



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Introduction:

This document contains information on how TLA plans to safely open for face-to-face instruction for the 2023 school year. Information and mandates change quickly, so this document is subject to change. The following plan will be reviewed regularly and is subject to change at any time. We ask for your patience and understanding as the 2023-2024 school year begins.

General Information:

- Masks are not required. We encourage scholars and staff to wear a mask if they desire.
- Strategic mask wearing may be implemented in specific circumstances. For example, during field trips, while riding a bus, in situations that require close contact, etc...
- TLA will be prepared to move to virtual learning if the need arises.

Daily Health Checks/Scholar Illness:

- Families are expected to monitor their children's health prior to coming to school. The at-home health check and other information concerning sick children are located at the end of this document.
- The school will NOT be conducting temperature checks as scholars arrive.

PLEASE DO NOT send a child to school that is exhibiting any signs of illnesses. We need all families to support our efforts on pre-screening before coming to school. Any scholar exhibiting signs of illness while at school will be sent home and encouraged to test.

Procedures & Policies:

- **Hygiene and Sanitation:**
 - Our staff will be disinfecting the high-touch areas. (door knobs, light switches, handrails, etc. throughout the day)
 - Bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.
 - Scholars will continue to sanitize hands upon entering the building. Scholars may bring their own sanitizer if they so desire.
 - Every classroom has sinks to encourage hand washing.
- **Before School:**
 - All scholars are eligible for free breakfast.
 - Scholars will enter the building no earlier than 7:30 and go to the cafeteria or their homeroom depending on grade level.
- **Visitors:**
 - All visitors must arrange beforehand any trips to the classrooms.

- Parents/guardians may not come in with their scholars to bring them to their classrooms.
- **Lunch:**
 - Scholars will eat lunch in the cafeteria.
 - All scholars are eligible for free lunch.
 - At this time parents and visitors will not be able to join scholars for lunch.
 - Scholars will be allowed to bring a cold lunch from home.
- **Water Fountains:**
 - We recommend that scholars in K4 - 11 bring their own **clear, transparent** labeled water bottles to school. They may be filled at the bottle fill stations. There will be no water bottles provided by the school.
- **High and Middle School:**
 - High and Middle School scholars will be switching classrooms.
 - Physical education classes will change into physical education uniforms. Locker rooms will be utilized for 6th - 11th graders.
- **Technology & Virtual Learning:**
 - TLA Technology Acceptable Use Policy must be reviewed and the Family Handbook must be signed.
 - Scholars in grades K5 - 4th and 6th - 11th will have Chromebooks assigned to them. For K5 - 2nd-grade scholars the Chromebooks will stay at school. For scholars in 3rd - 11th grade, the Chromebooks will be taken home and returned to school fully charged, daily.
- **Bus Transportation:**
 - Masks are not required on the bus at this time.
- **Miscellaneous Information:**
 - Field trips will be part of the classroom calendar as scheduled by the teacher.
 - The school will follow the Rock County Health Department's recommendations for any exposure events that occur at TLA and positive cases will be shared with the Rock County Health Department so they can support the families and school.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

- Quarantine is no longer recommended by the CDC for close-contact. If a scholar has been exposed to COVID-19, the scholar should wear a well-fitted mask and get tested as soon as possible.
- A scholar should isolate if they are sick and suspect COVID-19 but do not yet have the test results. The length of isolation is listed below.

LENGTH OF ISOLATION:

- **Negative** test result:
 - A scholar who has **no symptoms** will be able to end isolation and return to school immediately.

- A scholar who **has symptoms** will need to be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications **AND** have an improvement in symptoms. If they are diagnosed with an alternative illness, they need to provide a doctor's note and follow any isolation instructions from the doctor.
 - **Positive** test result:
 - If a scholar tests positive they will need to **isolate for a total of 6 days** (testing day + 5 full days). Example: If the scholar tests positive on 5/14, they are able to return to school on 5/20
 - A scholar who **has no symptoms** will be able to return after 6 days as long as they do not develop any symptoms. They are also encouraged to wear a well-fitted mask when returning to school through day 10. IF symptoms occur, isolation will begin on day 1 of symptoms.
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- A scholar who **has symptoms** will need to isolate for at least 6 days from the date of the test taken **AND** be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** have an improvement in symptoms. They **MUST** wear a mask at school through day 10.

OTHER HEALTH ILLNESSES:

- A scholar who **has an alternate diagnosis for symptoms** will need to be fever-free for 24 hours **without** the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** will need to provide a doctor's note and follow any isolation instructions of the doctor.
 - Scholars with a **bacterial infection** (examples: pink eye or strep throat) can return to school after 24 hours of when the antibiotic was started
- A scholar who **does not have an alternate diagnosis** but is experiencing **symptoms**, such as vomiting and/or diarrhea should not return to school until 24 hours after the last episode of the given symptom(s).

LEARNING WHILE ISOLATED:

- If an individual within a class is isolated, they will receive an email from the Principal with alternate assignments for the duration of their isolation. Attendance will be based on turning in the assignments.

Please contact Janae Gile, Principal if you have any questions about our Back to School Safety Plan. 608-690-5124 or janae.gile@tlabeloit.com

We reserve the right to revise this document at any time we deem actions warrant.