

Lewistown Public Schools - Return to School Plan - 2020-2021

Lewistown Public Schools are proactively looking at the return to school plans for the fall of the 2020-2021 school year. Our goal is to open our schools and keep them open. We have developed the following plans with the health and safety of our students, staff, and community at the forefront of all of our decisions. We have put together the four plan options below and are prepared to implement any of them as deemed necessary by the ever changing landscape of this pandemic. As a school district and community, we need to recognize the need for flexibility because this situation is fluid and may require us to transition between these plans throughout the school year.

We also recognize that we may encounter situations where one or more schools/classrooms are in a different phase/plan than the rest of the district based upon contact tracing and potential disease outbreaks in a school. If this is the case, there will be an official statement put out by the school district and the Central Montana Health District appraising the Lewistown community of measures being taken. We encourage you to contact school officials with any questions or concerns and please be leery of social media posts that are not directly made by one of our schools or the school district.

Our schools will be utilizing a combination of synchronous and Asynchronous delivery models to ensure the education of our students continue throughout the school year. Synchronous learning refers to a learning event in which a group of students are engaging in learning at the same time, online or in person. Asynchronous learning refers to a learning event in which students learn the same material at different times and locations. We also recognize some situations where some students may not be able to attend face to face, in this case parents **must** meet with building administrators to set up an educational plan for your student. All of our guidelines follow the [CDC](#), [Governor's](#) and [OPI's](#) reopening recommendations.

Traditional In-Person Learning Plan

Phase #3	<p>Group Size/Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limit large group mass gathering ● Social distancing encouraged as feasible <p>School Schedule Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students K-12 in the buildings five days a week ● Typical K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 school schedules <p>Educational Delivery Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All synchronous learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize distance learning strategies as a part of every class ● All face-to-face learning <p>Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5% bleach solution to sanitize classrooms between groups ● Staff and students will sanitize before leaving the classroom for any activity ● Sanitize bathrooms on a regular scheduled basis ● Building will be sanitized daily ● Increase student and staff hygiene education 	<p>This plan is designed to do the following: This plan very much looks like school prior to Covid-19 with a limit on large group gatherings and an awareness of social distancing. K-6 this could impact how we do lunch and recess. 7-12 this could impact assemblies, lunchrooms, open houses/orientations and other large group gatherings.</p>
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Full Capacity with Restrictions

<p>Phase #2</p>	<p>Group Size/Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms will be limited in size based on State and OPI guidelines Maintain physical distancing as much as possible No large gatherings including grade level, school wide or district assemblies <p>Health and Safety Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In classrooms, masks will be required for students 7-12 and strongly recommended for students K-6 when it is reasonable and appropriate (e.g. band, PE) Masks will be required in common indoor areas and during transitions in all schools (e.g hallways, , lunch line) Hand washing required upon entering the classroom, before and after any recess, instructional sessions, event, or activity Staff and students temperature checks upon arrival and throughout the day when necessary Masks mandate will follow state/local guidelines Masks will be required for students and bus drivers on all routes <p>School Schedule Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students K-12 in the buildings five days a week with increased sanitation and health/safety procedures <p>K-6 Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes stay together as a group and do not mix with other classrooms Specialists would move to each classroom to deliver Music, PE and Library Skills. Recess times will be adjusted as needed by schools Dismissal times may be staggered Classrooms will have assigned playground areas for each week to limit cross contamination between classrooms <p>7-12 Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing will be implemented within the classrooms and during transition times as feasible Sanitation protocols will follow CDC guidelines Group size will be limited according to state restrictions Activities will follow MHSA guidelines <p>Educational Delivery Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All face-to-face learning Students who are unable/not willing to come to a full capacity building, will need to meet with the building administrator and set up a learning plan focused on the core subject areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance learning plans will be set up on a quarterly basis for those students <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All routes will be run, including in-town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buses will have a limited capacity, parents are encouraged to transport students to and from school Parents will need to register students for all in-town routes, If the student is not registered they will not be allowed on the bus There will be no Boys and Girls Club bus There will be assigned seats Masks will be required for all students and bus drivers on all routes for the safety of all Sanitizing between routes Buses will be disinfected daily <p>Meals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafeterias will have no more than 75% of the building capacity in the area at one time per state and local guidelines K-6 students will eat in the classroom <p>Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% bleach solution to sanitize classrooms between groups Staff and students will sanitize before leaving the classroom for any activity. Clean Bathrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 2 hours After lunch times Buildings will be disinfected daily Students will wash hands before and after recess and/or every 1 to 2 hours 	<p>This plan is designed to do the following:</p> <p>Keeps groups/classes of students flowing through the building together to better keep track of contact tracing</p> <p>Maintains a somewhat typical school schedule for all students</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>Elementary students will be kept in homogenous groups (homerooms) as much as possible to minimize contact with other students.</p> <p>Masks are used to reduce the aerosol of the virus as people talk or cough when in close proximity. Because of the nature of our 7-12 school structure the masks are there to help lessen the transmission chances because of our difficulty in limiting student contact with multiple class period transitions.</p>
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Reduced Capacity - Blended Learning Plan

<p>Phase #1</p> <p>AM / PM Schedule for all K-12 students</p>	<p>Group Size/Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms will be limited in size based on State and OPI guidelines Maintain physical distancing as much as possible No large gatherings including grade level, school wide or district assemblies <p>Health and Safety Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In classrooms masks will be required for students 7-12 and strongly recommended for students K-6 when it is reasonable and appropriate (e.g. band, PE) Masks will be required in common indoor areas and during transitions in all schools (e.g. hallways, , lunch line) Hand washing required upon entering the classroom, before and after any recess, instructional sessions, event, or activity Staff and students temperature checks upon arrival and throughout the day when necessary Masks mandate will follow state/local guidelines Masks will be required for students and bus drivers on all routes <p>School Schedule Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday through Thursday K-12 students will attend an AM or PM schedule Friday is designated for remote learning activities, professional development, collaboration, or student remediation <p>K-6 Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be expected to attend a face to face AM or PM instructional session A mixture of face to face, online, and paper packet instructional opportunities that is most appropriate for each specific grade level Required attendance for online class instruction/meetings Specialists would move to each classroom to deliver Music, PE and Library Skills. Recess times will be adjusted as needed by schools Dismissal times may be staggered Classrooms will have assigned playground areas for each week to limit cross contamination between classrooms Assignments/homework will be required and expected to be turned in on time based on school guidelines. Summative assessment of student knowledge would happen in a face to face setting <p>7-12 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be expected to attend a face to face either AM or PM instructional session Students will be expected to meet in a mixture of online and face to face instructional environments per a modified schedule Assignments/homework required and expected to be turned in on time based on teacher guidelines Summative assessments will take place in a setting that ensures academic integrity. <p>Transportation -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM bus route 6, 7 and 8 PM bus route 1, 2, 4 and 5 No in-town Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including Boys and Girls Club/Art Center 1 student per seat but family units can sit together Masks will be required for all students and bus drivers on all routes Buses will be disinfected daily <p>Meals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals will be available for students and standard rates will apply <p>Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule will allow for cleaning of the building daily between groups of students in the AM/PM sessions 5% bleach solution to sanitize classrooms between groups Staff and students will sanitize before leaving the classroom for any activity. Clean bathrooms every 2 hours Buildings will be disinfected daily 	<p>This plan is designed to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor mandated move to Phase #1 or reduce capacity in our schools County/local health authorities mandate schools move to phase #1 or reduced capacity of our schools based on local health risks for staff and students. <p>Rationale:</p> <p>Reduce the numbers of students and staff in the building and in enclosed spaces</p> <p>Limits the number of individuals and potential exposure within the school buildings</p> <p>Elementary students will be kept in homogenous groups (homerooms) as much as possible to minimize contact with other students.</p> <p>Masks are used to reduce the aerosol of the virus as people talk or cough when in close proximity. Because of the nature of our 7-12 school struction the masks are there to help lessen the transmission chances because of our difficulty in limiting student contact with multiple class period transitions.</p>
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Distance Learning Plan

School Closure	<p>Group Size/Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distance Learning Only - no face to face contact with teachers or school staff <p>Educational Delivery Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A blended model of synchronous and asynchronous learning ● All learning at home <p>K-6 Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A mixture of online and paper packet instructional opportunities that is most appropriate for each specific grade level ○ Required attendance for online class instruction/meetings ○ Required pick up and drop off times for paper packet instruction <p>7-12 Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online instructional opportunities daily ○ Required attendance for online class instruction/meetings ○ Assignments/homework required and expected to be turned in on time based on school guidelines. <p>Meals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meals will be provided according to state guidelines 	<p>This plan could be used for the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The governor's office mandates school closure throughout the state. ● County/local health authorities mandate school closure based on local health risks for staff and students.
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Protocols for Student and/or Staff Positive Test-

If a positive test shows up in our schools we will be working with the Central Montana Health District and the following steps will be taken:

- School may close up to 48 hours to sanitize the entire school, including all activities.
- Contact tracing will go back 48 hours looking at people closer than 6 ft for more than 15 min. from the onset of symptoms.
- Close contact individuals will immediately go into quarantine for 14 days
 - Students will be able to return to school based on the recommendations from the County Health District
- If a student or staff tests positive, that classroom goes into the isolation at home
 - The classroom will be isolated until the County Health District determines it is safe to return to school
 - Distance learning will be provided for the classroom

NO SICK students or staff at school

- Students and/or staff who are waiting on pending tests need to self-isolate until the results are known.
- Students and/or staff with a fever of 100.4 or higher will be sent home.
- Students and/or staff must be fever-free for at least 48 hours without the use of any over the counter medications.
- Parents will be called for students who begin to complain of sore throats, coughing, upset stomach.
- All staff will be required to have their temperature checked upon entry into the building.