Through our mitigation practices, reduce to the extent possible quarantine numbers.
3. Maintain in-person instruction.

When students return to school August 17, 2022, the following guidelines will be in place.

Indoor Mask Optional

Circuit Breaker School will be mask optional. The CDC recommends, but does not mandate, universal indoor masking at this time.

Contact Tracing & Exclusion

Schools are not required to conduct contact tracing for the purpose of excluding close contacts to a positive. However, state law requires school districts to notify the local public health department of any known or suspected cases of COVID-19. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms must be excluded from school for five (5) calendar days. Asymptomatic close contacts do not require exclusion from school. Circuit Breaker School continues to consult with the LaSalle County Public Health Department to determine community levels and receive preventative measures.

Services & Support

Circuit Breaker School student support services personnel are available to provide academic, emotional, and mental health services. If you have questions regarding district programming relating to COVID please contact Jayme Salazar at jsalazar@lease-sped.org

Testing

L.E.A.S.E will not preform regular testing at Circuit Breaker School this school year. L.E.A.S.E will make available to all students and employees BinaxNow OTC COVID-19 tests for at home use. If you have concerns that your student has been exposed or has COVID-19 please contact the Circuit Breaker office to obtain testing kits for your family.

If a student/employee tests positive for COVID-19:

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must do the following:

1. Stay home for a minimum of 5 days after the first day of symptoms or the specimen collection date from the positive viral test for asymptomatic persons.
2. Individuals may return to school after five days if asymptomatic or if fever-free without fever-reducing meds for 24 hours, diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, other symptoms have improved, and any coughing has significantly subsided. When returning after 5 days, you are encouraged to wear a mask for at least 10 days from symptom-onset, and, to the extent possible, maintain six feet apart from anyone when eating/mask is off.

If a student/employee has COVID-19 like symptoms:

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must immediately be excluded from school until:

1. The individual is asymptomatic and/or fever-free without fever-reducing meds for 24 hours, diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, other symptoms have improved, and any coughing has significantly subsided. When returning to school, you are encouraged to wear a mask and, to the extent possible, maintain six feet apart from anyone when eating/masks off; OR
2. The individual provides the District with a negative test result that confirms the symptoms are not attributable to COVID19 and the individual is fever-free without fever-reducing meds for 24 hours, diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, other symptoms have improved, and any coughing has significantly subsided.

Signs & Symptoms

Parents are responsible for keeping your child(ren) home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, which includes but not limited to fever of or greater than 100.4°F, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue of unknown cause, muscle & body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, or new loss of sense of taste or smell . Students showing symptoms during the school day will not be allowed to return to school until the exclusion requirements are met.

This reopening plan has been developed by the District Reopening Plan Committee and will be presented to the Executive Committee on September 6, 2022 for final review and approval.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathy Fox, L.E.A.S.E Executive director at kfox@lease-sped.org or 815-433-6433.