



August 18, 2021

Dear LCA families,

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we begin a new school year! We continue to work diligently to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. On August 10, you received an email from our Head of School, Dr. Scott Wells, communicating our Return to School Plan along with the Governor's Executive Order information. Below you will find our guidelines for Synchronous Opt-In qualifications, duration, and the process for requesting SOI.

**Criteria to participate in Synchronous Opt-in Instruction:**

- Quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 positive case
- Documented quarantine due to COVID-19 positive test
- Documented physician's order verifying student medical diagnosis which places them at risk for increased complications due to potential exposure to COVID-19
- Household member with medical diagnosis placing them at risk for increased complications due to student's potential exposure to COVID-19
- **Please note: Students may be asked to take tests and/or exams on the LCA campus in an isolated classroom or office.**

**Duration**

- Length of quarantine determined by Health Department or LCA school nurse
- If SOI is granted based on health reasons, the end date of SOI is Friday, October 15, 2021, with students returning to the classroom on Monday, October 18, 2021.
- SOI extensions may be granted for each 9-week increment upon request and approval.

**Process for requesting SOI**

- Parent submits written request to divisional principal.
- School nurse and principal determine necessary documentation.
- SOI request is vetted through COVID-19 Response Team.
- Approval or denial will be communicated in writing to parent.

**LCA quarantine practice**

- Exception in July 29, 2021 K-12 Guidance from Kentucky Department of Education: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least >3 feet away from an infected student if both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks and other K-12 prevention strategies were in place.
- Based on the above exception, LCA will quarantine students when they are within 3 feet of a COVID-19 positive case and unmasked, according to CDC and state guidelines.

As always, we will continue to monitor the latest federal, state, and local requirements and adjust as needed. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

COVID-19 Response Team