

Louisiana Believes

**Career and College Readiness Office Hours
December 3, 2020**

Office Hours Norms

Participants may submit questions **via the online chat feature**.

Submitting questions via the chat allows CCR the opportunity to not only answer your question while on the call but to also add your question and the answer to our publicly disseminated FAQ document(s).

This will be time for participants to ask questions about any program in the 4 work streams of the Office of Career and College Readiness. Those items are listed in the agenda.

Career and College Readiness

PATHWAY INITIATIVES AND READINESS SUPPORT

- School Reopening Updates, Advanced Coursework: AP, Dual Enrollment, IB and CLEP Testing

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

- Freshmen Academies, Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guides, Counselor Newsletter, Pupil Progression Plans, Direct Student Services

QUALITY DIPLOMAS

- Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Super Summer Institute, CTTIE, Career Development Fund, Quest for Success, Supplemental Course Academy, U.S. Presidential Scholar

POST-SECONDARY READINESS

- Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Jump Start Summers, Financial Aid Planning, Gifted and Talented Programming, Student of the Year, U.S Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Course Codes, Proficiency Exams, Transcripts



PATHWAY INITIATIVES AND READINESS SUPPORT

CDC Updated Quarantine Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a [statement](#) on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 providing new options for quarantine for people who have had close contact with COVID-positive individuals.

- Contacts of persons with COVID-19 should monitor themselves daily for presence of these [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 and should contact their healthcare provider if they develop symptoms.
- Quarantine can end after Day 10 of exposure without testing **and** if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- *Where COVID testing is readily available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if the individual tests negative **and** if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
 - The CDC recommends a COVID test on or after Day 5 after exposure, and for the individual to quarantine until at least Day 7.
- *In both cases, continued symptom monitoring and masking through day 14 MUST continue. If any symptoms develop prior to day 14, the individual should immediately self-isolate and follow instructions per local public health authority.*
- LDOE is working with our partners at the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to finalize a set of implementation guidelines surrounding the latest quarantine recommendations from the CDC.

Spring Semester 2021 PPE Requests

The LDOE, in collaboration with the Special School District, will be making face coverings and hand sanitizer available for all public, private, and charter school systems that need to replenish their supply for the second semester. Each school system may request an appropriate number of masks equivalent to their student and faculty census.

School systems will be responsible for coordinating the pick-up of PPE supplies between 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Special School District Warehouse located at 2888 Brightside Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Requests for face coverings should be made directly to:

Joel A. Snider, Director of Operations, SSD

Office: 225-757-3235

Cell: 225-200-3849

Email: jsnider@lsdvi.org

Modified Phase 2 Guidance

In response to Governor Edwards' proclamation to move Louisiana to a modified Phase 2 for COVID-19 recovery, BESE President Holloway approves emergency rules allowing, but not requiring, school systems to continue to follow Phase 3 minimum requirements for reopening facilities. As such, school sites should consult their school system leaders to determine what phase they will be operating in and align accordingly with the phased guidance.

Please see the [linked memo](#) for more information.

BinaxNOW Rapid COVID Testing Kits

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits available upon request for school systems to access when a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or community health provider has been identified. In order to access these test kits, school systems will need a designated point of contact to complete a survey.

The survey will request the following information:

- Point of contact and delivery location (Need name, email, phone number, delivery address)
- CLIA Waived Certificate Number or the community provider who will be testing. For information on obtaining a community health partner, please email Arundhati.Bakshi@la.gov

Please note that the **survey completion date has been extended** through the month of December. School systems that would like to request BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) by **December 10 to have them delivered by the National Guard. Any requests processed after December 10 will be sent via mail to the address provided.**

Additional information can be found in the [LDOE BinaxNOW FAQ Document](#).

School Reopening Updates: BinaxNOW Resources

The department has created a set of documents to aid school systems in using the BinaxNOW Rapid Tests. These documents include the following:

1. LDOE BinaxNOW FAQ document:
 - This [document](#) covers the operational questions related to school systems use of BinaxNOW Rapid test.
2. LDH BinaxNOW Rapid Test Information:
 - This [one page document](#) covers the medical use of BinaxNOW Rapid test, along with information from the manufacturer.

For reporting questions, please contact ELR@la.gov or schoolcovidreporting@la.gov

School Reopening Updates

- CHNOLA will be hosting a Town Hall next Wednesday, December 9, at 1:00 pm.
- Pre-registration is required

| Date | Time | Link |
|--------------------------|--------|---|
| Wednesday, December 9 | 1-2 PM | Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_di8vuTf9QaO68wiwgc5RKg |

Moderated Question & Answer

Please submit any questions related to the following in the chat box:

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Helpful Links

- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)
- Support Toolboxes
 - [Teacher](#)
 - [System](#)
 - [Principal](#)
 - [Counselor](#)

Thank you for joining.

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#).

Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

highschoolacademics@la.gov

General questions about the office and about graduation requirements

ldefinancialaid@la.gov

questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion

SCA@la.gov

questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice

jumpstart@la.gov

questions related to Jump Start

PPP@la.gov

questions related to pupil progression

collegereadiness@la.gov

questions related to dual enrollment or Advanced Placement