

Respondent



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## Information

As part of the LEA Back-to-School Plan Health & Safety component, policies and procedures related to COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies should be submitted via this electronic survey form by or before August 13, 2021 for review and feedback from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), as applicable.

Submissions will be accepted through August 13th and early submission is encouraged. To preview the survey and plan your responses, please see Attachment A in your Back-to-School planning template.

Please share your name and the district you are answering on behalf of, so RIDOH can return the results of your survey to you. You will publish the responses along with your completed LEA Template.

If you have any questions or require further information about the COVID-19 mitigation guidance, call 401-222-8022.

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First and Last Name \*

Kevin McNamara

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District \*

Lincoln Public Schools

## Masking

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Will you have a universal masking policy? \*

- Yes – all students and staff required to wear
- Yes – universal policy that students and staff not required, but recommended
- No – no universal policy

## Symptom Screening

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What kind of symptom screening will your school conduct for students, teachers and staff? \*

- Virtual Screening
- "Stay at home when sick" policy
- Daily home screening
- Other

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If "Other" or "None", please explain.

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How will you implement and effectively monitor symptom screening? \*

We will post notifications like we did last year as well as utilize school based health clinics and testing.

### Physical Distancing

Per RIDOH Back to School Guidance, the recommended physical distancing by vaccination status is:

- 1. Eligible Age Group (7th grade - High School): Not Required
- 2. Ineligible Age Group (Elementary – 6th grade) without Stable Groups: Recommend at least 3 feet, especially while students are dining without a mask indoors.
- 3. Stable Groups: Not required; Recommend at least 3 feet between stable groups for indoor activities in shared spaces.

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What level of physical distancing will you implement indoors for:

\*If at 3 feet, select '3 up to 6 feet' \*

	0 up to 3 feet	3 up to 6 feet	6 or more feet	N/A
Stable Groups (Where Applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vaccine Eligible Groups in High School	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vaccine Ineligible Groups in Middle School without stable groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

0 up to 3 feet    3 up to 6 feet    6 or more feet    N/A

Age groups in  
Elementary School  
without stable groups

          

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If you would like to further \*

N/a

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If there are further details you would like to add regarding your physical distancing plan, do so here. \*

n/a

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Can you confirm that you will not implement stable groups according to vaccination status, in accordance with the recommended CDC guidance?

Yes

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Will you implement stable groups?

Select all that apply. \*

Yes - High School

- Yes - Middle School
- Yes - Elementary School
- No

## Testing

The different types of testing strategies are:

1. Symptomatic testing:

It is strongly recommended that schools test students and staff members who have COVID-19 symptoms.

2. Outbreak testing:

In the event of a spike in positive cases, RIDOH will provide staffing and resources to conduct on-site PCR testing.

3. Routine Asymptomatic Testing:

Schools monitor transmission data to determine what level of asymptomatic testing is recommended.

For further testing guidance, visit the CDC website: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html#anchor\\_1625662107144](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html#anchor_1625662107144)  
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Are you planning to implement opt-in parental consent to testing which would be obtained at the start of school and remain for the duration of the academic year?

\*RIDOH will offer support to implement. \*

- Yes
- No

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What will the frequency of asymptomatic surveillance testing be when there is:

\*See table below for recommended guidance. \*

	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Case Threshold* <small>Cases / 100K in the past 7 days</small>	0 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 99	100+
CDC Recommendations: <i>All Students</i>	No testing required	Expanded screening testing of students once per week	Expanded screening testing of students once per week	Expanded screening testing of students once per week
<b>RI Proposed Recommendations: <i>All Students</i></b>	<b>No testing required</b>	<b>No testing required</b>	<b>25% of non-vaccinated individuals surveillance program per week</b>	<b>50% of non-vaccinated individuals surveillance program per week</b>
CDC Recommendations: <i>Sports (High-risk vs. Low/Intermediate)</i>	Test once per week	Test once per week	High-risk: twice per week Low/intermediate-risk: once per week	High-risk: twice per week Low/intermediate-risk: once per week

\*Case rates tracked at the municipal level

	Weekly	Twice Weekly	Daily	None
Low Transmission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Moderate Transmission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Substantial Transmission	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High Transmission	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Where will you offer outbreak and symptomatic testing? \*

- On-site
- Off-site
- Other

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Will you offer testing for symptomatic individuals? \*

- Yes - Both Binax and PCR
- Yes - Binax Only
- Yes - PCR Only
- No

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If offering Binax only for symptomatic individuals with negative test results, how will you ensure a confirmatory PCR test is scheduled? \*

Individuals will not be allowed to return to school until documentation of a negative PCR is provided.

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What opt-in testing support will you need? \*

- Hire additional staff with ELC funds
- Incentivize existing staff using ELC funds
- State-Delivered Testing Support
- State support in establishing lab connections for test results
- None

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If you selected one of the options above, please provide more details (i.e. additional staff roles, your HST model, incentives for current staff, etc.) \*

We will support extra time for school-based staff, extra staff to provide contract tracing and help with lab results.

## Quarantine

Per state and CDC guidance, the definition of a close contact for students is: In most instances, those who have been within 6 feet of a confirmed case for greater than 15 minutes will be deemed a close contact. As a result, a reduction in spacing between individuals will likely lead to the identification of more close contacts if there is a positive case within the classroom.

### Quarantine Guidelines:

- Unvaccinated students who were within 0 to 3 feet of the infected student in an indoor classroom for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period must quarantine.
  
- Unvaccinated students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student in an indoor classroom for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period do not need to quarantine IF:
  - Both students were masked correctly and consistently and
  
  - The school follows the State’s most recent guidance on ventilation; and
  
  - One or more additional K–12 school prevention strategies were in place, including but not limited to:
    - Screening daily for symptoms
    - Routine asymptomatic testing when recommended
    - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
    - Cleaning and disinfection protocols in place
    - Ventilation is maximized
    - Promoting vaccination
    - Screening testing to promptly identify cases, clusters and outbreaks
    - Staying home when sick and getting tested
    - Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine

Take this into consideration when answering the quarantine questions below.

\*This is based on current CDC guidance, which may change.

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If RIDOH does not have the ability to mandate a state-wide quarantine requirement, what quarantine period will you implement? \*

- None
- 7 Days, with testing (Recommended)
- 10 Days, no testing



14 Days

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Will you require unvaccinated close contacts to quarantine? \*

Yes

No

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Will you require vaccinated close contacts to quarantine? \*

Yes

No

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## Vaccination

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Have you previously worked with RIDOH to provide vaccines? \*

Yes

No

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Will you offer an opt-in submission of students' vaccine status to inform mitigation policies? \*

Yes

No

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Have you scheduled a state-run vaccination clinic in your district for SY21-22? \*

Yes

No

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If yes, at what location will you hold it? \*

It was held on August 24, 2021.

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Who do you expect to be present at the clinic? \*

Students

Teachers/Staff

Families

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Are there any schedule considerations as far as student attendance that RIDOH needs to be aware of for scheduling?

(i.e. First day of school, arrival/dismissal time, other logistics and timing information that could impact a vaccination clinic) \*

No

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How will you promote vaccination among teachers, staff, families and eligible students? \*

- Provide information about COVID-19 vaccination
- Encourage vaccine trust and confidence
- Establish policies and practices that make getting vaccinated easy and convenient

Other

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Based on your response above, please provide more information regarding your plan to promote vaccination. \*

We will distribute information to the community.

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## Cleaning, Disinfection and Hand Hygiene

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Can you confirm that you will adhere to CDC cleaning, disinfection and hand hygiene guidance.

Visit CDC website for further details.

Yes

## Ventilation

When planning for ventilation improvements, note that district allocation of ESSER funds can be used to cover the cost.

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What ventilation strategies have you already implemented?

Select all that apply. \*

- Opening windows and doors
- HVAC System
- Indoor filtration of MERV13 or higher
- Portable air cleaner with HEPA filters
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What ventilation strategies will you implement for the 2021-22 school year?

Select all that apply. \*

- Opening windows and doors
- HVAC System
- Indoor filtration of MERV13 or higher
- Portable air cleaner with HEPA filters
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## Other

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What primary languages options are needed by your district for 2021-22 guidance documents? \*

- English
- Spanish
- Portuguese

Khmer

Arabic

Haitian Creole

Swahili

Other

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If there is anything else you would like to share regarding your back to school COVID-19 mitigation plan, explain below.

Not at this time.