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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The information below is presented in a question and answer format to help you navigate the very important choice you will be making about your child's 2020-2021 school year. We have done our best to anticipate questions that will arise following the information, but will continue to update this document as more questions arise. We are looking forward to continuing to serve our students and families in every way we can as we start this school year together. *Please know that information does change frequently based on the guidance of our local health officials, Governor DeWine and The Ohio Department of Education.*

What is the start date for students?

The first day of school for students is Monday August 24th. The buildings are sanitized and ready to go. Additional precautions and procedures are in place to begin the school year. This could possibly be adjusted as we keep a close eye on any changes over the next month.

Will students be required to wear a face mask?

As shared in our reopening plan, Lisbon Schools is requiring all students and staff to wear a facial covering, (face mask or face shield) grades K-12. This coincides with the Governor DeWine's mask order throughout the state of Ohio. We will have a face covering for students as well as disposable ones for circumstances that come about. Families may seek an exemption due to a medical or disability concern.

What will the process be if there is a concern about student or staff exposure to COVID-19?

As required by health and government officials, a quarantine room has been established in our school. If a student presents with symptom(s) identified with COVID-19, that student will be quarantined to that room. The parents will be called and directed to come pick up their child. If a student or staff member has been tested and it comes back positive for COVID-19, the family should contact their local department of health who will provide step-by-step guidance. The local health department will also contact the school, however, we ask that you make the school aware as soon as there is a positive test result, as we have been provided streamlined access to the department of health.

Columbiana County Department of Health: 330.424.0272

I'm not sure what happens when my child or someone in my house tests positive for COVID-19, can you explain more?

When a test comes back positive, your general practitioner should report to the health department. However, we ask that in order to be as thorough as possible, you make a call as well to both the health department and your child's school. The health department will then guide your family through the next steps based on your child or family's specific scenario. Once a test comes back positive, that person becomes a "case" and is quarantined for a period of time to be determined by the health department. In their investigation, they will identify other "contacts" whom the infected person has been in contact with. Based on factors such as inside/outside, facial covering or not facial covering, and duration of contact, may deem it appropriate to quarantine an identified contact. Please understand that each case is treated on an individual basis and we will all follow the guidance and recommendations of the health department.

What will transportation look like upon the reopening of school?

Students will be required to wear a facial covering on the bus and will sit no more than two to a seat. We will also be implementing some procedures on our bus for pickup and drop off to decrease the exposure to other students on the bus. These will include how we load, unload, and students will have assigned seats. Students also must have one designated bus/stop for the entire year to assist us in planning during the pandemic.

How will food be served at school?

Lisbon Schools will be able to offer lunch. We are continuing to examine what our lunch and breakfast for students will look like as we make adjustments to ensure we have the safest environment possible. Cafeteria staff will follow safety guidelines. Breakfast may be a "grab and go" format for some or all grade levels.

Will drop-off and pick-up procedures change?

Mass gatherings will be minimized in the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. As students arrive, they will be sent to their first period class for a homeroom period prior to the start of the school day. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria for those interested.

How will technology be sanitized?

Students in grades 3-12 have a dedicated device. In our elementary school, we will be taking some steps to ensure that our devices are sanitized. Each iPad will be sanitized at the end of the day before returning it to the charging cart. In instances where devices are shared, they will be sanitized between uses with a wipe.

I am not ready to send my student back to in-class sessions, what will the remote learning model look like?

The live stream model of remote education talked about at the parent meeting earlier this summer has been abandoned and will not be introduced in the district. Lesson plans for the week will be posted to remote learners and staff will communicate with their students frequently. Remote students will not be required to log in for an entire school day as previously discussed. Once remote learning is requested, it is recommended students will participate for at least nine weeks at a time. The platform for this learning may be in class instruction by the subject teacher as well as implementing classwork through the Jefferson County Virtual Classroom. Coursework will be monitored by school staff.

My child will be enrolled in the online-only option (no remote), what does this schedule mean for my child?

The on-line option made available through the Lisbon School district will be a curriculum solely provided through VLA and the Jefferson County ESC. There is very little teacher interaction and the students will work on the curriculum at their own pace. This program requires an 18-week commitment.

What additional information about remote learning should I be aware of?

- Students will receive a device such as a laptop or chrome book provided by the school for grades 3-12.
- Students who opt for online learning will be expected to complete the grade level curriculum and all assignments that are part of the learning process.
- Student promotion will be dependent on work completion, online time and work accuracy.
- For remote learning, the teacher will establish the hours that he/she is available for assistance, live lessons, and office hours.
- Parents and students will be contacted via phone, messaging applications, and email.
- Parents and students must have internet access to register for remote learning.

If my child is enrolled in the remote option, can they still play sports?

If your son or daughter chooses remote learning, they are still enrolled as a Lisbon student. Therefore, your child may still play school sports as long as all academic standards are met. As always, Lisbon will follow guidelines by the OHSAA and our local health departments.

I need help further understanding the options that have been given to my family, how can I get more information?

All of the information that is being released through social media is available on our school website. In addition, our District administrators are in the buildings beginning the week of August 3rd to receive your calls. You may email or call anytime.

