

June 30, 2020

LaPorte County Families,

The LaPorte County public school corporations appreciate the patience and understanding of our families and communities during the last few months. Per Governor Holcomb's order, schools are allowed to resume normal schedules on July 1. The Indiana Department of Education, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Health and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, released [guidance](#) for the reopening of Indiana schools. LaPorte County public schools have come together to share important information as we prepare to welcome your children back to school this fall.

All LaPorte County schools will be starting on their scheduled date, ***with the final Return to School format (Full Attendance, Partial Attendance, or E-Learning) to be determined in late July based on the regional COVID situation at that time.***

In conjunction with the [LaPorte County Health Department](#), LaPorte County public schools will have a common response to confirmed cases of COVID-19 and ongoing consultation will inform the decisions to keep schools open.

The partnership between families and schools is always a key to student success. School staff will be receiving professional development on screening student health situations and parents are encouraged to monitor the health of their students and keep them home if they are not well. In the event that we are able to open schools in a traditional format, we will also:

- Require masks for students and staff in certain situations, including on a bus and some in-school settings.
- Require students and staff to be fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
- Maximize instructional space and scheduling flexibility.
- Employ enhanced cleaning procedures with additional hand sanitizer stations.
- Adjust lunches to maximize available open space and utilize alternate scheduling to adhere to safety guidelines.
- Identify and separate space in school buildings to treat symptomatic students.
- Restrict visitors and guests in our school buildings.
- Discontinue perfect attendance incentives.

Thank you again for supporting your LaPorte County public schools as we look forward to a safe reopening for the 2020-2021 school year.

