

Edgelea Elementary 2021-2022 Reopening Plan

Edgelea Elementary, in conjunction with the Lafayette School Corporation (LSC), will open for the 2021-2022 school year under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD).

By implementing as many of the guidelines and recommendations as possible, we believe we can open schools for the 2021-2022 school year with an In Person model. Students, staff, parents and community members will continue to experience new preventive and mitigating measures as they enter our building. The new measures are being initiated for the health and safety of every person who enters Edgelea including students, staff, families, and community members.

In Person/School Based Learning

The In Person model will have students attending a normal day of instruction at Edgelea. While students will attend a normal instructional day, there will be numerous new health and safety protocols in place. Social Distancing will be a high priority.

Students will begin school on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with a full day of instruction. Busses will run, and breakfast and lunch will be served. Doors will open at 7:45. Students will enter their classrooms at 8:10. Each day, breakfast, morning work, and daily procedures will begin as soon as students enter their classrooms. All students are expected to be in their seats and ready for instruction when the tardy bell rings at 8:25 am.

Walkers, car riders, and bus riders will dismiss promptly at 2:45.

E-Learning Opportunity

An E-Learning opportunity will only be available for students whose parents provide a note from their family medical provider that it would not be in the student's best medical interest to attend school in-person. The LSC administration will review each medical note for approval or denial. Edgelea will not specifically be offering an eLearning option. This is a district option and eligible students will be assigned an e-Learning teacher through the LSC district.

Prevention Measures

The Edgelea administration, teachers and staff members will educate our students about the practices and procedures each building is implementing with regards to personal hygiene, bathroom breaks, water bottle fill-up, hallway procedures, classroom procedures, school bus protocols and the many other precautions being taken to keep things cleaned and sanitized.

Teachers and staff members will be trained on what to look for and will notify the school nurse and administration if they notice one of their students might not be feeling well. **NO ONE SHOULD ENTER SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS NOT FEELING WELL, HAS A FEVER, OR HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO IS ILL.** The Edgelea administration, teachers, staff members will all be trained about the symptoms of COVID-19 and will take immediate action to remove anyone from school who is ill. Edgelea has a point of isolation that will be utilized to keep everyone safe at school.

The Edgelea teachers, will receive additional COVID-19 training before the students return.

If at any time during this process, someone within the school setting tests positive for the COVID-19, the administration will follow the CDC, IDOE and Tippecanoe County Health Department guidelines to determine mitigation procedures. Each situation will be considered on a case by case basis.

FACE MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

Due to the recent up-tick in COVID-19 cases, beginning on Monday, August 9, 2021, Face Masks and/or Face Coverings will be mandated for all non-vaccinated and vaccinated individuals while indoors in a Lafayette School Corporation's building. This recommendation falls in-line with the current CDC's, State of Indiana Health Department's and the Tippecanoe County Health Department's recommendations.

There may be times when masks will be allowed to be removed during the day such as breakfast, lunch and other times deemed necessary.

The Lafayette School Corporation will continue to monitor the CDC, the State of Indiana Health Department and the Tippecanoe County Health Department for future updates and guidance.

MANDATED VACCINES

Edgelea in accordance with LSC guidelines will not require or mandate any staff member or student to have a COVID-19 vaccine. The LSC recommends that staff members and families consult with their family medical provider for questions or concerns regarding a COVID-19 vaccine.

SCHOOL BUSES

As of the date of this document, the CDC continues to require all students and adults to wear a Face Mask while on a school bus. Therefore, all Edgelea students riding LSC busses will continue to wear masks on the bus rides to and from school. LSC will continue to provide extra Face Masks on each bus should a student forget their mask. The LSC will provide an up-date of this topic later in the summer.

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or Covid-19, should stay home and will be referred to their healthcare provider for care. Staying home when sick is essential to keep Covid-19 infections out of school and prevent spread to others. It is also essential for people who are not fully vaccinated to quarantine after recent exposure to someone with Covid-19.

Although Edgelea and LSC does not have a universal mask requirement, the nurse could require masking by students, teachers, and staff if they are experiencing onset of upper respiratory infection symptoms at school while waiting for pick-up or dismissal from school. CDC

guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have Covid-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with Covid-19. The nurse will continue to educate and work with staff and families about when to stay home and when to return to school. During the Covid-19 pandemic it is essential that parents keep children home if they are showing signs and symptoms of Covid-19.

The front office conference room will continue to be used as a holding room for a student or staff member who is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms and waiting for a ride home.

Personal Hygiene

All people should practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) to keep from getting and spreading infectious illnesses including Covid-19. Edgelea staff will monitor and reinforce these behaviors and provide adequate handwashing supplies and opportunities.

- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind everyone at Edgelea to wash hands frequently and assist young children in handwashing if necessary.
- When handwashing is not possible, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be utilized.

Restroom Breaks

- A restroom schedule will be created and utilized. This will allow staggered use of the restrooms for proper social distancing.
- Additional hand washing opportunities will be provided within the classroom.
- LSC will provide hand sanitizer for each classroom and hallways.

Water Bottles

- LSC will provide a water bottle for each student. They will be clearly labeled. Students will have the opportunity to fill them up at the hands-free water fountain.
- If preferred, students may bring a water bottle from home.
- Drinking fountains will not be utilized.

Hallway Procedures

- We will direct the flow of traffic throughout the building creating one-way paths through the main hallways, labeling with arrows and staying on the right-side during transitions.
- Students will have assigned seats for morning arrival.

- Students will walk single file in the hallways in a specific order (ABC order or small group order).

Classroom Procedures

- Teachers may choose to place students in small groups for seating and instruction. Seating charts will be maintained and students will be assigned to the same small groups at lunch, specials classes, and in line order.
- Students will be given Ziplock bags for storage of individual materials to limit the amount of shared supplies. Proper sanitation methods will be utilized when materials are shared between students.
- Carpets, fabric furniture, and fabric materials will be utilized on a limited basis.
- Teachers will sanitize tables and all supplies between small group instruction.
- Field trips will be permitted but staff and students will follow CDC guidelines. All field trips will need to be preapproved and safety guidelines will be determined. Masks will be worn on buses and in all public buildings, outside of the school setting.
- Birthday treats must be store bought and individually wrapped. Holiday parties will follow safety guidelines, most likely without parent volunteers. No homemade treats.
- A limited amount of parent volunteers will be permitted in the building. Parents must self-screen prior to coming into the building. Teachers should check in with the office before making arrangements with parent volunteers.
- After school clubs will be permitted, students and staff will maintain social distancing and safety guidelines.
- After school athletics will be permitted. Students and coaches will follow LSC district guidelines for elementary athletic practices and games.

Recess Procedures

- Students will have a 20 minute recess each day supervised by the recess monitors.
- According to the CDC guidelines, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors (e.g., participating in outdoor play, recess, and physical education activities).
- Students will sanitize hands before entering the cafeteria.
- Students will leave and enter the building, one class at a time, with social distancing in mind.

Cafeteria Procedures

- Students will be assigned seats in the cafeteria. Seating charts will be documented in case we need to contact trace.
- Students will be assigned to every other seat, leaving space and social distancing for children.
- Edgelea will utilize two serving lines, instead of one, decreasing the length of time students are standing in the lunch line.
- Social distancing decals, provided by Chartwells, will be placed on the floor.
- No condiment pumps. All condiments will be in packets.
- Students will use prepacked silverware and napkins.

Registration

- LSC registration will be 3 days this year. The dates are as follows: July 27 (9:00-4:00 pm); July 28 (9:00-4:00 pm); and July 29 12:00-7:00 pm).
- Returning families are encouraged to register online to decrease the amount of people in the building.
- Stations will be set up to encourage appropriate social distancing.

Social Emotional Learning

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued an important message to educators. While still in the middle of a pandemic, educators should continue to focus on healing with our students and staff. The key to healing trauma is through fostering relationships. Our goal is to continue to rebuild relationships between students, students and teachers, and all staff members. A focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), utilizing our Positive Actions curriculum, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, and a balance of hands-on learning opportunities, students will feel safe and supported.