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FAQS - MEDICAL RELATED (Questions from the Board Meeting on July 21, 2020)

NUMBER	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What about households? I have more than 1 kid in school. If one has to quarantine then I assume the rest of their house has to quarantine also. It sounds like kids will be missing a decent amount of school just for possible exposure or even for having a cold.	No. The household would only need to quarantine if someone in the house tests positive for COVID-19 or if they have close contact with a COVID-19 case.
2.	So, we know that there are 100% going to be cases of COVID-19, but instead of completely eliminating that risk, we are sending them back?	<p>The decision to have in person classes was done by each school system independently after a careful weighing of risks and benefits. The CDC recently released a decision tool that might be helpful in deciding between the options the school is providing.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/decision-tool.html</p>
3.	Do schools in EACS have the capability of on-site COVID-19 testing?	Not at the current time. <Marilyn, this may be more you.>
4.	Again, will EACS schools have the capability of on-site testing?	See #3.
5.	Are you talking about "confirmed" COVID-19 or "suspected" COVID-19 symptoms for the quarantine?	Both confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 should ISOLATE. The close contacts of confirmed cases should QUARANTINE.
6.	It takes ten days to receive the results of a send out COVID-19 test, how are you going to know if that child is positive or not? If they show positive so you're willing to keep kids in school spreading until you know they are positive?	We ask students and staff to ISOLATE when they have symptoms concerning for COVID-19 regardless of test results. Anyone undergoing testing is asked to stay home as they await the result.
7.	I think if there is even the doubt of them all going back 100% during this pandemic then maybe they should not and e learning should be advised until immunization is available or COVID-19 is gone. why repeat history (flu 1819).	See #2.

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8.	<p>Asymptomatic people are a large majority. How do we keep our children safe?</p> <p>How do you identify asymptomatic children? Probably not infectious? just because you're asymptomatic does NOT mean you're not infectious.</p>	<p>Pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic spread is part of what has made this a global pandemic. Face coverings, social distancing and hand washing for all people helps limit this spread.</p>
9.	<p>How do you identify the common cold from COVID-19? It would be a shame to send kids home for 14 days for having a cold.</p>	<p>It's very challenging. We anticipate that face coverings, social distancing and hand washing will reduce the spread of all viruses and hopefully help limit this problem.</p>
10.	<p>What about drainage from a sinuses/allergies? Will they be mandated to be tested no matter what?</p>	<p>We would recommend isolation and testing only when there's a change in the person's typical allergy symptoms.</p>
11.	<p>Will you base substantial spread based off of the state numbers or just the school spread in general?</p>	<p>EACS and the Allen County Health Department will be looking at a variety of data sources including school, county and state.</p>
12	<p>What is the difference between low, moderate and substantial?</p>	<p>EACS and the Allen County Health Department will be looking at a variety of data sources. We plan to take into account testing, case numbers, overall trajectory of change, hospital occupancy and other metrics to make determinations.</p>
13.	<p>Are there hard numbers to decide what is minimal or substantial? So many cases? A set infection rate per classroom?</p>	<p>See #12</p>
14.	<p>I had a concern In regards to the reopening. Has anybody on the board thought about taking temperatures before allowing the kids to get on buses or allowing them to enter into the school? My thing is what's stopping parents from sending their kids to school with temperatures or other symptoms because they can't miss work. Parents do that already and the school doesn't catch it or doesn't catch it right away? Maybe having the kids who ride the bus have their temps taken by the bus driver before getting on the bus? For kids in the drop off line having 2 or 3 staff members by the doors taking temps before school each morning? And what about staff members, teachers, office people, custodians, cafeteria personnel? I didn't know if anybody had brought that to the board's attention.</p>	<p>Taking temperatures is a commonly used tool for businesses. Unfortunately, many people do not have fevers and are infectious before having fevers. Risks and benefits for this and other screenings was considered before submitting the current plan.</p>

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MASKS	Will masks be provided?	Yes, if needed.
	Are face shields accepted? What type of masks are accepted?	Yes. Any facial covering which covers both the mouth and nose is acceptable, (i.e. bandanas, face masks, face shields)
	How do we keep masks clean if the students remove them during PE, outside, etc.	Each P.E. teacher will give guidance on what students need to do with their masks to keep them in their optimal condition.
	Will masks have to be worn during P.E. while inside?	If students are not able to socially distance a mask will need to be worn. If students can socially distance masks do not need to be worn.
	If there are students that refuse to wear masks, the parents of their classmates should be notified. This puts other students at risk. No names given but I would like to know if students are not wearing masks. It will impact my decisions in continuing to send my children	Any student that does not follow the directions of the teacher to put their mask on/keep it on will be referred to the office after a gentle reminder from the teacher to comply. If a student does not wear their mask it will be dealt with as any discipline issue.
	What is the plan/recommendation for special needs children that will not wear a mask? Would it be recommended that a special needs child that will absolutely not wear a mask stay home this year? My son refuses to wear one.	Please work directly with your child's school because each special needs student is different. We will work collaboratively with parents.
	Can a teacher require students to wear masks in their classrooms? If a student refuses to wear a mask can the teacher exclude them from their class?	Yes. If students are not able to socially distance or if there are medically fragile people in the classroom. See above answer on discipline.

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	How will students be disciplined for not wearing masks (and wearing correctly) when they are being expected to wear them?	See above answer on discipline.
	Cloth masks only or any kind of face mask?	In general, facial coverings (masks/bandanas) that cover the nose and mouth will be accepted.
	How are you planning on keeping track of that many children outside? These are children, they aren't going to keep their masks on. Especially outside	If students are at play outside, they generally will not need to wear a mask.
	As a mother of a kindergartener/2 nd grader, are we really going to expect children to wear a mask during regular school hours? Have you seen how often the younger children mess with those things?	Yes. We will establish procedures like we do with all other school routines. Children will rise up to the expectations that they are given, especially if they are health related.
IN PERSON /eLEARNING	If you choose either in school or virtual learning will there be opportunity to change that decision as things progress?	A parent can change the option for their child after the semester is completed.
	When do parents have to decide eLearning or in person?	Parents will select the option for their child during registration July 24 – July 31.
	is there going to be additional information for what the virtual learning program will look like? specific detailed information of expectations and the apps used such as zoom or google class?	Yes. We are still working through the most viable options for our students and teachers.
	What about families who would prefer to do e-learning but either don't have or have poor internet?	This needs to be a consideration in your decision and I encourage you to work with your child's principal.
	Why is there not an option for Zoom classes? So the children can stay home and stay safe, but still get the same education as the rest of the students.	This may be one of the instructional tools used during the eLearning virtual option.
	So they'll be expected to be on their iPad for 7 hours a day?	Yes, students will be on and off their iPad throughout a 7-hour day if they choose the virtual option.
	But we won't offer Zoom classes or Google classroom?	This may be one of the instructional tools used during the eLearning virtual option.
	I also know it's been asked but not answered but will there be something even as simple as broadcasting the classroom to the eLearning students?	This is still being considered as a viable option.

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	Will eLearning assignments be due daily or a week's worth due at once like it was in the spring? She said it will be due daily and students will have to log on during school hours.	Assignments will be due in the same timeframe as the in-person classroom assignment would be due.
	Why was a hybrid schedule not offered for secondary schools?	We feel that establishing a school routine creates the best learning environment for our students. That's not to say that a hybrid schedule won't be looked at if COVID-19 cases occur.
	Do you think it's safe to say that 40% of families will decide to keep their children home? too high? too low? just curious :)	Based on the survey we did earlier, that would be too high.
	For high risk kids or families will e-Learning be available	Yes.
	For those remote students, how will Specials work? Will they attend virtually or will they be given a different assignment?	It could be a combination of both.
	For the younger kids-- will desks remain grouped together in "islands" OR will all desks, for all grades, be separated facing in the same direction?	As much as possible desks will be separated and facing in the same direction.
	If a parent chooses the remote learning option will the material be the same as covered in class?	Yes. EACS follows the curriculum bundles that have been established which include the Indiana Academic Standards.
	Will hybrid be considered after registration?	The hybrid model may be utilized. A hybrid schedule could be looked at if COVID-19 cases occur.
	Did I miss if they offered the e-learning option, that it be required for a whole semester? Or is everyone just going back?	Yes, there is an eLearning option. Yes, if this option is chosen, it is required for a whole

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		semester. No, not everyone will choose to attend in-person.
	Why is it ok that we are preparing for either a child or a teacher to get Covid? Why not be absolutely positive that no one will be put at risk before opening schools?? What am I missing?	It is better to have a plan of action so that we are not being reactionary to a situation. It is our full intent to be as positive as possible and keep all of our staff and students safe.
NEW STUDENTS	What about kids entering a new school....is there going to be a time to walk them through the school? will incoming K students be able to tour the building to get acquainted? meet the teacher night or something like that?	Yes. Yes. We are discussing holding virtual meet the teacher nights.
	Will the kids who are going to a new school (kindergarten middle high) will they get the chance to see/tour the school before the 1st day? walkthroughs before first day? I hope they do scheduled walk throughs too! My incoming kindergartener was sick last March during round up so we missed the walk through.	See above answer.
	Availability to take your child on a walk through school with schedule?	Call your child's school.
LEO AIR QUALITY	What about changing the air filters often as you know it will be in the air ducts. just FYI to think about	We will continue to do regular maintenance per the CDC guidelines.
	Will there be an update on the air quality report at Leo jr se high regarding what has been resolved and what remains outstanding?	An update was sent to all families last winter after the completion of the second visit by the Industrial Hygienist of the Indiana State Department of Health. After that visit, the IDOH stated there was no need for any further follow-up visits. EACS continued to work during the spring and summer to update all aspects of the air quality.

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ELEMENTARY	For the younger kids-- will desks remain grouped together in "islands" OR will all desks, for all grades, be separated facing in the same direction? Will children's desks be socially distanced? Will elementary students desks be socially distanced	Yes, they will be separated facing the same direction. Yes, as much as possible
	What is the plan to keep the teachers safe from the children that are asymptomatic? Other students as well.	We will wear masks, socially distance when possible, wash and sanitize hands frequently.
SAFETY	How will security for the students and staff be covered with extra entrances and exits being used?	Buildings will have to make sure they have supervised entrances and exits.
	How will the school be keeping students safe? from Intruders? especially now that a mask will be required for outsiders	All visitors will be directed to the office where the staff will answer their questions and meet their needs.
SPORTS, EXTRAS	Will children who opt to participate through e-learning be allowed to play extra-curricular sports?	Yes. Yes. However, we recommend that they attend in person.
	At a high school level will the kids still change classes? If we choose eLearning can they still do sports?	Yes. Yes. However, we recommend that they attend in person.
	So how will it be for a child who does sports and chooses eLearning. Will they be able to still play sports?	Yes, but it is recommended that they attend in person if possible.
	So I heard two things in regards to athletics — they could participate if choosing elearning and then they needed to be in person	However, they may choose eLearning and still participate in sports.
	If I'm understanding correctly if you want to do extracurriculars like sports or choir you need to attend in person? or will IHSAA recognize remote attendance as fulfilling the attendance criteria?	Co-curriculars must attend in person. However, extra-curriculars may do eLearning but in-person is recommended
	What did she say about OSI?	OSI is a co-curricular program. Students who participate in this program must attend in person.
BUSING	So it's ok for 50-60 kids to be on a bus to get to school and back but for some reason going on a field trip isn't ok? That makes zero sense.	We want to limit the time on a bus and there is no way that we know that the place they

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		are visiting has protocols in place to insure the health and safety for our students.
	Can we ensure siblings get assigned bus seating together? It says in the plan that siblings will be seated together if on the same bus. I don't think they read that part out loud.	Yes. Siblings will be seated together on the bus.
	What about bussing to other after school programs, centers, etc.?	It will be limited but if it is childcare related we will transport as mandated by the State of Indiana.
	What was said about bus transportation?	Please see the Re-Opening plan under bus transportation
	Testing at school, will transportation be provided?	No. Students will need to find their own transportation to school to take their tests.
LUNCH	Will they be eating lunch together? Or in a classroom?	Lunch procedures and set up will be unique to each building.
	Can cold lunch (packed lunch) keep from going through lunch line altogether?	Yes.
	What about East Allen University?	Due to the rigor of the college content we strongly recommend in-person attendance.
	What about the ABC construction program?	Yes. It's a skills trade, therefore in-person learning is required.
	When will individual schools release their plans?	Each school will share their plans in their Back to School information.
	When will numbers be finalized for enrollment?	Registration will be completed on July 31 st .
	How will administration work closely with teachers after enrollment numbers are finalized before the school year actually starts on 8/6 - 8/7?	We will work to ensure all students will have a homeroom teacher for the classes they are taking.
	Are ELL services only available for in person or could a child do distance learning and still come to campus for ELL services?	ELL Services are available via eLearning as well as in person, however it is recommended to attend in person.
	Still scheduled to start on the 10th? Still the same start date?	As of today (7/22/20) EACS' start date is August 10 th for students.

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	Are teachers going to be compensated if they are required to do virtual and in person teaching?	Until it is decided what instructional practices will be utilized, compensation will not be addressed at this time.
TEACHERS	So what was the percentage of the survey completed eLearning	Approximately 58% of our student population represented in our survey.
	Do teachers have the option to do eLearning instead of face-to-face?	Once we know the delivery method needed, teachers will be selected to do eLearning if needed.
MEDICALLY FRAGILE	What if your child has medical concerns but is supposed to be taking AP and dual credit classes? Is that child just not going to be permitted to take those classes now due to concerns with covid 19?	No. If you have a doctor's referral/recommendation, please share it with your child's school.
	Medically fragile seniors that need classes to complete their honors diploma that will have to choose e-learning, what's the reality for them? Kiss all of that hard work goodbye?	work with your physician to provide documentation and Please work with your child's guidance counselor.
MISC. COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS (unedited)	How do we make a decision when we don't have the information we need to make that decision	Please email the Superintendent any of your specific questions that you have or your child's school principal
	What social/emotional support is going to be provided to the e-learning students? The social isolation needs to be considered just as much as the education. A depressed child is not going to perform well. Will the students have access to form collaboration groups with their peers via school media platforms?	Please work with your child's counselor regarding your child's specific needs. Ask your child's teacher about possible groups with peers via school media platforms.
	Why don't you answer questions tonight and then send an email out district wide? Will there be an FAQ released?	Yes. An FAQ will be posted on the EACS website.
	Incredibly disappointed in this meeting. The questions that we need answered are not being answered and which makes this incredibly stressful. I do not feel any better than I did before this meeting.	

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	I am disappointed that we took the time to be here and listen and yet our question will not be addressed. I have a student that is very anxious about how things will work and yet those things are really not being addressed with this presentation. I feel that a meeting this long with this little info doesn't allow us to make informed choices for our children.	
	They have had literal months to prepare answers for these very basic questions.	
	just get the teacher a karaoke machine so they can talk thru a microphone and then they don't need to be bundled together	
	Practical?? Please define practical...	
	Thank you for trying to keep 10k kids as safe as possible. this is a new time of learning and we will make it thru	
	Masks are ridiculous. we are there to have kids LEARN not be educated on mask ugh	
	So they are wearing masks, sometimes. Social distancing, sometimes. What are we even doing?	
	Comcast offers internet for \$10 a month I believe if you qualify for income or if your child is on government assistance You should call 3 Rivers Communication in Leo. They have high speed anywhere, but it's not cheap.	
	I don't see why we can't remote the first semester or start out remote (push start date back) This seems so rushed and reevaluate in January. While I agree, the delivery needs looked at more closely, I feel that is the safest option at this point and time.	

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	<p>I think zoom classes would be a great idea. if needed have a system where kids can clock in with there student numbers and out if needed to prove there attendance so schools get there funding</p>	
	<p>Why are we focusing so hard on the grab and go and we aren't really addressing how you're not offering Zoom classes or other options that will keep our children safe. You admittedly said you are prepared for there to be cases of Covid, but if they are home and quarantined, there will be 0.</p>	
	<p>I want my child in school. I'm hoping more students choose eLearning so maybe the in school students can have more one on one learning</p>	
	<p>I know it will be hard for parents who work full time but why not hold in person learning until after labor day, reassess then. use google Classrooms in the meantime.</p>	
	<p>by allowing schools to open and kids to return we are going to see big jump in numbers of covid cases. So can you all look in the mirror and say to your selves I am okay ya belong with your life and your kids lives. I can not</p>	
	<p>that answer is unacceptable. if the kids have packets that allow them to stay up with the class why are you saying they won't know whats going on on a livestream.</p>	
	<p>All of those items are band aids! It's time to really INVEST in those schools in need! This has been going on for too long with too many band aids!!</p> <p>In the meantime our kids have to breathe in CO2, mold, etc!</p>	
	<p>Just a personal opinion, if you are concerned enough to not send your child to school, they probably shouldn't play sports either...</p>	

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	<p>She won?? What did she win? ALOT of disgruntled people? There is NO winning here. Let's just try and remember she is TRYING to do what is best for everyone. There will never be a right answer.</p>	
	<p>If it comes down to funding then the schools should allow eLearning through said school and have kids clock in and out daily for attendance with student numbers and they can count kid as in school and receive funds</p>	
	<p>just stay out 9 wks and see how things go. This is stressful going back remote to start 9 weeks a semester.... re evaluate. it is too soon to all go back</p>	
	<p>I'm referring to teacher start dates. MH repeated a few times that it all depends on the numbers and then after the numbers are in they will work closet with teachers to come up with a plan. I'm having a difficult time understanding how it's possible to develop a plan w/ teachers ("work closely with teachers") after numbers / before teacher's required start date.</p>	