

Louisiana Believes



School Operations and Reopening Office Hours
July 30, 2020

ATTENTION: Instructions for participants

During this meeting, participants may submit questions **via the online chat feature** throughout the presentation. Submitting questions via the chat allows LDOE 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).

Strong Start Reopening Office Hours

Strong Start School Reopening Office Hours will occur each Thursday, beginning July 23, from 3-4 p.m. and run through September 3

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1. **Reopening Office Hour Structure**
2. ****New** Reopening Resource Documents and Guidance**
 - a. Self-Monitoring Checklist
 - b. COVID-19 Positive Test Result Process
 - c. LDH Return to School/Work Self-Certifications
 - d. LDH Guidance for Common School Scenarios
 - e. Process for Reporting Concerns
 - f. Critical Infrastructure Workers
3. **2020-2021 Regulatory Flexibilities**
 - a. Food and Nutrition
 - b. K-8 Physical Activity
 - c. Transportation

Reopening Weekly Office Hour Calls

The purpose of the weekly reopening calls are for school system leaders and support staff to join our Zoom session to hear the latest updates on policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.

Each weekly call will begin with an overview of recent updates followed by a moderated Q&A session on policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.

Resource Documents

Guidelines: Baseline public health requirements for school systems to follow when reopening school facilities to students in Fall 2020 policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.
****updated during the week as needed - remember to clear your cache for the latest version****

Best Practices: Supportive guidance and resources for implementing guidelines

Planning Template and Checklist: A template with questions to guide school systems in planning for reopening, with an accompanying checklist for reopening

FAQ Document: LDOE released and is maintaining a dynamic FAQ document for implementation support. ****updated during the week as needed****

Self Monitoring Checklist: School system checklist to ensure BESE adopted requirements are being met. This tool will be available the week of July 20.

Resource: Self-Monitoring Checklist



SELF-MONITORING REOPENING CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS

School System:	School Site:
Date:	Person Responsible:

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
10, including adults: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	25, including adults: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	50, including adults: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Younger Students maintain static groups, understanding individuals may come into close contact and may not be wearing face coverings. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A		
Static Groups: The composition of a group may change if students are able to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from other students and adults in a classroom or indoor setting, to the greatest extent possible. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Students with Disabilities continue to receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment. School systems must factor in any additional service providers who may need to enter the classroom, students who receive services outside the classroom (e.g. resource, APE), and/or students who receive services through alternate instructional methods. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

PHYSICAL STANDARDS

Groups convene indoors in rooms enclosed by walls or partitions: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	In large spaces, such as a gymnasium or cafeteria, more than one group can convene if a wall or partition is erected: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Groups are separated outdoors but do not require a physical barrier: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Limit crowding at entry and exit points; maintain maximum group sizes and physical distance recommendations to the maximum extent possible. Explanation of maximum extent possible:		High-touch surfaces are cleaned before and after each group's use: <input type="radio"/> Desks <input type="radio"/> Door knobs <input type="radio"/> Light switches <input type="radio"/> Other:

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The [Self-Monitoring Reopening checklist](#) has been provided to assist school systems as they plan for reopening. School systems should utilize this checklist to ensure they are meeting the requirements for re-opening approved by BESE.

The checklist includes requirements related to maximizing group sizes, physical distancing, symptom monitoring, environmental cleaning and personal hygiene, hygienic supplies, transportation, essential visitors, and medical or disability impact exceptions.

****This does not have to be submitted to the LDOE****

Resource Updates: COVID Positive Test Messaging

LDOE has produced a sample letter for school systems to use when a [student tests positive for COVID](#) and for when an [employee tests positive for COVID](#).

The messages are meant to serve as examples of communications that may be shared by systems and schools when a positive case of COVID-19 occurs with a student or employee on campus. Please consult with legal counsel and follow all student privacy and personnel policies when sharing information. While the messages are addressed to families, schools or systems may also adjust the messages to share with other stakeholders.

Resource Updates:

LDH Return to School Self-Certification Checklists

LDH has created a [self-certification](#) for returning to work or school after a positive COVID test result.

School systems may use these self-certification documents as needed with employees and students returning to school.

**This form is not required by the State of Louisiana to return to school but is intended as a guide to assist when making a determination on when it is safe to return to school.*

This form is not mandated by the State of Louisiana.

LDH: Common COVID-19 School Scenarios

LDH has provided a [document](#) with a list of common COVID-19 school environment scenarios.

This document is meant to be a guide, but should not be considered comprehensive.

School systems should contact their [Regional LDH office](#) for specific guidance in unique situations.

BESE Minimum Reopening Health Standards Reporting Concerns Process

As school systems begin reopening, LDOE has developed a process for the community to **register concerns about student safety and the compliance of BESE minimum requirements:**

1. Concerns will be emailed to LDOECOVID19support@la.gov
2. Stakeholders that submit concerns regarding the adherence to required guidelines will receive a survey to fill out regarding the specifics will receive a survey link to report concerns.
3. Survey results will be sent via email to Superintendents and Board.
4. The concerns will be logged in a database that will be shared publicly on Louisiana Believes website

Critical Infrastructure Workers

LDH will include educators as **Priority 1 “Symptomatic critical infrastructure workers”**.

- Essential employee identification for testing purposes
- Moving forward, LDH **will include “educators”** in all of our communications and health alerts, which are used as **official guidance for the healthcare community**.
- Priority testing guidance is released via the State Health Alert Network.
- Teachers/educators are a priority group if testing is limited in a community at any given time.
- Teachers /educators will remain on our critical infrastructure list

Supports from Key Partners: CHNOLA

The Children's Hospital New Orleans Hotline for School Wellness and Virtual Care (504-837-7760) offers guidance to school nurses and school administrators.

The Children's Hospital New Orleans Town Hall Series for Schools is being conducted every two weeks through July and August.

The next Town Hall is August 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM

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2020-2021 Regulatory Flexibilities

Nutrition Waivers

USDA has issued five waivers to provide the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program various flexibilities. The waivers are effective through June 30, 2021.

[Nationwide Meal Times Waiver](#)

[Nationwide Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver](#)

[Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver](#)

[Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up Waiver](#)

[Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility in Senior High Schools](#)

K-8 Physical Activity

On July 23, Governor John Bel Edwards issued the [State of Emergency Proclamation 97](#), which allows for the following waiver regarding K-8 Physical activity requirements:

- **Physical Activity:** §17.1. Required physical activity in schools A.(1) Each public school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through eight shall provide at least thirty minutes each school day of quality moderate to vigorous physical activity for students.
- This waiver temporarily suspends the thirty minute physical activity requirements for K-8 students

Transportation

On July 23, Governor John Bel Edwards issued the [State of Emergency Proclamation 97](#), which allows for the following waiver regarding transportation:

- **Transportation:** S. 17:493.1(C), allows a city or parish school board to select a bus operator to fill a vacant route on a different basis than the one required
- This waiver is for the requirement of bus drivers to bid on routes

Moderated Q&A Session

Additional questions following the Q&A can be sent to:

LDOECOVID19support@la.gov