

**2021-22 Return to School Information for Lake Shore Public Schools**

GENERAL INFORMATION

What instructional model will be used?

All K-12 students will attend in-person, full-time, 5 days per week, regular start and end times unless they have opted for the virtual option.

Will there be an online/virtual option?

Yes. Those families that would like a virtual option, please complete the following form by August 20th.

<https://forms.gle/njrjMMf7dP92Nw87>

Are face masks mandated at school?

No. Currently, face masks are recommended by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for students, staff and visitors in school buildings, on school grounds, and on school-provided transportation, but not required. With the expiration of statewide mask mandates in June, the Macomb County Health Department issued the following guidance:

Face coverings are not required for students or staff. However, students and staff who are not fully vaccinated should consider wearing a face covering when indoors, especially in crowded settings.

In accordance with this guidance, students and staff should consider wearing a mask, however it is no longer a requirement and will be at the discretion of the individual. We will continue to evaluate and balance the need for a return to normalcy with the safety concerns we all share. Strategies to reduce illness including social distancing to the extent possible, hand washing and sanitizing, and thorough cleaning of district facilities will continue to be a part of our operations and messaging to students and staff.

Will students be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to attend school?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently an option only for those 12 years and older as a means for immunizing individuals against COVID and minimizing its spread. The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List.

Are students and staff members required to isolate for 10 days if they test positive for COVID?

Yes. Our local health department requires that if someone has tested positive for COVID-19, they should stay home and isolate for a 10-day period beginning when symptoms first appeared. Individuals may be released from isolation after 10 days if they've gone 24-hours with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7th.