

Parent Information about COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

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Information will be updated via our website and social media as it becomes available. Any updates will be listed by date.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
1	What is the schedule for the remainder of the school year?	Answer: Students will continue an eLearning day schedule on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with all assignments due the following Monday at 8 a.m. The last student eLearning day for the school year is May 20, 2020.
2	Will there be a commencement service for the Class of 2020?	Answer: A decision will be made once more guidance from the Governor and/or state/federal entities about social distancing and large group gatherings is given. It is our hope and intent to honor the Class of 2020 with a ceremony in some way recognizing that the coronavirus may alter traditional plans. An update will be given in early May.
3	How will seniors get their cap and gown?	Answer: The administration is working with Herff Jones on a process to get all previously ordered caps/gowns to students/parents.
4	Will there be a prom this year?	Answer: A final decision has not been made about this year's prom. Efforts will be made to provide students with an event to celebrate together at the end of the year. It may not have all of the elements of a traditional prom event. We will be monitoring social distancing measures put into place by state officials and the CDC.
5	How will students be informed of local scholarships?	Local organizations will notify scholarship award winners through the contact information provided in the application process. At this point we have not heard back from all participating organizations on the status of the scholarships, but attribute it to the disruption caused by COVID-19.

<p>6</p>	<p>Do minors need to have a work permit on file with their employer during the mandatory school closure?</p>	<p>Answer: The Department of Labor has suspended the requirement for employers to have on file a work permit for minors they employ effective Monday, March 16. This will be in effect until May 1, 2020. Therefore, the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Child Labor inspectors will not hold employers responsible to have a work permit on file for minors employed between the dates of March 16 and May.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>How can I obtain a copy of my high school transcript?</p>	<p>Answer: Currently there are two options for requesting transcripts for current students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Parchment</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For help on how to create a Parchment account: <u>Click Here</u> 2. The following video will show you how to order a transcript through Parchment: <u>Click Here</u> 2. Email your school counselor <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please make sure to include the email address of the college/scholarship/recruiter/etc. that you are requesting your transcripts sent to. <p>Requests for transcripts can be made to the high school dcampos@lpcsc.k12.in.us. If transcripts are required for employment, inform the employer that transcripts may not be available until a later date.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>How will grades be figured for the second semester?</p>	<p>Answer: Students will complete the school year doing eLearning assignments. They will earn a grade for the fourth nine weeks which will be combined with the third nine weeks grade in order to produce a final grade for the semester.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Will we offer summer courses?</p>	<p>Answer: We are planning to offer summer classes for students. Once we know more about the length of the Covid-19 shelter in place order we will communicate details for students and parents. We will communicate details in the future via our website and social media.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>What do we do about fundraisers that were ordered/paid for?</p>	<p>Answer: We are working with the fundraising companies to determine future delivery after COVID 19 and plan to distribute ordered items when safe to do so.</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>When can we clean out lockers/desks?</p>	<p>Answer: At this time we are considering a number of options as to how to organize windows of time where students could come into the buildings to pick up their personal belongings. We are thinking of a time period after the school year is completed with the hope that by then the Covid stay at home curfew will be lifted. We will communicate details in the future via our website and social media.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>When is kindergarten registration?</p>	<p>Answer: Online Kindergarten Registration began for all elementary schools on Tuesday, April 14. Parents should access the online registration form on the LaPorte Community School Corporation website. If LaPorte Community School Corporation Preschool parents have submitted Kindergarten Registration paperwork, they do not have to enroll their child online. Children eligible to attend must be five years old <u>on or before</u> August 1, 2020. Parents must enroll their child in the elementary school in their attendance area.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>When is preschool registration?</p>	<p>Answer: Online Preschool Registration will begin for all elementary schools on Monday, April 27. Parents may access the online registration form on the LaPorte Community School Corporation website.</p> <p>Children eligible to attend must be four years old <u>on or before</u> August 1, 2020.</p> <p>Parents must enroll their child for the elementary school in their attendance area.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>When and how do we return Chromebooks and textbooks?</p>	<p>Answer: At this time we are considering a number of options as to how to organize the return of these items. We are thinking of a time period after the school year is completed with the hope that by then the Covid-19 stay at home curfew will be lifted. We will communicate details in the future via our website and social media.</p>

15	How do we get assistance if we have a current issue with a Chromebook?	Answer: Our technology team is available to assist and answer questions. Please contact them by emailing ELearning@lpcsc.k12.in.us.
16	When and how can we pick up yearbooks (elementary, intermediate, and middle school)?	Answer: Yearbooks will be distributed when available. Possibly at the end of the school year depending upon when the Covid stay at home curfew is lifted.
17	Will book rental be reduced or waived for parents due to less teacher contact time during the Corona virus lockdown?	Answer: Teacher salaries are not paid through book rental fees. Most of the educational resources we adopt today are no longer in book form. Electronic access to content and learning software have benefited us more than ever during the Covid virus pandemic. To recognize the potential of parents having difficulty paying second semester fees, LPCSC will be extending the payment deadline 60 days similar to the way the state of Indiana is extending deadlines for property taxes. The new deadlines will be communicated in writing to those parents with outstanding book rental fees.
18	Will LPCSC provide meals through May 20th?	Answer: Yes, LPCSC intends to commit to our current schedule for distributing meals in the community through the end of the revised school year calendar.
19	When will summer meals be scheduled?	Answer: We expect to be providing summer meals within a week of our final day of classes this school year.
20	What do I do if my student has money on his/her lunch account, but we are leaving the district?	Answer: Balances of money that are currently in student lunch accounts will automatically follow the student for the 2020/2021 school year. We will be communicating a process for Seniors and others who wish to withdraw their balance once food service office staff return to work.

21	Will the start of next school year be changed?	Answer: Unless the Covid shelter in place order is extended past our already scheduled first day of classes for 2020/2021, or it is extended so far that we can't get ready for the next school year, we do not anticipate altering the start of the school year.
22	Where do I get more information from my student's school?	Answer: The principals are sending out regular school newsletters that contain a lot more information. Please make sure you are checking your email and Skyward Family Access for this information.