Philosophy: LACS remains committed to executing a Back-to-School that is grounded in our mission, our core values and that is informed by what the current science is telling us, specific to our local community.

Facts:

- 1. Massachusetts has the 2nd highest vaccination rate in the country (~73%)
- 2. 80% of LACS staff members are vaccinated (TBD on students)
- 3. Hampden County, where Springfield is located, is lagging behind (~58%)
- 4. Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
- 5. Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, <u>CDC recommends</u> universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- 6. CDC recommends that all children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.

Our Approach:

LACS will use various mitigation strategies based on the local <u>CDC determined transmission rates</u> and the LACS vaccination rate. LACS is using 70% vaccination as a cut-off based on <u>herd immunity status</u>.

	Low Transmission >70% vaccinated	Low Transmission <70% vaccinated	Moderate Transmission >70% vaccinated	Moderate Transmission <70% vaccinated	Substantial Transmission >70% vaccinated	Substantial Transmission <70% vaccinated	High Transmission >70% vaccinated	High Transmission <70% vaccinated
Mask	no mask for staff and students	no mask for staff and students	no mask for vaccinated staff and students	no mask for vaccinated staff and students	no mask for vaccinated staff and students	All masks	All masks	All masks
Distance	No mandatory social distancing	No mandatory social distancing	No mandatory social distancing	Minimum of 3 ft distancing when masks are off when possible	Minimum of 3 ft distancing when masks are off when possible	Required Minimum of 3 ft distancing when masks are off	Required Minimum of 3 ft distancing when masks are off	Minimum of 3 ft of social distancing with or without masks
Nutrition implications	All students eat in Pride Cafe no required distancing	All students eat in Pride Cafe no required distancing - assigned seats for contact tracing	solution	adership seeking s where scholars nin of 3 ft apart nd LA	Half of the students are eating 3ft apart in classrooms, half of the students are eating 3ft apart in Pride Cafe. Assigned seats for contact tracing			
Testing	Not required	Not required	Not required	Weekly testing for unvaccinated staff and students	Weekly testing for unvaccinated staff and students	Weekly testing for unvaccinated staff and students	Weekly testing for all	Weekly testing for all
Close Contacts	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and	If vaccinated and

(applies if someone tests	asymptomatic no quarantine	asymptomatic no quarantine	asymptomatic no quarantine					
positive in the building and it occurs while unmasked)	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test	If vaccinated and symptomatic 7 day quarantine and negative test
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Outdoors	No mandatory masks or distance	Masks are required when less than 3 ft apart	Masks required	Masks and minimum 3ft required				
Sports and Activities	No mandatory masks or distance	Masks and weekly testing required when distance is not possible	Masks and weekly testing required when distance is not possible	Sports are canceled				
Guests and Partners	Guests and community partners welcome	Only LACS community members welcome Families must follow mask + distancing protocols and are limited to lobby areas.	Only LACS community members welcome Families must follow mask + distancing protocols and are limited to lobby areas.	Only LACS community members welcome Families must follow mask + distancing protocols and are limited to lobby areas.				