



Livingston Public Schools

“A Mindful Normal”

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WHAT IS A “MINDFUL NORMAL”?

As we look to September, we need to continue to be mindful that we are in the midst of a pandemic, and despite the significant progress that has made, ensure we remain focused on our efforts to create healthy and safe learning environments in our schools.

At the same time, we fully intend to provide as normal of a school experience as possible for our students during the 2021-2022 after more than a year of disruption.

What We Know From The Road Forward:

- No remote instruction.
- Full days with lunch beginning the first day of school.
Plan to have pre-order lunch (hot and cold).
- We will utilize outdoor space. Tents will return.
- New elementary schedule will be in place.
- Subscription bussing will return.
- Full program will be provided; academics: athletics, activities, and arts.

Mitigation Measures:

LIKELY TO CONTINUE	LIKELY NOT TO CONTINUE
Enhanced Daily Cleaning	Temperature Checks
Emphasis on Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing	Plexiglass on student desks
Quarantining and Contact Tracing (with timing and protocol modifications)	Daily COVID Tracker Form (there may be a less frequent version)
Masking on Busses	Masking Outdoors
Enhanced Air Flow	One Way Hallways

Indoor Masking Protocols:

- The Road Forward states that masking guidance will be forthcoming and will be based on CDC Guidelines for schools.
- **The Road Forward and the CDC Guidelines for Schools specify that decisions about mitigation measures should be made based on the status of the virus in the community. Protocols may change at any time.**
- CDC's Guidelines for Schools say: "Mask use is recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers, and staff."
- **We plan to consult with physicians, including our school physician, mid-August. Based on their advice we will make a final determination about mask wearing in schools for September. It is important to remember that the situation is fluid.**

Other Considerations:

- Students will be distanced to the extent possible, per the CDC Guidelines, but it is unlikely that a consistent number of “feet” of distance will be able to be maintained at all times.
- Home learning can be provided for students who are quarantined. We are working on determining how this will work.
- We are creating new visitors protocols. We want to limit the number of visitors in our schools, but certain visitors will be allowed in the schools; likely masked.
- Some parent events and meetings that set attendance records last year, may continue to be held on Zoom.

Questions?

