

Lewis County Schools
Parent Re-Entry Guide
Fall 2020



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Disclaimer

This plan is subject to subsequent revisions as warranted, given the conditions of the COVID-19 Pandemic at the State and local levels.

Message from the Superintendent

I want to thank you for your patience and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. This process has been a new and challenging experience for all of us as a community. This is a general guide to parents. We are here to serve you and your children in all that we do.

Yours in education, Dr. Robin Lewis

Re-Entry Planning Committees

Drawing on our members specific areas of expertise, committees comprised of Lewis County School administrators, central office staff, professional and service staff members, and Lewis County Health Department representatives as well as community members have been and will continue to meet and to develop recommendations for school re-entry. Those committees are focusing on: Instruction & Learning; Special Education; Social and Emotional Wellness; Safe Schools & Transportation; and Extra-Curricular & Extended Day Activities. The committee's recommendations, along with directives from the WVDE and the WV and Lewis County Health departments, will form the basis of the general Lewis County Schools Parent Guide and Full Operational Re-Entry Plans.

Community Re-Entry Survey

A brief survey soliciting school re-entry preferences from parents/ guardians were posted on the Lewis County Schools websites as well as those of the FRN and WVDE. These results have been considered when developing our re-entry plans.

The follow up Student Learning Options Survey is very important to develop specific guidance and plans for our schools. Your responses will help Lewis County Schools more effectively prepare to welcome its students and staff back into our buildings as safely as possible.

Lewis County website: www.lewisboe.com

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Parent Choices of Learning Options for the 2020-2021 School Year

(Current options are applicable to all enrolled students based upon grade level and parent/guardian discretion and WVDE guidance and/or DHHR)

Learning Options	#1 Lewis County In-person Learning (Grades PREK-12)	#2 Lewis County Distance Learning (Grades PREK-12)	#3 WV Virtual School (Grades 6-12)
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student returns to school following the Lewis County Schools calendar and reentry plan. Adjustments will be made as needed depending on the status of the virus in Lewis County. • Plan A (students attend 5 days) • Plan B (Blended Model -Reduction of days and/or students in building) • Usage of Plan A or B to be determined by community spread of COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time virtual program- student learns through a total online learning platform (Schoology) from a Lewis County Schools teacher, using county curriculum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time virtual program- student learns through a total online learning environment/ platform from the WVDE. • WVDE certified Teachers or contractors. • INTERNET ACCESS IS A REQUIREMENT
Enrollment	Enrolled on a 9-week basis	Enrolled on a 9-week basis	Enrolled on a semester basis *application required*
Instruction/ Curriculum	Delivered by your child’s classroom teacher in the building	Delivered by Lewis County Schools teachers	Delivered by WVDE

Lewis County Teacher Engagement Level	High	High	NA
Parent Engagement Needed	Moderate	Moderately High	Highest
Can they play sports?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Food service	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Education offered/IEP in place	Yes	Yes	Yes
Remote (Only by order of the Governor) *This is similar to what occurred to our March 2020 school closure.	Full remote learning requires students to complete school assignments and engage remotely five days a week. This will require the teacher and students to communicate regularly and develop a process for monitoring, reviewing and/or grading of student engagement activities.	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply

**A homebound option is available for those students who provide a physician's note. These students will receive instruction at home using a designated platform. Learning will take place virtually. There will be a teacher to oversee and monitor progress. There will be expectations for participation. **

**Homeschool is a parent elective for all students. When choosing this option all services provided by the schools are relinquished. **

**Safety and health protocols provided by the WVDE, DHHR, and Local Health Department. **

It is the policy of Lewis County Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its educational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Lewis County Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Education Choice Survey

Once you have thoroughly reviewed the above options for students continuing their education with Lewis County Schools, please complete the following survey at (<https://bit.ly/LewisCo>) by August 7th at 11:45 PM. **This survey must be completed for all students** as it will help Lewis County Schools to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

To request a paper copy of the survey- Contact the Board of Education (304)269-8300

Please note, you must complete this survey once for each student in your home.

Phased-In Reentry Schedule

To better prepare our students and teachers for reentry we are going to employ a phase-in approach. This will allow students and teachers the time necessary to become familiar with the new protocols given to us by the health officials.

September 8	Grades 4, 5, and 9
September 9	Grades 3, 6, and 10
September 10	Grades 2, 7, and 11
September 11	Grades 1, 8, and 12
September 14	Grades K, and 5 through 12
September 15	Grades K-12 (All Students Attend)
September 21	Phase-in for Pre-K (Families will be contacted)

Lewis County Resources for Parents and Students

Lewis County Family Resource Network: (304) 269-4000

Most recent Lewis County Resource Quick Guide: <http://lewiscountyfrn.org/resource-guide/>

Lewis County Board of Education: (304)-269-8300

Lewis County DHHR: 304-269-6820

Mental Health and Safety Resources

Lewis County Schools Social-Emotional Support

<http://lewisboe.com/page/departments/health-services/social-emotional-support>

24/7 help for sexual and domestic violence survivors: HOPE, Inc. (304) 367-1100

24/7 help for a child in immediate behavioral or mental health crisis:

Children's Mobile Crisis Unit 1-844-WV-KIDS-1.

[Brit Cooper's Virtual Office](#)

Our team at Lewis County Schools wants you to feel comfortable reaching out for any reason. For confidential assistance regarding a mental health or safety concern, visit: [Safety and Mental Health Check-up](#). Responses to this form will be sent to Mental Health Specialist, Brit Cooper, who will work to connect you with appropriate resources. Discussions will remain confidential unless reports include a threat to the safety or well-being of you or someone else. If you feel that your situation is an emergency, call 911.

Resources, activities, and book lists: <http://www.wvspa.org/social-justice>.

National 24/7 Support Lines

[Suicide Hotline](#)
1-800-273-8255; Text
741741

[Trans Lifeline](#)
1-877-565-
8860

[Human Trafficking Hotline](#)
1-888-373-7888; TTY:77;
Text 233733

[The National Domestic
Violence Hotline](#)
1-800-799-7233;
TTY:1-800-727-3224;
Text 233733

WVDE and Local Best Health Practices

According to national and local health experts, face masks and coverings significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19 by preventing people from contracting and transmitting the disease. It is important to note, that all guidance (locally and nationally) strongly recommends the use of face coverings or masks. The science continues to support the same as these items reduce air droplets produced when people speak, sing, yell, cough and sneeze. This plan reinforces the importance of face masks or coverings when it is possible and when it does not aggravate existing health conditions. Not all students can use these because of their age or developmental constraints. However, the West Virginia Department of Education has strongly encouraged schools and counties to include face coverings and masks as part of their health and safety protocols. This is especially important when children are in congregant settings, unable to exercise six feet of social distancing and/or when there are active cases of COVID-19 in the school community.

Employees, Visitors, Vendors and Students are Required to Wear a Face Covering or Mask as Follows:

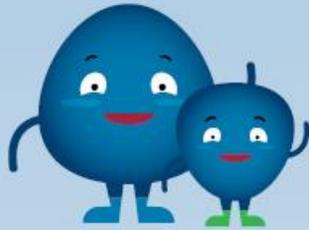
- Students preschool through 12th grade are required to wear a face covering or mask while riding the bus to and from school.
- Elementary students in preschool, kindergarten and first grade are required to wear a face covering or mask when outside of their core classroom group or in congregant areas.
- Students in grades 2-12 are required to wear a face covering or mask in congregant areas and in classrooms.
- Students may provide their own face covering/mask, or one will be provided to them.
- Any student who cannot wear a face covering, mask or face shield due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition, or disability, and students who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance are not required to wear face coverings (with medical documentation). Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or who has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication, are not required to wear a mask; however, individuals should consider using another type of face covering such as a plastic face shield.

The following posters are from WVDE and WVDHHR address classroom screenings and best health practices in school.

The entire West Virginia Schools Re-entry Toolkit for COVID-19 Guidance can be found at: <https://wvde.us/school-system-re-entry>

A full operational guide will be reviewed and provided to Lewis County School staff prior to reopening which will address all health and safety protocols.

COVID-19 SHOULD I COME TO SCHOOL?



HOW TO SCREEN FOR COVID-19

IF I HAVE:

THEN:

1 NO SYMPTOMS

 **Proceed to school**

**2 EXPOSURE,
NO SYMPTOMS**

 **Cannot go to school**
Home for 14 days since exposure

**3 DIAGNOSIS,
NO SYMPTOMS**

 **Cannot go to school**
Home for 10 days since first positive COVID-19 test

4 AT LEAST 1 SYMPTOM
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- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/
breathing difficulty
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

 **Cannot go to school**
Home until:

- 10 days since first symptoms
- No fever for 3 days (without fever medicine)
- 3 days of symptom improvement, including coughing and shortness of breath



BEST HEALTH PRACTICES IN YOUR SCHOOL



6 ft.



Maintain six feet
of social distance

Strongly suggest
a face mask
or face covering



Clean hands with
soap and water
or hand sanitizer

Avoid touching
your face



Do not share pens/
writing utensils



Cough/sneeze into
your elbow or a tissue

Do not come to school
if you're feeling sick

