



Health and Safety Protocols

Lincoln Academy is dedicated to ensuring the safety of its students and staff. Below is information on increased sanitation, social distancing, and general hygiene steps that have been taken in the 2020-2021 school year.

Many governing guidelines were utilized in decision making including the Governor's office, [CDC](#), [CDPHE](#), [JCPHE](#), [CDE](#), [ASHRAE](#), as well as [Jeffco Public Schools](#). Cleaning procedures have been restructured, and exceed the recommendations of Jeffco Public Schools and the CDE.

Ventilation:

Lincoln Academy has employed LONG Building Technologies to maximize our ventilation per ASHRAE guidelines. Additionally, Lincoln Academy has purchased and installed bipolar ionization units for all of our air handling units to further improve the quality of our indoor air. This technology produces ionization molecules which attach to and deactivate harmful substances, such as bacteria and viruses, and has already been proven effective against SARS and influenza, holding great promise for significantly higher air quality in our buildings.

Disinfection:

Classrooms and common areas will be regularly cleaned and disinfected throughout each day as well as each night. Disinfectant kits are stationed in every classroom for staff use between periods or as needed during class.

General Hygiene:

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout Lincoln buildings in high-touch and high-traffic areas. Given current state guidelines, and until further guidance is provided, Lincoln will require masks be worn in all public indoor places. Lincoln will have a supply of disposable masks for employees and students should they need one.

Cohort sizes and quarantining protocols:

All grades are divided into cohorts of no more than 25 students, in accordance with state guidelines. Students remain in their cohorts through the entirety of their school day. This minimizes contact amongst students and allows for contact-tracing should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the affected cohort would be quarantined. The length of a quarantine would be determined by our administration and school nurse in cooperation with Jeffco Public Health.

Outdoor zones:

Outside recess time is an important part of our students' day. In order to allow our cohorts to play outside while also social distancing from other cohorts, we have marked 12 different zones on our property. Individual cohorts of students are kept in their assigned zone.

Mask Protocols:

According to state regulations, children under the age of 10 are not required to wear a mask. However, Lincoln Academy requires all students to wear masks in public areas and as they move through buildings. Students over the age of 10 are required to wear a mask at all times with allowances for mask breaks throughout the day, including while outside for recess. Staff are required to wear masks at all times.