



# LCUSD

Reopening  
Update

## **REPORT FOR:**

November 17, 2020 Update  
Reopening LCUSD Schools  
2020-2021

# LCUSD: Framing The Reopening Discussion



## FRAMING OUR REOPENING PLANNING

- Student, Staff, and Family Safety is our #1 Priority
- Expectations are high
- Opportunities for success are great
- Learning experiences have informed our planning
- Patience and flexibility are required
- Situational awareness on COVID-19 is critical

# **LCUSD Framing the Reopening Discussion**



LCUSD has realized significant opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic by committing to a strategic and iterative or phased approach. We are committed to doing everything possible within this framework to safely reopen LCUSD schools.

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## Open as a Workplace



- Facilities maintained by essential staff from March through July
- Workplace protocols in place for essential workers
- Protocols expanded in August to provide teachers ability to teach virtually from their classroom
- Access to site remains minimized
- Daily check-ins for anyone working at or visiting the site
- Custodial operations focused on cleaning of all work areas
- Preparation of rooms for eventual return of students

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## Open for 9-12 Athletic Training and Conditioning



- Reopened on October 12, 2020
- Varsity Fall and 6th period CIF sport classes.
- Athletic Director Carrie Saks and staff have been working closely with the coaches to ensure player safety, maintenance protocols, and monitoring protocols.
- Training and Conditioning have been going extremely well.
- CIF Fall sports begin mid Dec. Waiting on DPH guidelines for further guidance.

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## Open for SDC And RSP Students



### **Preschool-12th Grade Special Day Classes (SDCs)**

- Opened for in-person instruction on October 26, 2020.
  - Related services are also being provided in-person.
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### **K-3rd Resource Specialist Programs (RSPs)**

- Opened for in-person instruction on November 2, 2020.
  - Related services must continue to be through a distance learning model due to cohort restrictions.
  - K-2 students who join their general education cohorts will need to return to distance learning RSP services due to cohort restrictions.
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### **4th-6th Grade RSP**

- Finalizing plans for in-person instruction. MOU with LCTA was signed on November 11, 2020
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### **7th-12th Grade RSP**

- Access to pods for in-person structure/support based on priority level.
- Continued distance learning.

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## TK-2 Waiver Application Process



### TK-2 Waiver Applications

- Waivers submitted for LCE, PCR, and PCY on October 19, 2020;
- Required Letters of Support from Labor Associations, PTAs, Community Partners (Mayor of LCF, Chamber of Commerce);
- Waivers were approved for all 3 schools on November 5, 2020
- TK-2 Hybrid Students returned today, November 17, 2020
- TK-2 Waivers will not be rescinded by Public Health

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## TK-2 Reopening



### Protocols for Reopening:

- Daily Health Screener - Most Important Part of the Day!
- Reinforcing Behaviors: Wear a Mask, Stay Socially Distanced, Stay with your Cohort, Wash your Hands Frequently
- No Visitors on Campus
- Carline and Gate: Screener Checks, Temperature Taking, Hand Sanitizer
- Paraprofessionals Walk to Classrooms - Paws Help Us to Stay 6' Apart
- Classroom Arrangements
- Recess Zones
- Dismissal Procedures
- Cleaning Routines



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## Staffing for Reopening



- TK-2 Hybrid families were contacted to confirm they were ready to have their students return to school.
- Because not all families were ready to send their TK-2 students back to campus, this caused shifting for some classes.
- The District hired three 50% teachers to accommodate the needs:
  - One 50% AM Kinder **hybrid** teacher at PCY
  - Two 50% AM 2nd grade **virtual** teachers
- Additional paraprofessionals hired to support on campus classes, assist with daily health screenings and temperature taking, and monitor student movement during the day.
- Additional substitute teachers hired to staff 7-12 on campus pods.

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## TK-2 Reopening



### Hybrid and Virtual Learning Academy

- Some Hybrid schedule families not ready to return to in-person instruction
- Maintained ratios except 3 K Cohorts at 16:1
- Did not backfill the Hybrid spaces
- Families can return students to Hybrid on January 11 or on March 1, 2021
- If we encounter school closures, students will continue or resume distance learning with the teachers and cohorts assigned on the date the closures begin

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## TK-2

### Reopening



## Top 5 Essentials for a Successful TK-2 Reopening:

1. Conduct Daily Prescreener - **Stay home** if you have fever (100.4 or higher), new cough, diarrhea, vomiting or if you have been in contact with someone with a positive COVID diagnosis
2. Wear Your Mask
3. Maintain Social Distance - the Paws and Dots are our new campus guides
4. Wash Your Hands and Follow Bathroom Protocols
5. Stay with your classroom cohort

*STAY HEALTHY SO YOUR COHORT AND TEACHER  
CAN STAY STRONG!*

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## LCHS 7-12 Pods High-Need High-Risk



## 7-12 Learning Pods

- School Hours
  - Start Time - 8:25/8:30 am
  - End Time - to 1:35/1:15 pm - M-F
- Substitute teachers supervise while students participate in their distance learning classes.
- Stable non-mixing cohorts of 14 total people.
- Students wear masks at all times, except when eating in their assigned area.
- Break will be taken in the classroom.
- Social distancing will be maintained in class.

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## LCHS 7-12 Pods High-Need High-Risk



### Learning Pod Goals:

- Provide structure at school.
- Reduce distractions in the learning and work environment.
- Increase assignment completion.
- Work to improve grades.

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## LCHS 7-12 Pods High-Need High-Risk



### Students Prioritized for Pods

Students were prioritized based on poor academic performance with specific emphasis on the following populations:

- Students in special education earning D's and F's.
- Students who are English Language Learners earning D's and F's.
- Students in general education classes earning multiple D's and F's.

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## LCHS 7-12 Pods High-Need High-Risk



## 7/8 Learning Pods

- 5 PODs starting on campus on 11/16/20
  - 2 GE D/F PODS (1 for 7th and 1 for 8th)
  - 3 SPED PODs
    - 1 POD for 8th Grade
    - 2 PODS for 7th Grade (1 identified as D/F and 1 identified as High Need)
- Staffing Orientation held on 11/12/20
- Zoom Parent Meeting held on 11/13/20
- All parents were called by Dr. Gold to explain the plan, process, expectations and protocols
- As of 11/11/20 LCHS had approximately 40 confirmed students

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## LCHS 7-12 Pods High-Need High-Risk



### 9-12 Learning Pods

- Total of six pods.
- Start Dates:
  - November 16 in rooms 114, 115, 125
  - November 30 in rooms 605, 609, 519
- LCHS administrators contacted families.



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## Next Steps



## It's Critical to Slow the Spread

- 10/31/2020 Adjusted Case Rate is 7.6/100,000
- 10/31/2020 Test Positivity Rate is 3.8%
- Los Angeles County remains in the most restrictive Purple Tier
- LADPH: "Los Angeles County is in a 'surge'"
- With the pending holidays, LADPH warns that every district should be prepared for full distance learning in January if closures are required due to the increased spread of COVID-19
- Concurrently, guidelines are being developed to bring TK-6 elementary campuses back for in-person instruction...but this can only happen IF we slow the spread

# **LCUSD Next Steps: LEA Metric And Protocols**



**Is there a need to identify LCUSD metrics which would trigger a response to a prolonged surge in case rates and test positivity rates?**

**Absent State or National “Safer at Home” orders, are there metrics by which, as a local educational agency, we would institute a school facility closure?**

**How do we ensure a nimble response to protect the health and safety of our District community?**

**LCUSD  
Ensuring  
Safety  
Through  
Planning  
And  
Preparedness**



# **LCUSD Governing Board Discussion and Direction to Staff**