

Frequently Asked Questions regarding coming back to school

What will a school day look like for students going into school?

This is going to depend on which level (elementary/secondary) and which school your child attends. The younger the children, the easier it will be to replicate traditional school. As the children get older and the rigor increases, it will be necessary for students to be using many of the same online strategies and resources they would be using while at home. The advantage of being in school are many though as students will be back on a routine which will include reporting to the school building, physically interacting with peers and adults, and having access to teachers and resources during the school day which they do not have when they are at home.

What happens if a student or staff member is positive for COVID 19 and has been coming to school?

There are strict protocols for this which have been provided by the Delaware Department of Education and can be found [here](#).

What will my child be doing in the Hybrid/Face to Face environment?

As described above, students will be receiving direct instruction, being assigned practice, assessments, and assignments just like traditional school. Because there will still be remote learning every Friday (at the least), there will also be some synchronous and asynchronous work just like they have been doing so far this year.

If I choose one model or the other, can I change my mind?

For right now- YES! It is our goal to make the face to face learning environment so desirable every student will come to school, but we understand some families will choose remote learning. Until Governor Carney and the DDOE decide remote learning is not an option, Lake Forest students can choose remote learning. Because of logistics however, we ask that families do not switch back and forth between options. If you choose to switch options, we ask you to stay with the option you choose.

Is there a chance my child might have a different teacher throughout the year?

Unfortunately, this is true. In some cases, children will have a team of teachers who will share face to face and remote learning duties. Some teachers have medical conditions which prohibit them from coming into school and others may need to quarantine or miss school for any number of other reasons. This will require us to be flexible and shift people to meet the needs of the students.

What are the guidelines to move to the next phase or close schools?

We are following the State Data dashboard at <https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state>. We are discussing the return to school status at every meeting of the Lake Forest Board of Education and the superintendent will guide the district into the expanding phases based on safety and the availability of resources.

Will students be changing classes at the secondary levels?

While class changes will be as limited as possible, they will change classes in secondary school.

Will students be participating in PE and related arts?

PE, related arts, and other elective type classes will be implemented as much as possible.

What does it mean that secondary students will be on a semesterized schedule? Why does this matter?

In our secondary schools our students will be receiving a year of instruction in the first semester for half of their classes and a year of instruction for the remaining classes during the second semester. The advantage of this is that students only need to focus on four classes at a time instead of 8. The disadvantage is that students testing in the spring (AP/SAT/ACT/etc.) may need a refresher to get them ready for their high stakes test. Our high school principal is collaborating with our teachers to create ways students can receive resources to get them ready for those assessments.

How will teachers cover the required content when it seems like the students will be in class much less?

Our Department of Instruction has worked hard to identify the highest impact standards and skills for teachers to emphasize during this crisis.

What will be done for students who have hands-on classes like science and CTE?

Teachers are working hard to find creative alternatives which can be delivered through the wonder of technology. Once students are able to come into the face to face environment this will not be an issue.