

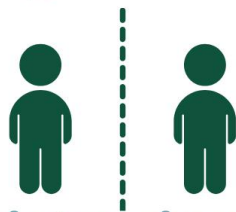
School Safety Protocols

The LKDSB's plan for the return to school in September will provide a safe launch to the upcoming school year and reduce the opportunities for transmission of COVID-19. The plans incorporate the most current information from the Ontario Ministry of Education, Public Health, consultation with LKDSB educators and education workers, and our communities.

The plan is a multi-layered approach with various safety measures to mitigate opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19. The implementation is a shared responsibility between LKDSB staff, local Public Health, family households, students and Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS). By collectively implementing the plan, our schools will be safe for our students and staff

A vital required element of the Lambton Kent District School Board's COVID-19 Safety Plan is student self-screening. Parents/guardians should use the **Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School** checklist to perform daily screening of your child, before your child arrives at school.

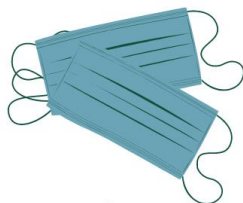
Safety Measures



Physical Distancing



Hand Hygiene



Masking



Cohorting



Screening



Enhanced Cleaning



Isolation



Screening

Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and report whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Refer to the ***Daily Student Screening for Possible Symptoms of COVID-19*** checklist.

All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required, including getting tested at a COVID-19 testing centre. Staff members will be provided with information on signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in students so that appropriate action can be taken if students develop symptoms during the day.

Students feeling sick should remain at home while waiting for test results. Public Health authorities will advise on individual return to school conditions and timelines for students.

Signs prompting self-assessment screening will be posted on the exterior doors of our schools.

Masking

Students in Grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks as long as the students are organized to remain within their cohorts.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.

[Click here to watch a video to help students prepare to wear a mask at school.](#)

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Proper hand hygiene is one of the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of most respiratory viruses including COVID-19. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, practice proper respiratory etiquette (such as sneezing into their elbow) and avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth.

Regularly scheduled hand hygiene breaks will be incorporated into the school's routine. Wall mounted and/or free-standing hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed at entrances and exits, and hallways. Additionally, sinks with soap and water are available in many classes. Signage will be placed at all sinks in schools to explain the steps for effective hand washing.

Physical Distancing

Students will be taught to maintain physical distancing from others whenever possible. We recognize that it may be difficult for some of our students who are younger or have special education needs. As directed by the Ministry of Education, students will maintain physical distancing of up to one metre, where possible. When physical distancing is not possible, multiple strategies including hand hygiene, masking, cohorting, and cleaning are in place to mitigate risk.

In addition to in-class safety measures, when students are not in their classrooms, efforts will be made to ensure that students maintain appropriate physical distancing.