

# Thomas Miller Elementary School

Re-entry Plan 2021-2022- updated 8/4/2021

## Social Distancing Measures

The Lafayette School Corporation (LSC), which incorporates Thomas Miller Elementary, will open for the 2021-2022 school year under the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), and the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD).

By implementing as many of the guidelines and recommendations as possible, the LSC believes we can open schools for the 2021-2022 school year with an In-Person model. Students, staff, parents and community members will continue to experience new preventive and mitigating measures as they enter our buildings. The new measures are being initiated for the health and safety of every person who enters any LSC building or visits one of LSC's many events and activities.

## Parent Open House- Meet the Teacher

### August 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Meet the Teacher

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Dinner in cafeteria

6:00-7:30 - Carnival and games

## Preventative Measures

Administration, teachers and staff members at Miller will educate our students about the practices and procedures we are implementing with regards to personal hygiene, bathroom breaks, water bottle fill-up, hallway procedures, classroom procedures, school bus protocols and the many other precautions being taken to keep things cleaned and sanitized.

Teachers and staff members will be trained on what to look for and will notify the school nurse and administration if they notice one of their students might not be feeling well.

**No one should enter school if he/she is not feeling well, has a fever, or has been in contact with anyone who is ill.**

The administration, teachers, staff members will all be trained about the symptoms of COVID-19 and will take immediate action to isolate anyone from school who is ill. Also, Miller has a point of isolation that will be utilized to keep everyone safe at

school.

All Miller teachers will receive COVID-19 training before the students return.

If, at any time during this process, someone within the school setting tests positive for the COVID-19, the administration will follow the CDC, IDOE and Tippecanoe County Health Department guidelines to determine mitigation procedures. Each situation will be considered on a case by case basis.

## **Masks**

Face Masks and/or Face Coverings will be mandated **for all non-vaccinated and vaccinated individuals while indoors in a Lafayette School Corporation's building**. This recommendation falls in-line with the current CDC's, State of Indiana Health Department's and the Tippecanoe County Health Department's recommendations.

There may be times when masks will be allowed to be removed during the day such as breakfast, lunch and other times deemed necessary.

The Lafayette School Corporation will continue to monitor the CDC, the State of Indiana Health Department and the Tippecanoe County Health Department for future updates and guidance.

## **Masks Required on Busses**

As of the date of this document, the CDC continues to require all students and adults to wear a Face Mask while on a school bus. The LSC will continue to provide extra Face Masks on each bus should a student forget their mask.

## **Thomas Miller Elementary – School Setting**

### **Classrooms**

- Teachers will maintain seating charts and records for any needed contact tracing.
- Students will have access to hand sanitizer and masks if needed in the classroom.
- Teachers will continue to encourage hand washing often.
- Students will be sent immediately to the nurse for review if a child has symptom of COVID-19 or any other medical concern.
- Classrooms will continue to be cleaned daily

### **Recess/ Cafeteria**

- Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the cafeteria.

- Students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria.
- Students will remain at tables with students only from their class.
- Cafeteria workers will follow all health and safety guidelines outlined by Chartwells.

**Front Office:**

- Parents should stay in the main atrium when bringing students for arrival or dismissal outside the normal operating hours.
- It is highly encouraged for parents to call ahead for appointment scheduling.

**Parent Meetings and Conferences**

- Parents may continue to participate virtually for any conference or meeting.
- Parents may come into the school for meetings as planned.

**Food: Treats, Snacks etc.**

- Food will need to be store bought and packaged when served to students.

**Volunteers (which includes classroom parents)**

- All volunteers will need to complete the LSC background check and have their volunteer card present when arriving at Thomas Miller.
- Information for completing the background check can be located on the Lafayette School Webpage- Click Community- Click Volunteers.
- Volunteers must self-screen for any symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the school. Volunteers should remain at home if they are not feeling well.