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**School Operations and Reopening Office Hours
September 10, 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).

Office of Career and College Readiness Office Hours

The Office of Career and College Readiness will continue weekly office hours with a focus on Strong Start School Reopening through September.

**please note the updated Zoom log in for next week's office hours*

- **Webinar Date and Time:** Thursdays at 3 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94130675139>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 301-715-8592
- **Meeting ID#:** 941 3067 5139
- **Meeting Passcode:** 573243

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Updated Resources:

1. Phase 3 Information for School Systems
2. Learning Environment and Connectivity Tool
3. Louisiana Department of Health Early Warning System Update
4. CHNOLA Town Hall Updates and Resources

Phase 3: School Systems Information

In light of the Governor's Roadmap to Restarting Louisiana, the Department has provided guidance pertaining to opening public and nonpublic school facilities to serve students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Earlier today, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that tomorrow, September 11, 2020, Louisiana will be moving into Phase 3 of reopening.

Phase 3 requirements for school systems differ from Phase 2 in the following areas:

- Group size
- Transportation
- Band, Vocal and Music Limitations

Phase 3: Group Sizes

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Maximum Group Size	50 individuals
Group Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Younger students who are unable to wear face coverings or maintain a physical distance from other students or adults should be assigned static groups. This must include, at a minimum, students in grade 2 or lower. The static group composition should be maintained for as long as possible over the course of the 2020-2021 school year.● 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.● Students with disabilities must 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.

Phase 3: Symptom Monitoring and Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene

Symptom Monitoring

- Upon arriving at the school facility, each adult and student must be assessed for symptoms of COVID-19, as defined by the CDC. This includes an initial temperature check.

Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene

- High touch surfaces must continue to be cleaned frequently.
- Hand washing must occur as outlined in the School Reopening Guidelines
- While inside the school facility, all adults and students in grades 3 through 12 must wear a face covering to the greatest extent possible and practical within the local community context.
- While inside the school facility, students in grades prekindergarten through 2 may wear a face covering.

Phase 3: Transportation

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Maximum capacity

75 percent, including adults, of the school bus manufacturer capacity

Passengers must be dispersed throughout the bus to the greatest extent possible

Phase 3: Athletics, Band and Vocal Music

- Athletic activities are allowed to resume with the recommendations put forth in the [Louisiana High School Athletic Association's Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities](#).
- Band and vocal music may resume in Phase 3, as outlined below.

Phase 3: Band, Vocal and Music

- All band/vocal/music activities may resume indoors or outdoors
- Appropriate physical distancing measures must be taken
- Activity that involves playing wind instruments (to include all woodwind & brass instruments as well as recorders or any other instrument where the sound is produced by blowing into the instrument) may occur indoors/outdoors with appropriate physical distancing measures taken
- Vocal singing activities may occur indoors/ outdoors only with appropriate physical distancing measures taken

Learning Environment and Connectivity Tool for Systems

The Department has developed a tool for systems and schools to easily track student learning environments as well as device and connectivity data. This tool will also help the Department and systems identify where additional student connectivity supports are needed. System leaders received an email from LDOE with system specific access information needed to complete a brief survey.

School systems are encouraged to add current data as soon as possible. This will help ensure access to the system, as well as accuracy of the information, well before initial data is pulled for BESE on September 18.

Data submitted to this survey will automatically populate dashboards for systems, charter schools and nonpublic schools. A link to the dashboard will be added to the “School Reopening Resources” section of the [Strong Start](#) page in the coming weeks and will be communicated via the weekly newsletter. LDOE will pull data on September 18 at 5 p.m. to create an initial report for BESE and other stakeholders. Systems should update their dashboard throughout the school year as new information becomes available. The most current data will appear on the dashboard as soon as it is submitted through the survey.

Please contact kim.nesmith@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana Department of Health Early Warning System

COVID-19 Early Warning in Louisiana Schools

Louisiana's State Public Health Officer, Dr. Jimmy Guidry, issued an [Emergency Order](#) that allowed for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), to develop an early warning system for COVID-19 in Louisiana schools.

- LDH has developed resources for schools to navigate the early warning system:
 - [Guide for School Reporting](#)
 - [COVID Schools Worksheet](#)
 - [Contact Tracing Guide](#)
 - [Contact Tracing Worksheet for Parents](#)
- For more information, please visit the following LDH website: [COVID-19 Resources for Schools](#)

Louisiana Department of Health Early Warning System Resources

- Inquiries related to COVID-19 spread in the school setting and the reporting system process should be directed to the following LDH email address: schoolcovidreporting@la.gov.
- School sites or systems requesting access to the LDH Early Warning system should reach out to schoolcovidreporting@la.gov with the request.
- LDH will be publishing an instructional video on how to navigate the LDH Early Warning system.

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 will continue through September, every other Tuesday with **a new time of 3 pm**. The Zoom link and information will be shared in our weekly newsletter.

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Date	Time	Zoom Link
September 15, 2020	3-4 pm	Please click the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95094135523?pwd=U0p4Zmp4R3d2TndkQjdUai9EcDE4dz09 Passcode: 9152020 Dial-In: +19292056099 Meeting ID : 95094135523# Passcode: 9152020#
September 29, 2020	3-4 pm	Please click the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/99348692454?pwd=eko5eUpEa1dnMGZJMWxWSFhJWnpFUT09 Passcode: 9292020 Dial-In: +13017158592 Meeting ID: 99348692454# Passcode: 9292020#

Supports from Key Partners: CHNOLA

Children's Hospital of New Orleans has provided a [School Wellness page](#) with resources for school systems to use throughout the school year. These resources include:

- [Printable school signage](#) to remind students and visitors of social distancing measures, handwashing hygiene and facial covering use.
- [Parent resources](#) for school systems to use for communication needs with parents surrounding a safe and healthy return to the classroom.

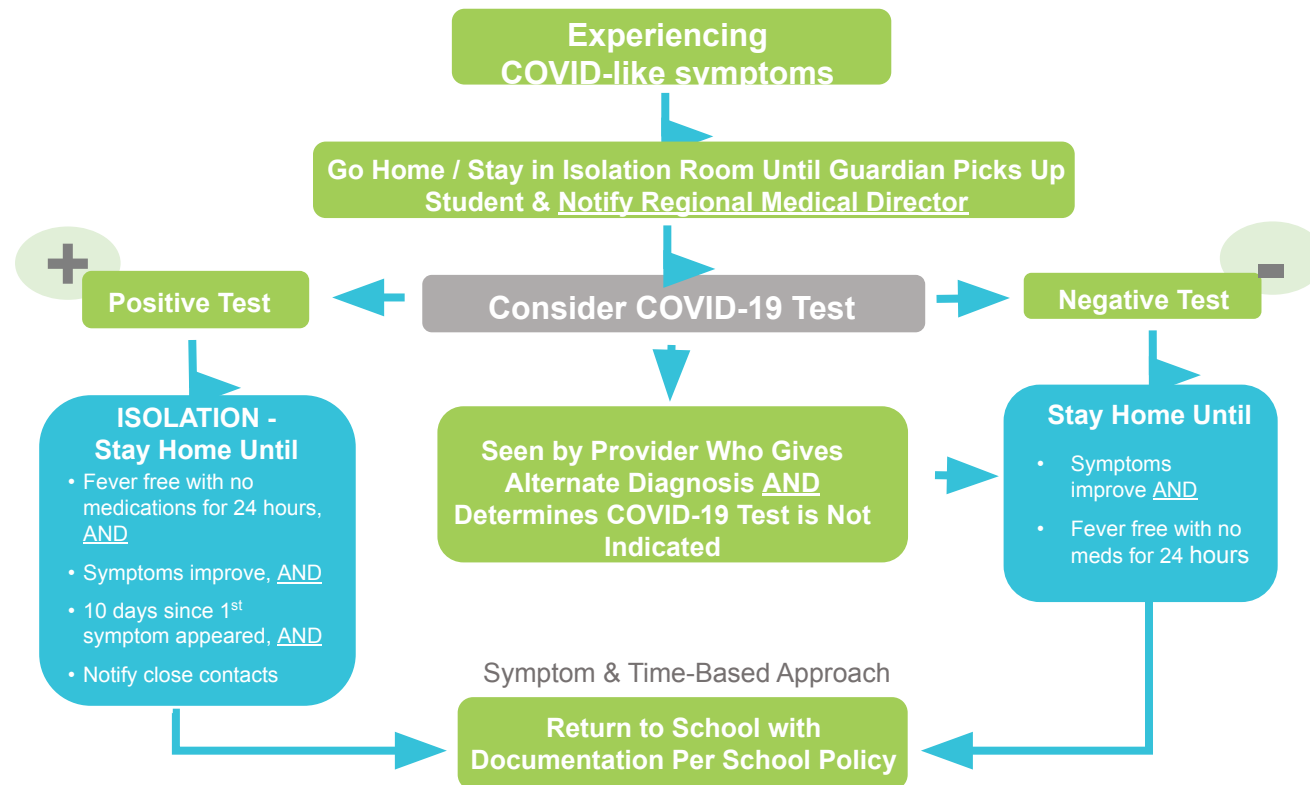


School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree:

Responding to a Symptomatic Individual – 9.3.2020



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Reference LDH Website for Form
Titled: [Return-to-School Self-Certification for COVID-19](#)

This chart follows the most up-to-date CDC & LDH recommendations.
Information current as of 9.3.2020.
www.chnola.org/community/school-wellness

COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Fever ≥ 100.4 °F
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Increasingly nonproductive (dry) cough
- Body aches
- GI symptoms (nausea, diarrhea)
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Other flu or cold like symptoms

In case of an emergency, dial 911.

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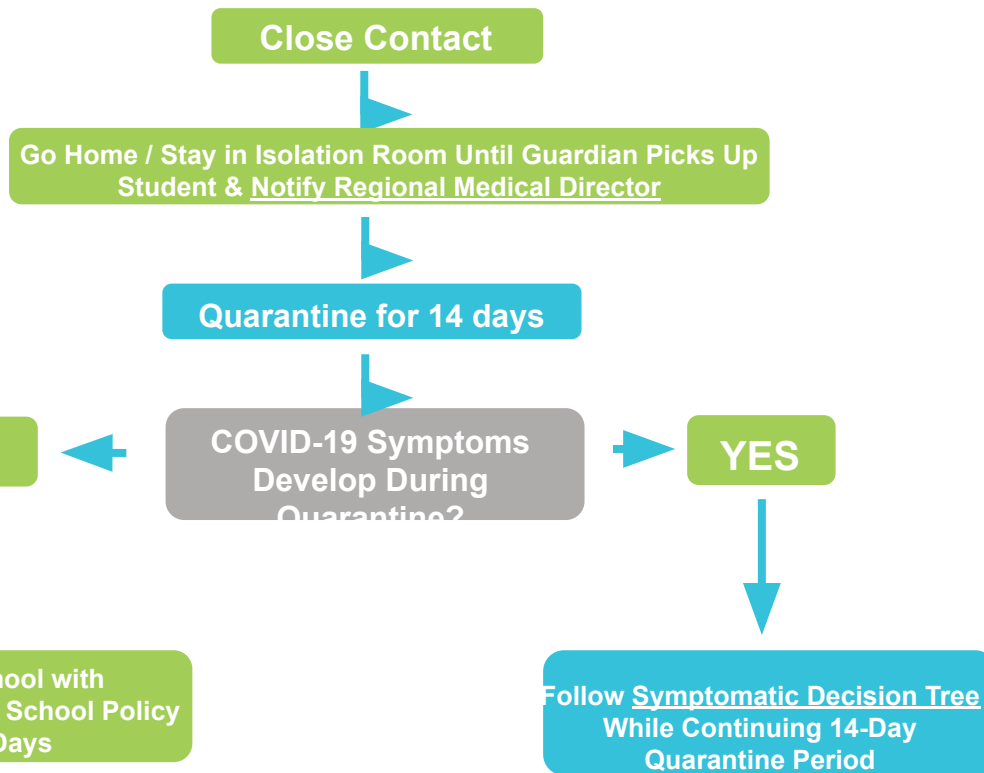
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School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree:

Responding to Close Contact – 9.3.2020



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It is not required for **asymptomatic** close contacts to get a COVID-19 test at this time.

Reference LDH Website for Form Titled: [Return-to-School Self-Certification for COVID-19](#)

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CLOSE CONTACT =

15 consecutive minutes within 6 feet of someone who tested positive, regardless of whether either party was wearing a mask; timing of exposure must have taken place within 2 days of the positive person's onset of symptoms or positive test result (whichever came first).

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Moderated Q&A Session

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

LDOECOVID19support@la.gov