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**LCSS Welcomes Faculty, Staff, and Students back to campus August 9, 2021.**

**LCSS students return to school the week of August 9-13 with Friday, August 13, being an abbreviated day with dismissal at 11:30. At the present time, July 2021, LCSS encourages faculty, staff, and students to wear a face covering. It is advised by most health care officials that those with underlying health issues take additional steps to protect themselves from COVID. LCSS encourages face coverings for those who may have encounters with loved ones who are ill or of advanced age that have not been vaccinated. Each family should consider their situation and make an informed decision regarding face coverings and vaccination. Recently, The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued guidance recommending face coverings for students regardless of vaccination status. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance recommending face coverings be worn indoors by everyone above the age of two and who are not fully vaccinated. The CDC noted that communities may utilize fewer COVID-19 mitigation and prevention strategies based on local community transmission levels and vaccination coverage.**

**“During the 2020-2021 academic year, LCSS followed guidance issued by the Tennessee Department of Health and the CDC to determine the type of classroom instruction. Our goal then and now remains the same, we want our students in person and in front of our teachers because direct instruction is the best instruction for students. As we move into the 2021-2022 academic year, Coordinated School Health (CSH) will monitor positive cases reported in our schools and assist the Director in formulating a plan to address issues,” noted Director of Schools, Mr. Adkins.**

**Coordinated School Health prepared the following guidelines based on information available at this time:**

- ~Masks for students, staff and visitors are not required but are encouraged for those who would prefer to use one.**
- ~Students under the age of 12 are encouraged, but not required to wear masks since they have not been eligible to receive the vaccine.**
- ~Quarantining of faculty, staff, and students will be the responsibility of the Tennessee Department of Health or the primary care physician of the individual.**

**For additional questions and issued guidance, visit the Lawrence County School System website at [www.lcss.us](http://www.lcss.us).**

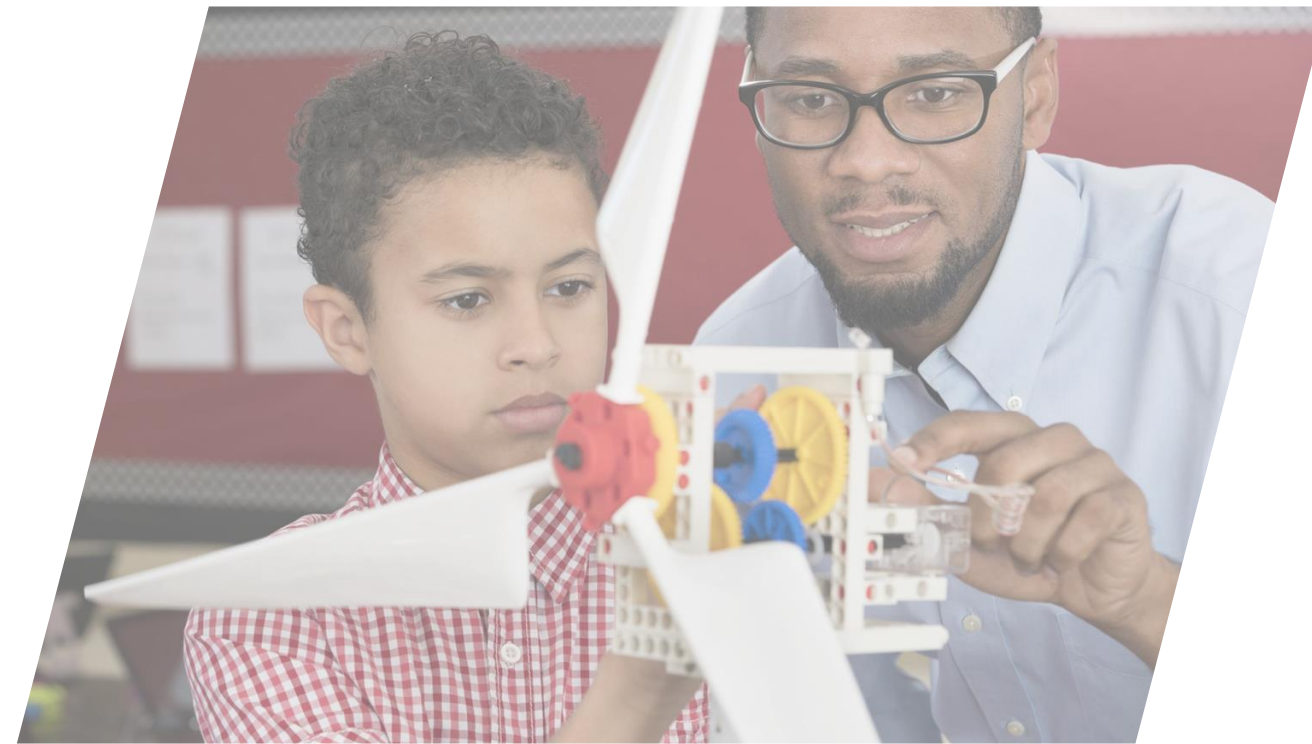


# PREVENTING COVID



## ARE MASKS REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES?

Masks are strongly encouraged as of July 2021. LCSS may enforce masks/face coverings if cases rise in the county during the 2021-2022 academic year. Anyone wishing to wear a face covering or any parent wishing for their child to wear a face covering may do so.



## WILL VISITORS BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS?

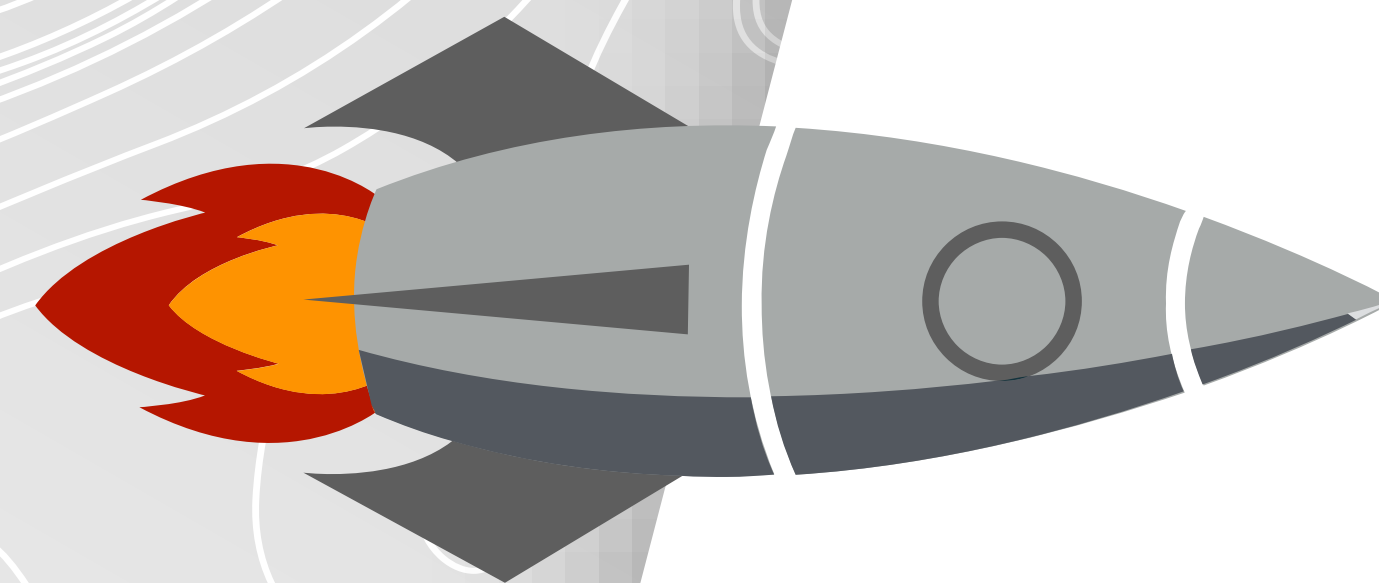
Visitors will be welcomed back to our campuses for academic purposes and special events.



## WHAT OTHER PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE THIS YEAR?

LCSS will follow safety protocols to help mitigate the spread of COVID and variants. LCSS will practice social distancing to the best of our ability to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Good hand hygiene of sanitizer and washing is strongly encouraged.

Although COVID is still a concern, we look forward to providing a sense of normalcy while maintaining a safe nurturing environment. We will continue to closely monitor school data as it relates to COVID and will keep parents updated if any procedural changes are needed.



# RESPONDING TO COVID

## WHAT WILL COVID RESPONSE, CONTACT TRACING, AND QUARANTINING LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?

LCSS will follow Board Policy 6.403 regarding Student Communicable Diseases. Visit [www.lcss.us](http://www.lcss.us) for policy.

Positive case individuals with COVID-19 will be excluded from school per board policy. They can return when the Tennessee Department of Health or healthcare provider determines that it is safe for them to return. (Note required from health provider or a release letter from Tennessee Department of Health)

## HOW ARE WE ADDRESSING CONTACT TRACING?

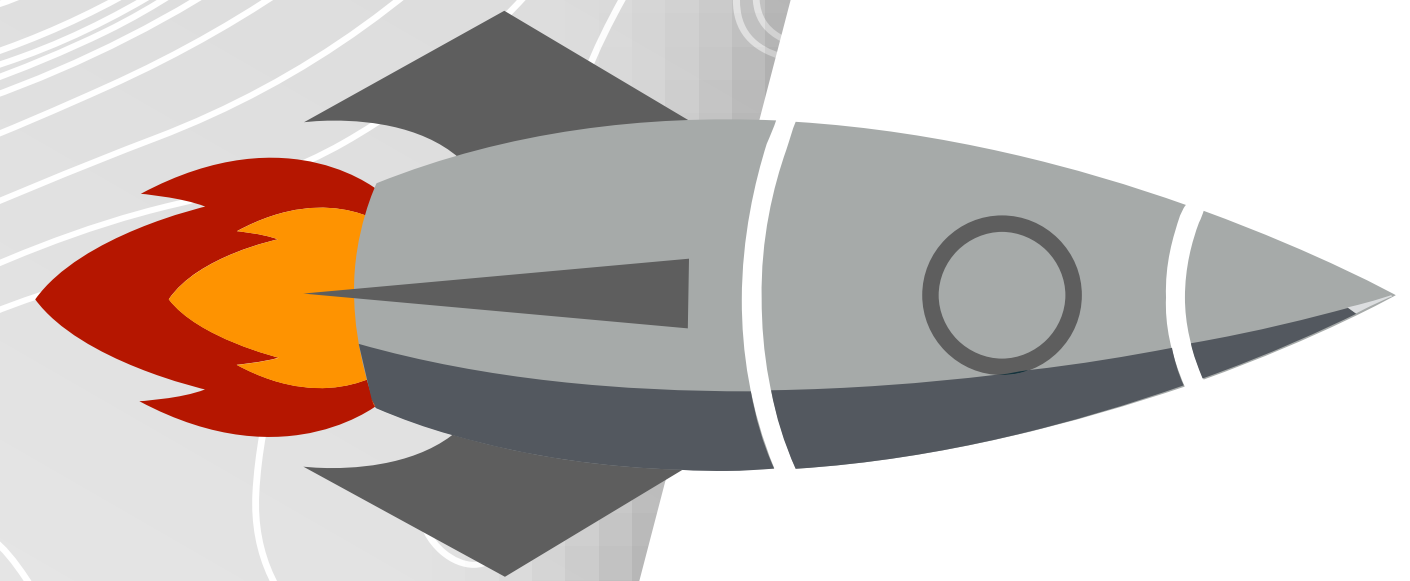
In all situations, the TN Department of Health has the ultimate authority to quarantine individuals. Students or staff, who test positive for COVID-19 or who are exhibiting symptoms, should stay home until they have recovered from COVID-19, or it is ruled out as the problem.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS BEEN VACCINATED AND IS EXPOSED TO COVID?

Individuals who are fully vaccinated will not have to quarantine IF determined to be a close contact of a positive case by the Tennessee Department of Health and not displaying symptoms.

***\*ANY PERSON VACCINATED OR NOT, WHO DEVELOPS COVID LIKE SYMPTOMS, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL AND MUST FOLLOW COVID RESTRICTIONS until cleared by the Tennessee Department of Health or health provider.***





# RESPONDING TO COVID

**WILL I BE CONTACTED IF MY CHILD IS EXPOSED TO A POSITIVE COVID STUDENT?**

Notification will be sent by the school in one of many available formats to those individuals/parents/guardians when TWO or more linked cases have been reported to the school in a classroom or group.

**WHO WILL NOTIFY ME IF MY CHILD IS TO BE QUARANTINED FOR COVID EXPOSURE?**

As of July 2021, quarantining individuals will be the responsibility of the Tennessee Department of Health.

**WHEN CAN A STUDENT WHO IS QUARANTINED WITH NO SYMPTOMS RETURN TO SCHOOL & WILL THE STUDENT HAVE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL ON DAY 8?**

Any student who does not display symptoms for 6 days may be tested on day 6 and return to school on day 8 IF he or she has a negative test on day 6 and contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and MUST wear a face mask through Day 14.

## References

[Dept of Health Guidance: Releasing Cases and Contacts from Isolation and Quarantine](#)

[TDH Return to School Algorithm](#)

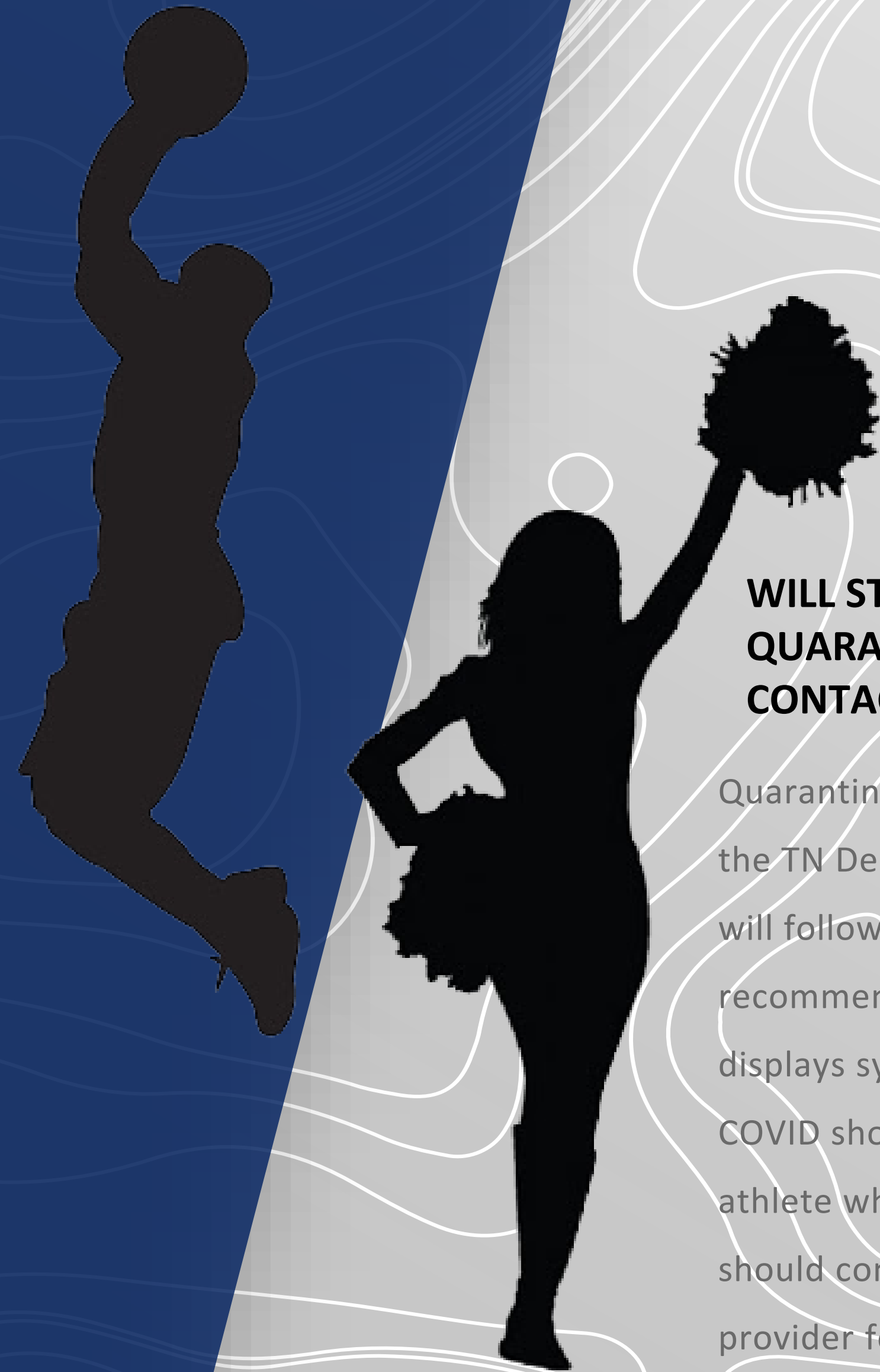
[TDH Protocol for School Assisting Dept of Health with Identification of Close Contact](#)

# ATHLETICS & SOCIAL EVENTS

## WHAT WILL SCHOOL CLASSROOMS, SPORTING EVENTS, FINE ARTS EVENTS, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS LOOK LIKE IN THE SCHOOLS?

The seating capacity in stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and classrooms will be based on the facilities' original design capacities. Spectator attendance and class size will not be reduced.

LCSS will adhere to TSSAA guidance and rules for sporting events. TSSAA encourages wearing of face covering, hand hygiene, and social distancing at sporting events.



## WILL STUDENT ATHLETES BE QUARANTINED FOR CLOSE CONTACT?

Quarantine guidance will be issued by the TN Department of Health. LCSS will follow their guidance and recommendations. Any student who displays symptoms consistent with COVID should stay home. Any student athlete who develops symptoms should consult his or her primary care provider for further instruction and a release letter to participate.



# ACADEMIC RELATED QUESTIONS

**01** What academic instruction will my child receive if he or she is quarantined by the TN Department of Health?.



Concurrent Learning is preferred. This form of instruction will be online and live with his or her classes and classmates. Active involvement, participation, and completion of activities will determine attendance. Logging on and disengaging is not acceptable for attendance reporting.

**02** What if my child does not have access to the internet?



LCSS encourages parents to have a plan to address the lack of internet access before a possible quarantine. Each school has an access point for students to access outside of the building.



# ACADEMIC RELATED QUESTIONS

**03** Will my child be counted absent if quarantined by the TN Department of Health or primary care physician for COVID exposure?

→ No, IF the student engages in the curriculum through Concurrent Learning or if an arrangement is met between parent/guardian of the student with the principal of the school.

Yes, IF the student DOES NOT fully engage the curriculum through Concurrent Learning and no arrangements with the school principal have been made.

**04** What is the overall plan for providing learning this school year?

→ We are very excited about the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic year. Classes will be held in-person, 5 days a week with the exception of the Pioneer Virtual Academy.





# ACADEMIC RELATED QUESTIONS

**05** Is Remote Learning available for my child? →

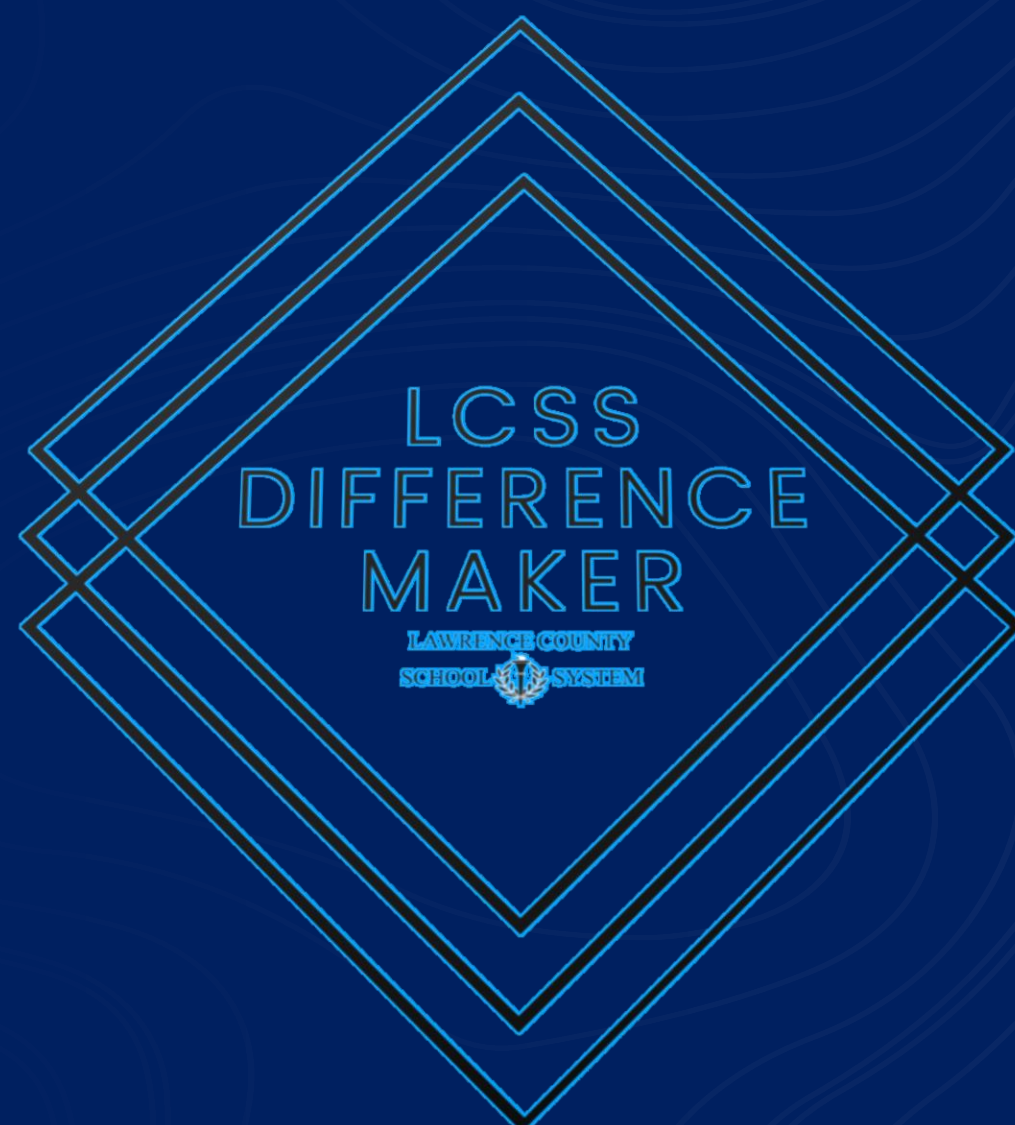
No. The TN State Board of Education removed the Continuous Learning Plan (CLP), which allowed for Remote Learning during the 2020-2021 academic year.

**06** What is Concurrent Learning? →

Concurrent Learning is a temporary measure for students who are COVID positive, a household contact, or quarantined. It is Google Meet, similar to Zoom or WebEx, where students can engage the curriculum in real time with their classes utilizing their Chromebook provided by LCSS. Students must access the classroom remotely, actively engage in the lesson, and complete assignments, activities, and other tasks. *CONCURRENT LEARNING IS NOT A PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE TO DAILY IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE.*



# OTHER QUESTIONS



**What can the community do to help keep students in school?**

To minimize the spread of any airborne virus, faculty, staff, parents/guardians, and students should practice healthy hand hygiene, covering of mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and when feasible, social distancing should be practiced. At this time, face coverings will be encouraged for all members of LCSS, including students and guests. Public health officials, CDC, and medical officials encourage vaccination. LCSS is focused on providing students the best possible education available to them. Medical decisions rest with the family.

**If COVID cases were to increase in the county and schools, what may happen with these guidelines?**

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidelines for schools, but state officials have not clearly established guidelines or an expectation for school systems to operate under at this time.

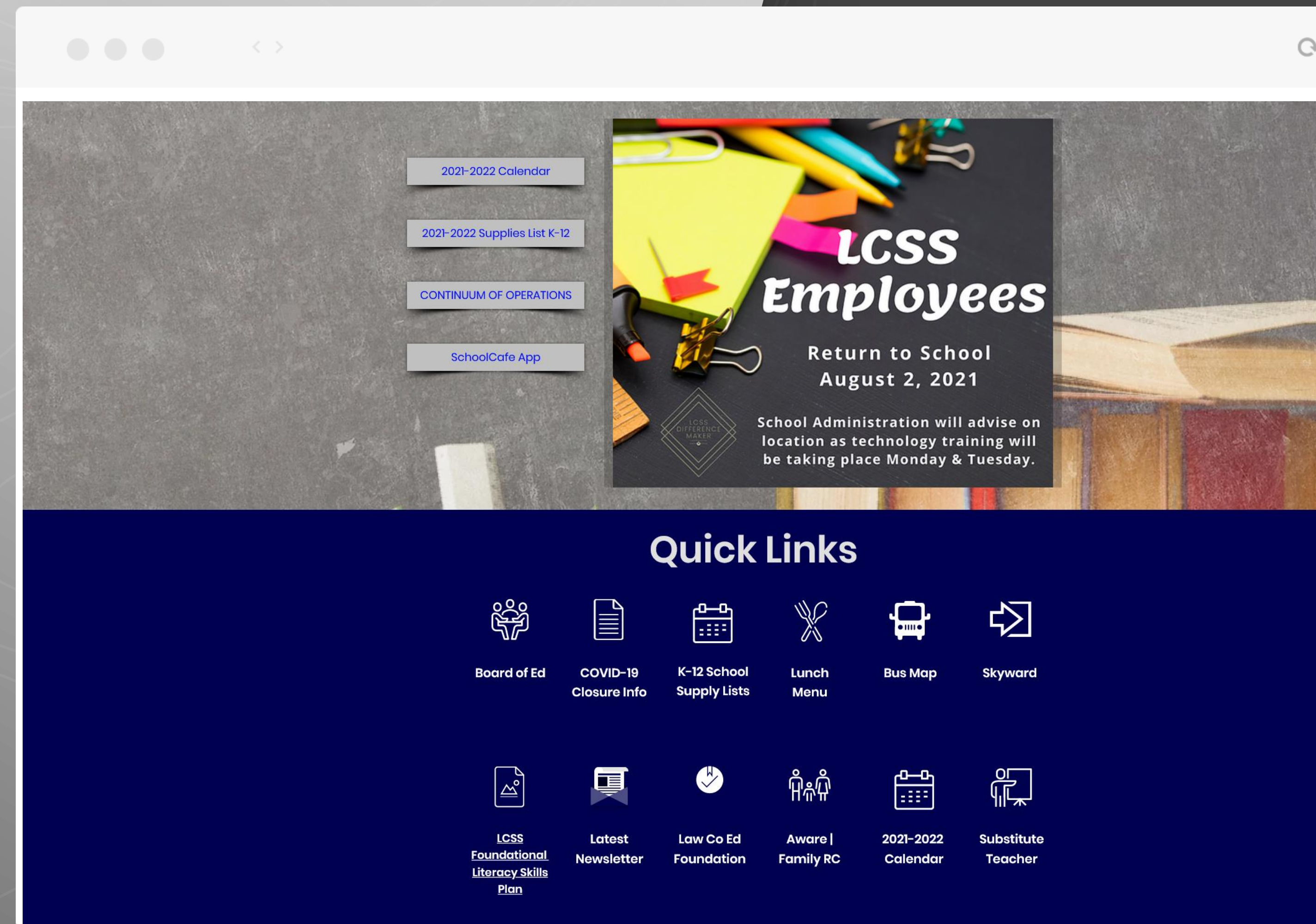
**Will these guidelines be changed during the school year?**

LCSS will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our community and will constantly review the data to determine what, if any, adjustments to protocols and guidelines are warranted during the school year. Federal, state, and local guidance pertaining to COVID restrictions will be considered.



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