

**LKSD Revised Safe Return to Learn/COVID-19 Guidelines
Effective 09/23/22
Listed as a discussion item at 03/02/23 LKSD Board Meeting**

LKSD utilizes the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels guidance for determining a base risk level/operational status of each school in the district. LKSD will ensure that each school is also following local ordinances, should they include more stringent mitigation strategies than the District's. When an individual community is identified by YKHC as having widespread community transmission, the local school(s) will be moved to the high-risk operational status until widespread community transmission of COVID-19 is resolved in that community. Widespread community transmission determinations made by YKHC factor in a case count metric in addition to the total number of positive households within a given community.

How CDC Measures COVID-19 Community Levels

The CDC looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days — to determine the COVID-19 community level. New COVID-19 admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied represent the current potential for strain on the health system. Data on new cases acts as an early warning indicator of potential increases in health system strain in the event of a COVID-19 surge.

Using these data, the COVID-19 community level is classified as low, medium, or high.

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Click on the link below to access CDC Community Level Guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

COVID-19 County Check
Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

State County

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LKSD guidelines for in-person learning:

LOW & MEDIUM	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional face masks, including on buses • Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette • Cleaning and ventilation • Testing of symptomatic students/staff only • In-school contact tracing; close contacts follow guidance on page 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks highly recommended, but optional, including on buses • Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette • Cleaning and ventilation • Testing of symptomatic students/staff only • In-school contact tracing; close contacts follow guidance on page 3

LKSD guidelines for student activities:

LOW & MEDIUM	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional face masks • Testing of symptomatic athletes/coaches only • Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette • Cleaning and ventilation • Close contacts follow guidance on page 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks highly recommended, but optional, for indoor and outdoor sports • Weekly screening testing for student athletes and coaches • Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette • Cleaning and ventilation • Close contacts follow guidance on page 3

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Activities Topic	Revised Guidance
Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limit on gym capacity, vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals allowed, follow mitigation strategies for risk level
Out of region travel for student athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of region travel for vaccinated and unvaccinated student athletes allowed, unless there is a community quarantine requirement in place for travelers upon return
Coaches/chaperones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No vaccination requirement • Out of region travel for vaccinated and unvaccinated coaches/chaperones allowed, unless there is a community quarantine requirement in place for travelers upon return

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General guidance:

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Return travel from out of region for students or staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school or work and monitor for symptoms • Follow local mandates if stricter than LKSD’s travel guidance
COVID-positive students/staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate for 5 days • If you had <u>no symptoms</u>, you may end isolation after day 5, but wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 • If you had <u>symptoms</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You may end isolation after day 5 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication ▪ Your symptoms are improving ▪ When you end isolation, wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 ○ If you still have fever or your symptoms have not improved, continue to isolate up to 10 days • Follow local mandates if stricter than LKSD’s guidance
Close contacts – students or staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask as soon as you find out you were exposed to COVID-19 and continue precautions for 10 full days • Watch for symptoms • If you develop symptoms isolate immediately, get tested, and stay home until you know the result • If you test positive, follow the guidance for COVID-positive students/staff