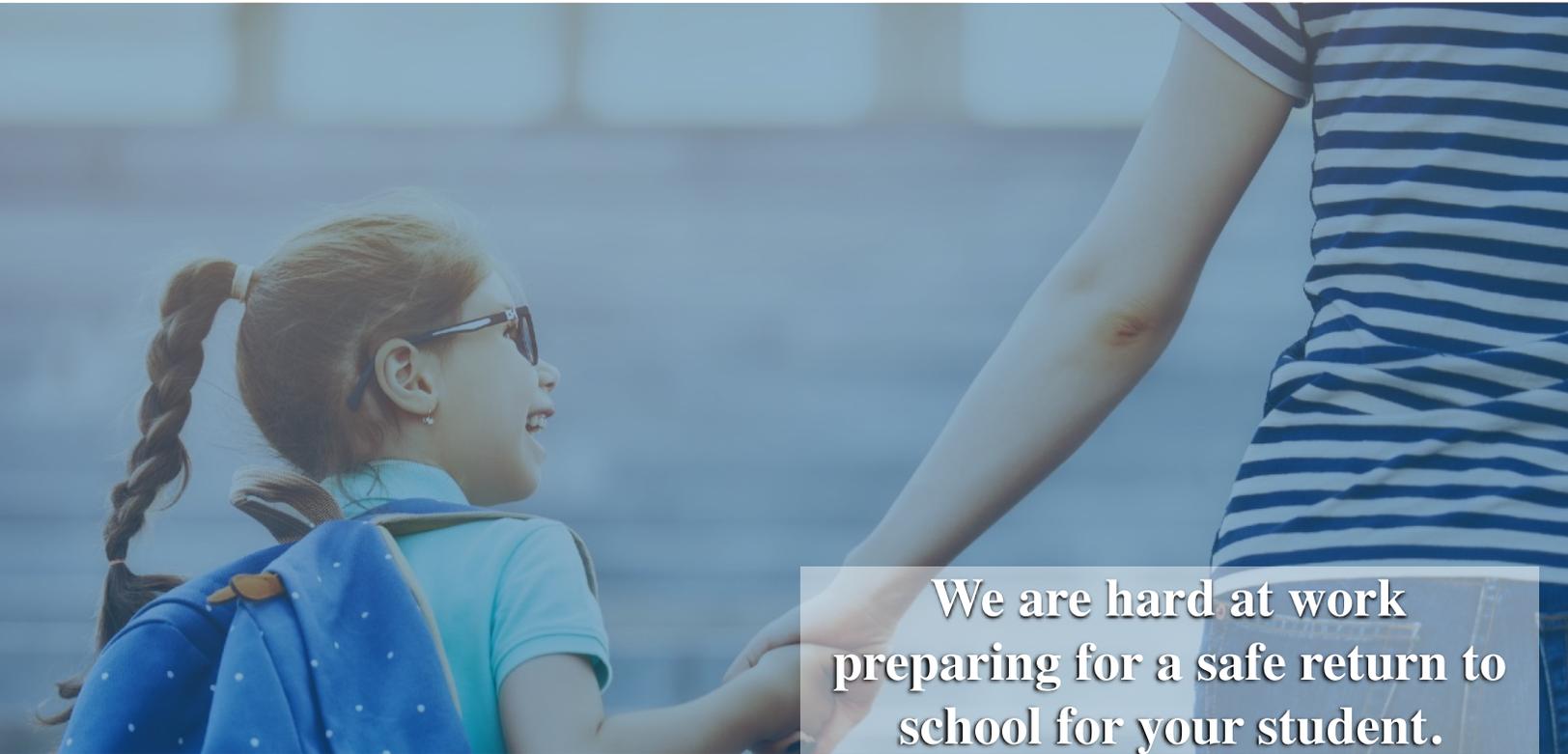




THE COMEBACK

Return to School - August 31, 2020



We are hard at work preparing for a safe return to school for your student.

PHASES OF RE-OPENING

Phases 1-3: No In-person Instruction (online only)

Phases 4: In-person Instruction with significant restrictions

Phases 5: In-Person Instruction with less significant restrictions

Phases 6: In-Person Instruction with no restrictions

Current Phase *

Under strict guidance laid out by Governor Gretchen Whitmer's *Return to School Roadmap*, the District has been preparing for a number of potential scenarios for our return to school on August 31, 2020. The purpose of this document is to solicit input from parents, provide links to general information and resources, and to alert parents to the publication of policies and procedures that will be released in the coming days.

For anyone interested in the full text of the *Return to School Roadmap*, it can be read in its entirety [here](#). The text of Executive Order 2020-142 can be read [here](#).

For more information, visit LapeerSchools.org or e-mail Jared Field, LCS Director of Communications, at jfield@lapeerschools.org.

What if our region returns to Phase 3?

In the event that our region returns to Phase 3 of the *Roadmap*, the District will be required to place all traditional students in full-time virtual (via Google Classroom). Students who are enrolled in the District's existing virtual options, including Lapeer Virtual and the Lapeer Virtual Partnership, will remain in those programs.

Since the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the District has had ample time to develop a much more rigorous and engaging online instructional model for all students. In the event that we have to deploy full-time, online-only instruction, all parents and students will be made aware of the expectations embedded in the curriculum as well as strategies for success.

Though we are confident in our ability to deliver an excellent product online, our goal is now and has always been to return our students to in-person instruction. Based on our recent survey of district parents, we know that the vast majority of you share this goal. Rest assured we will do everything in our power to achieve it.

[Click here for info on the District's virtual plan for Phases 1-3.](#) [Click here for sample student schedules.](#) Improvements to the plan are ongoing.



What will school look like for my student in Phase 4?

Under the guidelines laid out in the *Roadmap* for Phase 4, all students in grades 6-12 must wear masks throughout the day, while indoors, except when eating. Students in grades E5-5 must wear masks in all common areas (hallways, cafeteria, office, etc.) and in the classroom unless the students remain with their classes throughout the school day and do not come into close contact with students in another class. The District will make every effort to allow for this exception. In addition, any student who cannot tolerate a mask (and provides a note from a medical professional) will not be required to wear one.

Social distancing is not a requirement under Phase 4, but the District will encourage it where possible in all schools.

There are numerous other guidelines related to cleaning, sanitization, personal hygiene, allowable interactions, extracurriculars, events, and much more that are outlined in the District's FAQ (see below) and in the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan which will be published no later than August 15.

Re-opening FAQ: All your questions (OK, maybe not all) in one place

Throughout the summer, we have been busy taking your questions in preparation for a return to school. This document has been through numerous updates and will represent the best and most current information we have at the moment. It contains general information for students, parents and staff as well as information specific to the elementary and secondary levels.

[Click here to access the FAQ.](#)



FAQ

RETURN TO SCHOOL: NEXT STEPS



The District has been working on its COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. This is a requirement under Executive Order 2020-142. The plan must be finalized and approved by the Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education by no later than August 15, 2020.

The plan lays out the protocols and procedures (related to face coverings, hygiene, cleaning, screening, testing, athletics, transportation, etc.) that will be in place in the District in each phase of re-opening.

Once approved, the plan will be published on the District website.



In the coming days, the District will publish a comprehensive document that outlines COVID-19 procedures for students. The document describes how workplace requirements contained in Policy 8460 apply to students in accordance with *The Roadmap*. The document will cover numerous topics including:

- ❖ Proactive measures related to the following: Screening, social distancing, face coverings, hygiene, daily cleaning, visitors, large groups indoors, student cohorts and riding the bus.
- ❖ Response to potential infection: These procedures include steps to be taken for on-site symptom discovery, close contacts with positive cases, on-site positive cases, etc.



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

In order to continue to develop our plan, including strategies that will ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff, we need your input.

The District will publish a video communication that will answer any outstanding questions that have not yet been answered in the FAQ or any other publication.

Please send questions that you would like to be answered in the video to Jared Field, LCS Director of Communications, at jfield@lapeerschools.org.

The deadline for questions is 5 p.m. on August 3, 2020.

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Multiple Virtual Vendor Options
+
Technology and Internet Access Available

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TWO K-12 OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR NEEDS:

For parents interested in having their students go virtual in 2020, we have everything you need to make the transition quick and easy. We offer numerous virtual vendor options to meet your learner's specific needs. **The District offers two great options for students in grades K-12:**

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CHOICE**

- * **Lapeer Virtual (Core and Non-Essential Courses):** Students have access to a Lapeer teacher for core and non-essential courses. Students are able to attend additional days for support as well as optional learning experiences.
- * **Lapeer Virtual Partnership for Homeschool Students (Non-Essential Elective Courses):** Students are able to take non-essential elective courses in a virtual format. Instruction in core courses (Math, English, Science and Social Studies) is the responsibility of the parent. A Lapeer teacher will be assigned to your student. They are also able to attend the Cramton Campus on Wednesday for additional optional learning experiences.

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*Students who choose one of the District's virtual options must commit to at least one full semester prior to transitioning to other program options, including the traditional classroom experience. If you have questions, please contact Shad Spilski, Director of Innovation, at sspilski@lapeerschools.org or Jennifer Tindall, Director of Student Services, at jtindall@lapeerschools.org.