Lenawee Intermediate School District
Student Handbook Supplement
Coronavirus (COVID-19)
2021-2022 School Year

This Student Handbook Supplement ("Supplement") is intended to be part of the Student Handbook for all Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) educational programs and services during the 2021-2022 school year. This Supplement addresses the expectations of students and families (parents/guardians) related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic.

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. In some instances, carriers of the virus are asymptomatic, meaning they exhibit no symptoms. In other instances, carriers may only have mild symptoms. However, in some cases, individuals may exhibit severe symptoms requiring medical treatment. The symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not necessarily limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the LISD has been closely monitoring Federal, State, and local data and COVID-19 mitigation guidance. The LISD has updated its policies and procedures to comply with statute and lawful orders, rules, and regulations related to COVID-19. For additional information about the LISD's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the LISD COVID-19 webpage (www.lisd.us/covid19.)

The purpose of this Supplement is to help keep LISD students and staff healthy and well by preventing the spread of COVID-19 within the school setting. The LISD will make adjustments to this Supplement as is necessary and appropriate to comply with statute and/or lawful order, rule, or regulation, or as is necessary based on local data and circumstances to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the school setting. .

Face Masks

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Lenawee County Health Department strongly recommend that all persons, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, wear a facemask while indoors or when outdoors while around a large group of people.

Pursuant to an order of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all individuals, including students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status,

must wear a facemask while boarding, riding, and disembarking a school bus (or another form of LISD-provided transportation) when others are present (a driver who is alone on the school bus is not required to wear a facemask).

Students are not required to wear facemasks when outside.

Facemasks should be provided by the student. Facemasks may be cloth, reusable facemasks, which must be washed at home daily. Students may also utilize disposable, surgical style facemasks, which are intended for one-time, daily use. In the event that a student does not have a facemask, the LISD will provide one to the student.

No individual is required to wear a facemask while engaged in the eating of a meal.

The LISD understands that some students may be medically unable to wear a facemask that covers his or her mouth and nose. To receive a medical exception to the requirement to wear a facemask, students must provide the school with written documentation from a licensed healthcare provider (whose scope of practice allows them to make that determination) describing why the student is medically unable to wear a facemask. The LISD has a facemask exemption form, which can be obtained from your child's school.

Students who fail to wear a facemask when required as described above or by statute, order, rule, or regulation will be subject to disciplinary action under the LISD's Student Code of Conduct for Inappropriate Dress (failure to follow the school's dress code) and/or Insubordination (failure to comply with a directive given by a school official). Students will also be excluded from school until such time as the student will wear a facemask in accordance with the requirements of this student handbook supplement, applicable law, order, rule, or regulation.

Physical/Social Distancing

To the extent practical under the circumstances, students should engage in physical/social distancing from other persons, which is generally defined as maintaining at least six feet of physical distance between persons. Student work areas will be spaced in a way that provides for as much physical/social distancing as the classroom/laboratory and learning environment will allow. This may not always be six feet.

Students who fail to engage in proper physical/social distancing, when such is allowable under the circumstances, will be subject to disciplinary action under the LISD's Student Code of Conduct for Insubordination (failure to comply with a directive given by a school official).

Sharing of Supplies, Materials, and Equipment

To the extent practical under the circumstances, students should not share their supplies and materials with other students. Equipment should be disinfected prior to use by multiple students using an LISD-provided cleaning/disinfecting agent.

Personal Hygiene

The LISD has placed touchless hand sanitizing stations at all school building points of entry. Students should consider applying hand sanitizer upon entering the school. Hand sanitizer has also been placed in each classroom/laboratory and on each school bus. Students should also consider applying hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom/laboratory and upon entering the school bus. LISD staff will assist in the application of hand sanitizer to those students' hands who are unable to apply such for themselves.

Students will also be encouraged to engage in frequent handwashing. Handwashing should occur for at least 20 seconds and should be done using soap and warm water. Signage demonstrating proper handwashing techniques will be posted within all school restroom facilities.

The LISD will provide cleaning wipes for use by students. Students may use a wipe to clean their desk, table, chair, and/or any equipment that the student may be using.

Students must cough and sneeze into their elbows and/or cover their nose and mouth with a tissue. They must then promptly dispose of the tissue, and wash their hands immediately thereafter using the CDC's recommended handwashing techniques.

Signs or Symptoms of Illness

LISD students and parents/guardians are expected to self-monitor for signs (an effect that can be observed by others) or symptoms (an effect that is only noticed and experienced by the individual with the symptom) of illness. Students must be kept home from school if they are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

Signs or symptoms of COVID-19 include: one (1) or more of the following: new or worsening cough (excluding chronic cough due to a known medical reason or allergies), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, new loss of taste or smell OR two (2) or more of the following: chills or shivering, fatigue, abdominal pain, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Parents/guardians and/or students (depending on age and appropriateness) must ask their children how they are feeling and also take their temperature prior to sending

them to school each day. Any child who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher or reports any other signs or symptoms of COVID-19 must be kept home from school and health care attention should be sought. Parents/guardians must report to the school that the student will not be attending school due to the presence of signs or symptoms of illness and should share the signs and/or symptoms with the school.

Pursuant to CDC guidelines, students who show signs or symptoms of COVID-19 while at school will be immediately separated from other individuals (isolated), required to wear a facemask, and sent home (or an ambulance will be called if the individual is clinically unstable). The LISD has identified locations in each of its buildings/schools where a student can be isolated temporarily until they are able to leave the campus if they are demonstrating any signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19. The District has also identified individuals in each building/school who can care for a COVID-19 symptomatic student until that individual is able to leave the campus.

Students who develop a fever or become ill with any other COVID-19 signs or symptoms will be directed to contact their healthcare provider for an evaluation to determine if the signs and/or symptoms necessitate COVID-19 testing, or if, in the opinion of the healthcare provider, the signs and/or symptoms are being caused by something else. If the student is not tested and no determination is made by the healthcare provider that the signs and/or symptoms are being caused by something besides COVID-19, the student must remain out of school until at least 10 days have passed since the first day that the individual had signs and/or symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since the student had a fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater) without the use of fever-reducing medication. Alternatively, if the student's healthcare provider determines that the signs and/or symptoms are being caused by something besides COVID-19, the student may return to school with documentation from their healthcare provider indicating that their signs and/or symptoms are being cause by something besides COVID-19.

MI COVID-19 Symptom Checker (https://misymptomapp.state.mi.us)

Close Contact with a COVID-19 Positive Person

Students who are subject to quarantine by the Lenawee County Health Department or another health department with jurisdiction are prohibited from attending school or participating in any school-related activity until such time as the quarantine period is over. This is typically 10 days although in some cases, students may be able to test out of quarantine before the end of the quarantine period. If this is allowable, students must produce a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test to the LISD. The test must have been administered in the timeline identified by the Lenawee County Health Department.

Students who have been in close contact (defined as being within six feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for a period of 15 minutes or more over the course of a

single 24-hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will typically be identified as a close contact and subject to quarantine by the health department.

As a health and safety measure, the LISD will exclude from school any student who the LISD has identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person until such time as the health department renders a determination with respect to whether the student will be subject to quarantine. If the health department determines that the student will not be subject to quarantine, the student may return to school.

Asymptomatic students who have been identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 person who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (meaning that at least two weeks have passed from the date on which the student received the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the day the student received the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine) or who were previously diagnosed with and have recovered from COVID-19 within the three month period prior to the close contact will not be excluded from school unless the student is subject to quarantine by the health department. Students must provide the school with evidence supporting that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or that they had and have recovered from COVID-19 within the past three months.

In the event that a student is a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person outside of school, the student's parent/guardian must contact the school to inform them that their child was in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 (providing as much detail about the encounter with the COVID-19 positive person as possible). The Students identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person outside of school will be prevented from being physically present on school property or at a school sponsored event until such time as a health department issued quarantine period is over.

COVID-19 Positive Test

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the LISD will work with the COVID-19 positive student and the Lenawee County Health Department to perform contact tracing to determine whom within the LISD the COVID-19 positive individual may have been in close contact with (closer than six feet of separation) for 15 minutes or more over the course of a single 24-hour period. Persons who were in close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual may be required to quarantine for 10 days by the health department. Those individuals who develop symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested.

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate at home, consistent with any applicable order from proper authorities, including, but not limited to the Lenawee County Health Department and/or the direction of the student's health care provider. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home from school for at least 10 full days from the onset of symptoms (symptom onset is day zero) and at least 24 hours has

passed with no fever without the use of fever reducing medications and the symptoms must have improved.

Special Education Programs and Services

The LISD will provide special education programs and services in accordance with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) to the extent feasible under the circumstances. When students are participating in face-to-face, in-person school, the student's IEP will be followed in accordance with the COVID-19 precautions described in this COVID-19 supplement. Parents or guardians with specific concerns related to COVID-19 should contact their student's teacher or another LISD staff member as soon as possible to determine what steps should be taken to accommodate the concern(s).

Social Emotional Support

The LISD understands that the continued uncertainty and ever-changing conditions surrounding COVID-19 are unsettling and may result in feelings of anxiety and/or depression. Students who are feeling anxious or depressed may reach out to their program instructor and/or another LISD staff person at any time. The LISD will work with the individual student, and, when appropriate, student's parents/guardians to provide appropriate tools, resources, and supports necessary to promote student wellness.

Communication and Other Information

The LISD will continue to use instant messaging/alert systems to communicate important information with students and parents/guardians. Information from school administrators and/or program instructors may be emailed or posted to program websites/online classrooms. Information will also be posted to the LISD website. COVID-19 specific information is available at the LISD COVID-19 webpage (www.lisd.us/covid19).

Additional Information

For additional information about the LISD's plan for and response to COVID-19, please visit the LISD COVID-19 webpage (www.lisd.us/covid19.)

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit:

Lenawee County Health Department (https://www.lenawee.mi.us/917/2019-Novel-Coronavirus)

State of Michigan (https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)