

Lincoln School In-Person Guidelines/Exclusionary Policy

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In Person Instruction Guidelines

- Hours: 10:00 am-4:00 pm
- Days: Monday-Friday
- Staff are available to work with students from 8:45 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- All students should bring bottled water with them every day (unopened)
- All students will be seated to ensure that they are no less than six feet apart from other students or teachers within classrooms.
- Two washroom breaks will be provided per classroom
- All students and staff are required to wear masks in the building at all times. If a student refuses to wear a mask, they may be removed from Lincoln
- Weather permitting, students will be allowed to take a 5-minute mask break outside the building with the teacher in conjunction with the washroom break. Students must maintain social distancing.
- In order to enter the building:
 - Students should not have had any symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - Have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - Have not had close contact with anyone confirmed to have or suspected of having COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
 - Does not have a temperature higher than 100.3
- Every student will be screened every day upon entry into the building. Students should also be screened at home before leaving home.
- Any student that does not pass screening or exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 needs to be picked up within 40 minutes. If a student cannot be picked up within 40 minutes, the student may be removed from Lincoln.
- Students may still work on Edgenuity from home if they are ill or in quarantine.
- Students will continue to have access to curriculum 24/7.

Management of Students and Staff with COVID- 19 Symptoms:

Lincoln School shall follow the most updated recommendations of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) in the management of students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms.

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-School-FAQs.pdf>.

Pursuant to IDPH recommendations, the following guidelines will be employed in the case of a student of staff member showing COVID-19 symptoms:

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All students and staff sent home with COVID-like symptoms should be diagnostically tested. Students and staff should remain home from school until they receive the test results. Students and staff who are confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 must complete 10 calendar days of isolation from the date of first symptom onset and be fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved before returning to school. Individuals who have been cleared by the LHD for release from isolation may return to school even if other household members are in isolation or quarantine in the home.

Students and staff returning to school after experiencing COVID-like symptoms but being diagnosed with a non-COVID illness must meet the criteria for returning to school for the illness with which they have been diagnosed. At a minimum, the individual must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and have had no diarrhea or vomiting in the previous 24 hours. A healthcare provider's note documenting the alternative diagnosis, or a negative COVID-19 test result should accompany a student or staff member returning to school with an alternative diagnosis after experiencing COVID-like symptoms.

Students and staff with COVID-like symptoms who do not get tested for COVID-19 and who do not provide a healthcare provider's note documenting an alternative diagnosis, must complete 10 calendar days of isolation from the date of first symptom onset and be fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved before returning to school. Medical evaluation and COVID-19 diagnostic testing are strongly recommended for all persons with COVID-like symptoms.

Contact Tracing

Lincoln School will conduct contact tracing in partnership with the Will County Department of Health in the case that any individuals who have been present on the campus of Lincoln Schools with confirmed or probably cases of COVID-19. A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for a cumulative total of at least 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during the infectious period. Repeated exposures result in an increased amount of time of exposure; the longer a person is exposed to an infected person, the higher the risk of exposure/transmission. The infectious period of close contact begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or 2 calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person). If the case was symptomatic (e.g., coughing, sneezing), persons with briefer periods of exposure may also be considered contacts. Close contacts to a confirmed case of COVID-19 are required to remain in quarantine at home for 7-10 calendar days starting from the last day of contact with the confirmed case. Lincoln School's plans ensure social distancing is in place to minimize the potential number of individuals who may be potential close contacts.