



LABRAE LOCAL SCHOOLS

2021-2022 Return to School Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

This document is an attempt to communicate to our families and community the protocols and practices one can expect from LaBrae Local Schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The following is a description of LaBrae's health and safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year

Masking Policy:

Masks will not be mandated for students and staff in school buildings. The choice to wear a mask is an individual choice. However, LaBrae strongly recommends students and staff wear a mask to limit educational disruption when considering quarantining practices. This policy is subject to change according to evolving circumstances.

Distancing:

The district will strive to maintain appropriate distancing where practicable. The lunch rooms will be at greater capacity this school year and students will not be separated by table dividers. Assigned tables will be used at lunch time to help with contact tracing.

Personal Hygiene:

Hand washing and sanitizing stations are available throughout the building with proper signage. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom where a hand washing station is not available; proper procedures for hand washing and respiratory etiquette will be emphasized, communicated to staff and students, and displayed prominently on district signage.

Sanitizing Facilities:

Disinfectant wipes will be readily available in each classroom for cleaning student workspaces. Custodians will sanitize the facility nightly using special disinfectants broadly distributed through high capacity electrostatic sprayers.

Health Screenings:

Initial health screenings should be conducted at home by students and staff before coming to school. Students and staff presenting a fever of 100.0 or higher, and/or other symptoms of COVID-19 should not report to school.

As necessary, further health screenings will be conducted by the office or clinic as warranted. Students and staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated from the general population. When a student enters isolation, parents will be contacted to come to school to pick up their child.

Transportation:

All students and adults riding LaBrae buses are required by federal executive order to wear a mask while on the bus. School buses are considered public transportation under the federal order and all riders must don a mask. Extra disposable masks will be available on each bus.

Buses will be sanitized between routes and hand sanitizer will be available on each bus.

Cafeteria:

All students eat for free this school year. Only students at the Complex will be able to purchase ala carte items. The district strongly encourages parents to load money into their child's [PaySchools account](#) for use on ala carte items. To pay from their account, students will either use a lunch card to scan at check out or their student pin. LaBrae encourages parents to be as cashless as possible with cafeteria transactions.

Important Note: While students eat for free this school year, all parents who think their household income qualifies their children for the traditional free/reduced lunch need to complete the free/reduced lunch application despite the universal free status this year. Completing the application allows the district to determine if students can have instructional fees waived. If students meet the federal eligibility for a free lunch, and parents agree to share the information as indicated on the application, the instructional fees for the qualifying student are waived. Lastly, LaBrae strongly recommends that parents complete the free/reduced lunch application using their PaySchools account. This increases efficiency and quickens response time. Additionally, using the online portal allows you to update the information each year rather than starting fresh each

year with a blank application. If you do not have a PaySchools Account, please visit LaBrae's [PaySchools](#) page for more information.

Contact Tracing and Quarantining:

A confirmed case is one medically diagnosed by a doctor or a physician's assistant. When LaBrae becomes aware of a confirmed case, the district will conduct contact tracing to determine which students and staff are close contacts. The following are important factors for consideration when the district has to quarantine individuals.

The Ohio Department of Health identifies a classroom setting as the traditional classroom and the school bus. Also, one is fully vaccinated 14 days following the final dose of the vaccine administered. For Pfizer and Moderna, this is 14 days following administration of the second shot. For the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, it is 14 days following the administration of the single dose vaccine. Individuals can share proof of vaccination status to the office if they so choose, but district officials are prevented from asking about vaccination status.

The following quarantine protocols apply to individuals who are identified as close contacts in the traditional setting.

- Fully vaccinated students and staff are not required to quarantine. Fully vaccinated individuals who are identified as close contacts are required to wear a mask for up to 14 days after being identified as a close contact. Such individuals can remain in school so long as they are symptom free.
- Unvaccinated students and staff who are identified as close contacts in a classroom setting are not subject to quarantine if they were consistently and correctly masked. Such individuals are required to wear a mask for 14 days after the date of exposure and can remain in school so long as they are symptom free.
- Unmasked and unvaccinated students and staff who are identified as a close contact are required to quarantine for 10 days from the date of exposure. Upon return to school, the individual is required to wear a mask through day 14 from the date of exposure.
- Students and staff subject to quarantine can return to school on day eight of the quarantine **IF** they had a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) collected on, or after, day five of the quarantine period. Proof of the negative test must be provided to the office.
- Students who are quarantined will not have their absences count against their attendance.

Unvaccinated students identified as close contacts in the lunchroom will be subject to quarantine protocols. The lunchroom creates greater vulnerability due to the natural unmasking at this time, and as such, it will subject students to an increased likelihood of quarantine. Additionally, unvaccinated individuals who are identified as close contacts

from association with positive persons outside of the traditional classroom setting, are required to quarantine according to ODH guidelines.

Reporting:

LaBrae will maintain the COVID-19 dashboard which represents the count of cases among staff and students. Data from the Dashboard from last school year will be linked to the district's COVID-19 page.

The district will provide notifications to parents of the building where a confirmed case has occurred. Additionally, parents will be contacted by district officials when their child has been identified as a close contact and subject to quarantine.

The safety and health procedures of LaBrae Local Schools are subject to adjustment as changes occur in community health conditions, Ohio Department of Health orders, and CDC guidance.

2021-2022 Educational Options

Traditional In-Person Learning: LaBrae's primary educational delivery model will be a five-day in-person attendance model with all students attending daily. This schedule is identical to the schedule utilized in the spring of 2021 when the district transitioned from the Scarlet-Gray calendar to the daily attendance model.

Should conditions warrant a decision to go to remote instruction, LaBrae will utilize Google Classroom and the comprehensive suite of Google Education apps for instructional design and delivery.

LaBrae Online Academy: For the 2021-2022 school year, LaBrae will provide an online option for families who prefer this delivery method. LaBrae's online academy will be provided by a third party vendor, FuelEd, and managed by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. FuelEd classes will not be supported by LaBrae teachers. Trumbull ESC staff will support students and parents in the online curriculum.

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