



LCUSD

Reopening
Update

REPORT FOR:

January 12, 2021 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

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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. Anticipated reopening is February 1, 2021.
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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 Reopening



Protocols for Reopening TK-2:

- 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 or Playground - Paws Help Us to Stay 6' Apart
- Classroom Arrangements
- Recess Zones
- Dismissal Procedures
- Cleaning Routines

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TK-2 Reopening



Hybrid and VLA

- Some Hybrid schedule families were not ready to return to in-person instruction
- Maintained classroom ratios, except three Kinder virtual 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
- We will remain open for in-person instruction in January, but monitor and respond as necessary

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TK-2 Reopening



Top 5 Essentials for a Successful TK-2 Reopening - Building Confidence:

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! THIS IS HOW IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION REMAINS OPEN.

LCUSD Next Steps Grade 3 Reopening



- 3rd Grade hybrid schedule students may be brought back as a part of the 25% high-need, high-risk student population
- Need COVID surge numbers to lower and stabilize
- Classrooms are being prepared
- Protocols are in place
- Ratios meet current limits
- MOU Requirements Set
- Target date is mid-February

LCUSD Next Steps Grades 4-6 Reopening



- Need DPH to expand TK-2 Waiver and cohort ratio numbers
- Following DPH's Waiver Expansion - File Waiver Notification (1-2 day process)
- Rooms being prepared for reopening early to mid-March
- MOU Requirements Set
- DPH has indicated Vaccines for School Personnel available Early February

LCUSD Next Steps Elementary Reopening Limitations



- Social Distancing will be required
- Ratios and AM/PM schedule require that the VLA remain virtual (families committed to VLA for full year)
- Some Hybrid families will not want to return to in-person instruction
- After full Hybrid reopening, principals will assess the number of open seats by classroom per grade level
- Could consider 3rd Trimester “lottery” for VLA families wanting in-person instruction

California's Safe Schools For All Plan 12/30/2020 Governor's Slides



- California's youngest and most disproportionately impacted students will be prioritized.
- California's phased approach will:
 - Begin with in-person learning for K-6, special education, and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
 - Support all communities to be on track for safe in-person learning by early Spring 2021
 - Distance learning will remain an option for parents and students

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- Funding to support safe reopening (\$450 per student to districts offering in-person instruction, weighted for unduplicated pupils)
- Safety and Mitigation (Testing, PPE, Contact Tracing, Vaccinations)
- Oversight and Assistance (hands on support to help schools develop COVID-19 Safety Plans)
- Transparency and Accountability (state dashboard will enable all Californians to see their school's reopening status, funding, and in-school transmissions)

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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
- Currently operating 9 pods and serving 90 7-12 students

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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
- 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

LCUSD Next Steps for 7-12 Reopening



- There will be no 7-12 Reopening in the most restrictive Purple Tier
- We need guidelines regarding cohort sizes and allowable frequency for mixing
- Our planning approach changes based upon these guidelines
- DPH “hinted” cohorts of 60 - 15:1 classes; 4 stable teachers
- Our Principals are “thinking outside the box”
- We recognize the importance for in-person learning and socialization with our 7-12 students
- Set Priorities - Our Class of 2021 is one Priority

LCUSD Next Steps for 7-12 Reopening



- We also recognize the instructional “stakes” are higher for 9-12 students
- We have created over 40 schedules - we will revisit these and continue to generate new ideas
- Our 7-12 Reopening Committee meets again on Tuesday, January 26, and we will assess all priorities with the Committee
- We are required to negotiate the effects of Working Conditions for 7-12 Reopening
- We remain hopeful for the vaccine in early February

Update On COVID-19 Testing Plan



- Testing Plan is required by the Reopening Protocols
- Implemented an optional testing opportunity for staff (since early November)
- Testing offered approximately every two weeks
- Four rounds of testing at all school sites to-date
- Through 12/31 - No cost to staff
- Working with ASCIP to mitigate Blue Shield costs after 12/31
- Now averaging about 100 tests per site

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Ensuring
Safety
Through
Planning
And
Preparedness**



LCUSD Governing Board Discussion and Direction to Staff